



The SOC-KET



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The Club meets every Thursday noon at the Great Wall Buffet
 (check out our website at www.optimistclubofsalemor.org)

2006-07 Club Officers

President:	Bruce Gilbertson
President-Elect:	(position open)
Immediate Past-President	Maur Horton
Vice-Presidents:	Frank Milton & Dave Sevall
Secretary/Treasurer:	Arlen Hollinshead
Directors: (2 positions open)	Vern Tabery
	Bob MacArthur Frank Masser
	Flora Butts



It is never too late to make your donation. The easiest way is to prepare a check and mail it to Arlen. Be sure to make it payable to Optimist International Foundation with a note on the memo line "Childhood Cancer." Also, of interest, enough funds have been collected to ask Negstad's for a matching donation. Nice going, gang!



No doubt you have seen this little pup before, but he is trying to convey a particular message, and that is; "Sorry!" What did he do wrong? Actually, we really don't know if he did anything wrong, but it does tend to reinforce the saying that a picture is worth a thousand words.

Regardless, there was no speaker today, so Ye Olde Editor is able to use this space for his own thoughts. This time the topic is the health of our club. Judging from the number of attendees at club meetings, especially over the last couple of months, it appears that there are some serious issues having to do with the meeting site. If it isn't the food, it is the level of noise that permeates from outside the meeting room. Sooo, do you have any suggestions with respect to alternate sites? If you do, please don't keep them bottled up. Let Bruce in on your ideas.

Now, with respect to membership in our club, we need some new blood! It isn't as though some new names have not been added in recent months, but for one reason or another this has not translated into increased attendance at meetings. You and I both know that some employers do not support community service to the degree that they once did, and one supposes that can be categorized as a "sign of the times." While they may not be adamantly opposed to community support, neither do they encourage employees to become as actively involved as they once were.

At one time (some years back) we had a roster of seventy-five members. Of this number, the club could plan on a weekly attendance at club meetings totaling at least thirty members, or approximately 40%. There was generally a lot of tomfoolery that took place during these meetings before the introduction of the speaker, but it was all in fun. The atmosphere at these meetings was such that once they were concluded, any number of members were looking forward to next week's meeting. That's the way the club's meetings should be, even now. Currently, the attendance at weekly meetings has been 10 or 12 members (today there were nine) or less than 30% of the names on the roster.

All this is not to imply that there is an absence of positive vibes at our meetings. This is simply not true. There was a lot of joking that took place today; again taking advantage of the fact we had no speaker.

These observations are not intended to downplay all the good that is being done with respect to our involvement in the community at the present time. Our recently concluded Youth Appreciation Program was extremely rewarding, and there was no end to favorable comments by parents and educators alike.

Perhaps what is needed to bolster our membership is someone who possesses both the energy and the imagination to devise a successful recruiting plan. There are those among us who are far too senior to be innovative, and this writer is numbered among them.

When you have finished reading these lines, let me suggest that you read the Creed one more time and rely upon it to supply the needed motivation for achieving success.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 7 TBA
 June 14 ditto
 June 21 "

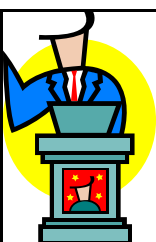


While the number of volunteers to do the walk-

ing is somewhat scarce, if you are motivated along those lines, feel free to get in touch with Dave Sevall. The one item that was omitted from last week's bulletin is that the original pitch for the Relay For Life walkathon was directed toward cancer survivors. However, since we Optimists are pretty soft when it comes doing things for the benefit of others, Dave Sevall has enlisted our support as well. Now, as was stated before, no one need feel that he/she has to walk for several hours; even one hour is helpful.

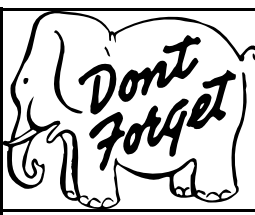
Early registration assures the participant will receive correct T-shirt size. Seventy teams of 12-15 participants, including survivors, have signed up to participate in the fundraiser.

Remember, you will also be serenaded by Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts or Heartland Mobile Disc Jockey Service. For additional information, phone Dave at (503) 391-1820.



SPEAKERS WANTED!!

Do you recall getting a prompt last week to help Frank Milton in his quest for speakers? Well, nothing has changed. He is still in need of ideas, and names if available. If there is someone whom you believe has a topic of interest to club members, let Frank know so he can make the contact. E-mail might be the easiest way to get in touch with him, especially if it is during the business hours.



From now until the end of the current Optimist year you will be getting a friendly reminder that the club has yet to fill the position of President-elect, and time is growing short. Oh yes, and while you are at it, give some thought as to who will be your bulletin editor

for the coming year. This will be the second consecutive year for this old man, and a third year is out of the question.

MORE POLITICAL HUMOR

"The President addressed the nation tonight. Good news — he's got a plan! He developed his plan after playing hours of Stratego with Barney the White House dog." Jimmy Kimmel

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has called for universal health care coverage for all Californians. He came up with this idea while falling down a hill in Idaho and breaking his leg.
 Jay Leno