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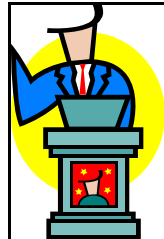


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The Club meets every Thursday noon at Willson House
 (check out our website at www.optimistclubofsalemor.org)

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)	Ray Thomas, Vern Tabery
	Bob MacArthur Frank Masser



SPEAKERS WANTED!!

There was considerable discussion regarding possible speakers today, and it should bear some pleasing results. Just the same, there will always be room for additional input from the membership. There is no such thing as having too many prospects.



LUNCHEON AT WILLSON HOUSE

Just in case you find it difficult to recognize those pictured here, they are: (left to right),

David and Linda Wiley, Arlen Hollinshead, Maur Horton, John Chamberlain, Ray Thomas, and Jerry Sheetz. Now, you too can be enjoying this atmosphere and extremely pleasant company by making a Thursday meeting. However, you need to be made aware that we had all of eleven bodies present this day. Among those whom we don't see all that often, aside from John Chamberlain, is Paul Negstad and Dave Sevall. So that no one need feel neglected, President Bruce and Ye Olde Editor put in an appearance as well.

While there was no guest speaker, a substantial portion of the time was taken up with providing suggestions on who might be invited to be our speaker in the coming weeks. Quite a number of ideas were proffered, so the picture looks a lot brighter than it has for a while.

Now that you are up-to-date on the latest of anything considered newsworthy insofar as club meetings are concerned, the next objective is to get more of you to consider the matter of attendance. The old saw of "the more the merrier" is as true now as it has ever been.

Those who had not been to Willson House until now seemed to be pleased with most everything about the location, the food, and the food service, and the absence of any noise from elsewhere might also be added to the list of advantages.

While there were three vacant chairs at the table today, we should be able to fill those with a minimum of effort, and give some serious thought to expanding the table space.



While John Chamberlain's name has been mentioned once or twice elsewhere in this issue of The Socket, he was at one time listed as President-Elect. However, other obligations demanded more of his attention, so he found it necessary to withdraw. Just the same, his decision to attend today's meeting is a welcome one indeed.

On occasion, it has been felt that too much emphasis is placed on acquiring new members, especially those who have the time and willingness to attend meetings. While one tries not to belabor the point, membership is the life-blood of any organization, and the Optimist Club of Salem is no exception.

There are those in our club now who are relatively young, and we need as many of those in this age bracket as we can get. And who are those who are best qualified to seek out these new members? Those of you who fall into the 20 to 50 age group are those who are most likely to have the necessary contacts. However, you can be reasonably sure that most all prospects will only respond if an invitation is extended.



There are to be two varieties of cookies on sale this weekend. The all-time favorite chocolate-chip will be one and oatmeal-raisin the other. No matter one or the other, they are both loaded with those goodies of which we all drool over. Now, all that is required is to sell them, and the weather promises to be at least somewhat cooperative; just so long as we are not subjected to any gully-washers. Cookies always sell better if the outside temperature stays below 85 degrees, and we have received some assurances of that.

Of course, some of our members who get their bulletins snail-mail will not see this blurb until after the event is over, but there are several members who will be getting their bulletins e-mail.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 26 Cheryl Gribskov
 Travel Information Council



HEY THERE!! Bruce Gilbertson says you need to be aware that the sign-ups for the food booth testers are to begin next Thursday. As in the past, those who sign up early get first choice as to which booths one might prefer to test. Oh yes, and don't forget that family, friends, young and old, are allowed to participate if they wish. The main thing is to be certain that there is an evaluation for each and every booth on the list.



It won't be long before this club will be voting for a new President and, for some reason, we don't seem able to find someone who will step up and take on this responsibility. Is it because you are waiting to be asked? Should that be the case, don't wait any longer, make

your desires known.

One other position that will have to be filled is that of Bulletin Editor. This is two years in a row for Ye Olde Editor, and his enthusiasm for the job is rapidly waning. Like most everything else, it has its plusses and minuses, but even Ye Olde Editor can only take so much.

MORE BOB HOPE HUMOR

My mother thought the doctor had left the stork and taken the baby.

My neighbor just had a pacemaker installed. They're still working the bugs out, though. Every time he makes love, my garage door opens.

This is Bob Football Hope telling you to always use Pepsodent because it's better to set out for a nice run than to run out for a nice set.

Virus is a Latin word used by doctors to mean "your guess is as good as mine."