



The S O C - K E T



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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



From all indications, all is going well at the Fair. Aside from a minor faux pas regarding banana splits without the bananas, the food booth reporting is proceeding in a satisfactory manner. A word of appreciation is extended to all who participated in this endeavor.



Voting for the club officers for 2007-08 has been completed and the slate shown here in last week's bulletin was approved unanimously.



The two people whose pictures

are displayed here are Sharon Wright and John Gallagher. Their intentions were to not only explain just who and what the Chemeketans are, but to deliver a slide presentation as well. As the best laid plans are sometimes wont to do, there was a glitch in the slide presentation, so Sharon very capably filled in with a talk to tell the story of the Chemeketans. To begin with, the organization was founded in 1928 with a primary interest in outdoor activities, especially hiking. Currently, they boast a membership of around 700 in and around the Salem area. Included in their list of activities are cross-country ski trips, snowshoe outings, bicycle trips, canoe trips, backpacks, & mountain climbs. As one can readily tell, there are enough outdoor activities to satisfy almost anyone who feels adventurous.

For those who may not be aware of the meaning of the word "Chemeketa," it is a Native American word that roughly translates into "meeting place."

According to the information on their website, they have no regularly scheduled membership meetings aside from an annual business meeting. They merely gather somewhere in Salem to register for their activities and arrange car-pooling.

Since our visitors were unable to provide their slide presentation, they have been invited back at some date in the not-too-distant future.

Insofar as ages are concerned, Sharon advised that the membership is comprised of a broad spectrum. One suspects that a great deal depends on the energy level of the interested party.

It was announced that an additional \$1366.00 has been donated to the Optimist Club Foundation, bringing the total funds to something over \$60,000. While that ain't hay, that fund can always use an extra bit of bolstering.

We had a couple of guests (members) we haven't been privileged to see in a while. Peggy MacArthur graced the room with her presence, as did Karen Heuberger. Karen always has a timely message before the invocation, and today was no exception.

Brandon Hulse, an honorary member, accompanied his granddad Vern Tabery. Brandon is always welcome.

How many of you remember Byron Londberg? He was a member for some time, but dropped out. Well, he has been hospital patient on a couple of occasions lately. Evidently he was in for placement of a coronary stent. That was supposed to fix whatever ail him, but evidently something else befell him because he is back in the hospital. We wish him only the best.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Sept. 6 Arnie Iwanick Lloyd Center Optimist Club "Curling"
 Sept. 13 Louise Staley & Gail Bonnicksen Assistance League
 Sept. 20 TBA
 Sept. 27 Jim Renner Heritage Trees



A very interesting discussion among some of the members took place following today's meeting. It has been

determined that to adequately staff the booth and sell all those delicious Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches will require about 20 persons per day. Is our club large enough to do the job? Are there enough people willing to fill multiple shifts? These are the two most pressing questions at this time. If you, your family, or a few close friends plan to participate, phone Maur Horton and leave word as to your intentions.

One might wonder what kind of revenue the club is likely to realize from it's involvement. The figures most prominently mentioned were somewhere between \$2500.00 & \$3000.00.

The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, Sept. 12 6:00 p.m. Set-up

Thursday 9/13 9 to 11 a.m.

10 to 3 p.m.

3 to 8 p.m.

7 to 12 p.m.

Friday & Saturday same schedule as Thursday

Sunday 9/16 9 to 11 a.m.

11 to 3 p.m.

3 to 6 p.m.

6 to ? clean-up

ALWAYS ROOM FOR A BIT OF HUMOR

Ole and Lars were on their very first train ride. They had brought along bananas for lunch. Just as they began to peel them, the train entered a long, dark tunnel. "Have you eaten your banana yet?" Ole asked excitedly.

"No," Lars replied.

"Vell, don't touch it den," Ole exclaimed. "I just took vun bite and vent blind!"

"Hey, Sven," said Ole, "how many Swedes does it take to grease a combine?"

After giving it some thought, Sven replied, "I don't know, only two if you run them through real slow."

Lars: Ole, stand in front of my car and tell me if da turn signals are vorking?"

Ole: "Yes, No, Yes, No, Yes, No, Yes, No...."