



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

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| President: | Bruce Gilbertson |
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| Immediate Past-President | Maur Horton |
| Vice-Presidents: | Frank Milton & Dave Sevall |
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Arnie Iwanick, of the Lloyd Center Optimist Club, was to have been our speaker this week, but another commitment took precedence. This sometimes happens, and there is not much one can do about it. As a result, most of the time was spent either evaluating the Club's involvement at the State Fair or what we need to be doing to prepare for Oktoberfest. These particulars are covered elsewhere. So, lacking a great deal of information to fill the space normally allotted to the guest speaker, Ye Olde Editor is at liberty to use the space as he wishes.

For various and sundry reasons, some folks who used to attend meetings on a fairly regular basis are rarely seen anymore. This is not meant as criticism, but merely an observable fact. Of those in attendance at today's meeting, and there were an even dozen, only two are actively employed. What will it take to make our meetings a place where members like you want to be without making it seem obligatory? Is it the location? Is it the lack of interesting speakers? Are the aims and objectives of the club no longer appealing to you as a club member?

If circumstances are being interpreted correctly, what this club needs is input from the membership. At one time there was something specific about Optimism that attracted you; something that conveyed the message that what were doing was beneficial to the community and the kids that live here. Has that changed over the years and, if so, in what way? Have we compromised our objectives in some fashion that is not readily apparent? We need input from everyone, not just the few who have been making the weekly meetings. So, don't be shy. Tell us what it will take to make you want to come back.



Arlen had a copy of the D.A.R.E. News, and on the back of the publication was the name of the Salem Optimist Club as one of the sponsors. It is this kind of publicity that we need, and are grateful for.



In case you didn't know, this is called a fire rainbow. While it is not necessarily germane to the next announcement, maybe its just being here has helped to catch your attention.

Arlen is passing this along for every-

one's enlightenment.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, here is the schedule for the 2007-2008 Pacific Northwest District Conferences and the Convention:

1st Quarter—October 26-27, Poulsbo, WA: Poulsbo Inn and Sons of Norway
2nd Quarter—February 23, Vancouver, WA: one-day regional meeting at Fire Training Center
3rd Quarter—April 25-26, Newport, OR: Best Western Agate Beach (Please note, this is much earlier than usual!)
4th Quarter—August 14-16, Chilliwack, BC: Best Western Rainbow

Tentative agendas, registration information, hotel information, etc., will be available on the District website, pnwoptimist.org

OREGON STATE FAIR
Aug 24 - Sept 3, 2007



True, the 2007 Oregon State Fair is history, but it was not without its interesting experiences. For example, the Wileys told of the kids who were attempting to control their pigs while showing them to prospective buyers. While trying not to show disrespect to the kids' efforts by laughing out loud, still it was a source of much humor.

Evidently the pigs had their own ideas regarding cooperation.

In reporting on the overall contribution of the Optimist Club members, et al, Bruce reported that, except for a few glitches, most everything went well. We are likely to be invited back next year.

One item that became evident was the failure on the part of a few to specify the negatives when giving an unfavorable report. This shortcoming should be corrected in the future.

That which we heard at the meeting was the general impression that, for whatever reason, most all the booths were neat and clean



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Sept. 13 Louise Staley & Gail Bonnicksen
Assistance League
Sept. 20 TBA
Sept. 27 Jim Renner Heritage Trees



Evidently, all signs point in favor of going ahead with our involvement beginning on Thursday, Sept. 15. At present, about 50% of the slots have been filled. However, lest we become complacent, that still leaves a sizeable number of slots yet to be filled. Where is the need the greater?

On Thursday, help is needed primarily between 3 and 10 p.m. On Friday, where the need is the greater, anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. has some unfilled slots. Help can be used between 7 and 12 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. If you have some time to donate and want to know where your help is needed the most, you are urged to contact Maur Horton for more information.

Yes, it looks as though we will be peddling Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches again.

It was learned last week that Dave Andrieu went in for hip surgery. The results are not known at this time. If anyone knows how it went, let Ye Olde Editor know about it so it can get into the bulletin.

MORE OF LENA AND OLE

Ole died. So Lena went to the local paper to put a notice in the obituaries. The gentleman at the counter, after offering his condolences, and Lena what she would like to say about Ole. Lena replied, "You just put 'Ole died.'"

The gentleman, somewhat perplexed, said, "That's it? Just 'Ole died?'" Surely, there must be something more you'd like to say about Ole. If it's money you're concerned about, the first five words are free. We must say something more."

So Lena pondered for a few minutes and finally said, "O.K. You put 'Ole died. Boat for sale.'"