

# Saturday Morning Brag

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When we count our many blessings,  
it isn't hard to see  
that life's most valued treasures  
are the treasures that are free.  
For it isn't what we own or buy  
that signifies our wealth,  
it's the special gifts that have no price  
our family, friends, and health.

A prayer on this Thanksgiving that God will grant you  
all the blessings of His gentle love.  
Happy Thanksgiving!

See you in December.  
BELIEVE  
Sandy

## Coming Optimist Events

*November 12<sup>th</sup> through December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bell ringers  
needed for the Salvation Army, anyone interested, see  
Sandy for list.*

*November 29<sup>th</sup>, no meeting, Happy Thanksgiving*

*December 6<sup>th</sup>, regular meeting, party planning*

*December 13<sup>th</sup>, regular meeting, getting into the spirit  
of the season of **Christmas***

*December 14<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm, **Christmas Party** at the Gable's*

*December 19<sup>th</sup>, Pediatric Oncology Christmas party for  
those very brave sick children. Let's help make their  
**Christmas** a special one by our attendance.*

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**Optimist International**

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## **Birthdays, Anniversary's, Prayers and Special Messages:**

**Curtis had an anniversary but he wasn't there so we had no one to sing to. Rats! We missed you, friend.**

**Special prayers go out to all of you and your families, but lets remember especially the Quon family, the Mosier's, the Pynes', Mr. Optimism Don, the Palacios' and the Williams'.**

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## INFORMATION/REPORTS

**Jim-Curtis' anniversary, and Trolley Ride on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Oratorical-Rosie gave the report because Alison was absent and told us what a great success it was and how awesome the contestants were. On to Zone level, don't miss it.**

**Don-IRMS JOOI (Jr) club is continuing their community service for the Christmas holiday. They still need blankets or towels for their Pet Guardian program.**

**Sandy-new club in Horizon still in the works  
Susan-Susan Komen race has a VHOC team and you should have your info in e-mail form  
Diane-DUES ARE DUE**

**Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008**

Present and accounted for:  
Sandy and Don, Paul and Mae, Irma and Jim,  
Ray and Rosie, Jane, John, Susan S, Diane,  
ChaCha and Art.

Presided over by Pres. Sandy

Invocation: Chaplain John

Pledges: Diane

Creed: Governor Paul

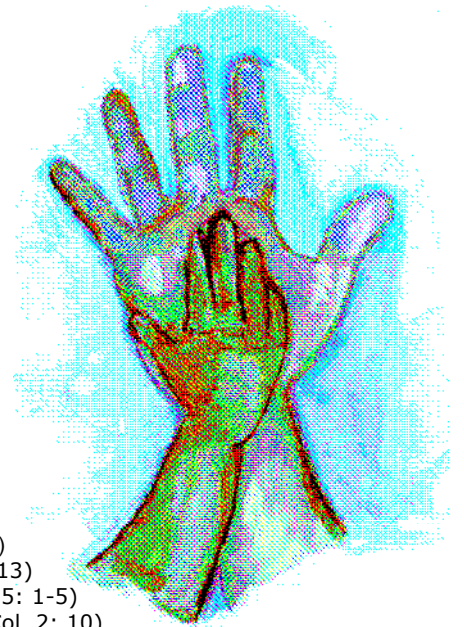
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Guest

**High Five  
For the kids**

## Christ Bell

I KNOW WHO I AM  
I am God's child (John 1:12)  
I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)  
I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)  
I am bought with a price (1 Cor 6:19-20)  
I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)  
I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)  
I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)  
I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)  
I am free forever from condemnation ( Rom. 8: 1-2)  
I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil 3:20)  
I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)  
I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)  
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)  
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)  
I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)  
I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22)  
I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)  
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)  
I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12 )  
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)  
I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)  
I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)  
I am hidden with Christ in God ( Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)  
I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)  
I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1: 5)  
I have been redeemed and forgiven ( Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)  
I belong to God  
Do you know  
Who you are!?



## Happy \$\$

John says to watch the Sun Bowl Parade on Thanksgiving Day. His classes are represented with three floats they have been working on, FOREVER. Art's nephew has graduated from boot camp and surprised the family by a surprise visit. Irma said it was her first oratorical and definitely not her last. She was so impressed. Oh, and by the way, Jimmy is coming home Wednesday just in time for turkey. They haven't seen him in almost a year. Congratulations to our very own Rosie for reaching top 25 in her Southern Living at Home business. Mae and Paul are both glad to be home with the doctors blessings. He is having a little set back right now but our prayers will help to take care of him. And drum roll, please, Susan surprised us by telling us Keira is going to have a little cousin. Yes, our Jackie is finally going to add to the numbers in June. We are blessed this holiday season. Give thanks.

## Purposes of the Optimist Club

The purposes of the Optimist Club are to develop Optimism as a way of life, to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs, to inspire respect for law, to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people, and to aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well being of man, his community and the world.

**Motto:** "Friend of Youth"

**Theme:** "Bringing out the Best in Children"

**Mission:** Optimist International will be recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps them to develop to their full potential.

**Vision:** By providing hope and a positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.

## Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself:

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to everyone you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past, and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. Feb.6-8 El Paso; 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. May 1-3, Ruidoso; Convention Aug. 7-9, Albuquerque

### Web Sites

**Vista Hills Optimist Club**

[www.vistahillsoptimistclub.org](http://www.vistahillsoptimistclub.org)

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