

Saturday Morning Brag

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When you have a meeting like today, it brings to mind the good things we do as Optimists. How exciting it is to see such young people perform well beyond many of our own abilities. During this blessed time of the year it reconfirms we are heroes and we do make a difference. Take time to reflect on just how much we do for our community and the ways in which we do it. Whether it is our Optimist International programs, or our Pretty In Pink luncheon, our very special hospital volunteers, or those teaching our young people to give back. Mentoring when we don't even realize it, or just the great fellowship we have with our optimist family, we can take pride in it. Thank you all for what you do. I am proud to be your President and love to brag about you every chance I have. God bless you all.

BELIEVE

Sandy

Coming Optimist Event

December 9th, BOD meeting, Sandy's house, 7 pm

December 13th, regular meeting, getting into the spirit of the season of **Christmas**

December 14th, 3 pm, **Christmas Party** at the Gable's

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

December 25th, Can't Be Home For Christmas dinner at the Lomaland firehouse

January 1st, Happy New Year

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Birthdays, Anniversary's, Prayers and Special Messages:

Natalia, our oratorical winner turned 14 today and we sang gooder than ever.

Special prayers go out to all of you and your families, for new baby Giana, Jim and his tests, Paul, Doug, Ricardo, and Curtis. Get well, everyone.

INFORMATION/REPORTS

Diane - DUES ARE DUE

Sandy – Optimist of the Month for November is Alison for her great work with the Oratorical contest.

John – Shared the newspaper clippings of the floats his students made for the Sun Bowl. Congratulations on the award.

John – sent around a list for the Christmas Party, see notice.

Jane – Project Linus is ongoing but she will be turning in our donations right after the new year so bring in your yarn, material, etc:

Sandy – Horizon Club – article announcing the meeting in the Courier but not very successful with attendance. It will happen, though, and it will happen soon.

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008

Present and accounted for:

Sandy and Don, Paul, Ray and Rosie, Jane, John, Susan S, Diane, David and Curtis.

Presided over by Pres. Sandy

Invocation: Chaplain John

Pledges: David

Creed: Susan

Pot: Alisa, and she drew the ticket.

Guest: Alisa, Cindy and her two daughters.

Natalia and Memo, our Oratorical winners, and their families.

Paul's son Neal, soon to be new member, I hope. Yahoo...

High Five
For the kids

Christmas Party

Wooten's – chile relleno casserole

Williams' – chile con queso

Moniz' – vegetable tray

Fishers – Cake

Hampton – 2 dozen tamales

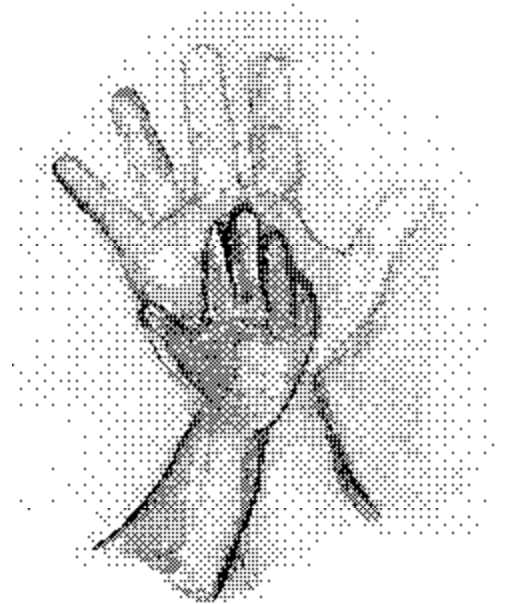
Alison – pudding pies

Quons – TBA

Please let me or John know so we can add it to the list. Thanks.

OK, one of John's jokes.

What does the Pink Panther say when he steps on an ant? Dead ant, dead ant, dead Ant. (Listen to the music in your head!)



Happy \$\$

Don filled the tank on the SUV for less than \$30. Alison is very happy, Alisa is the 1st time pot winner since Mom joined the club, her class had the top scores in the math and reading tests, and Memo made 100 in his math. See, he is a winner. Susan had two daughters here with them for Thanksgiving, and the Wooten's had their son, Jeff, and family. Paul is happy having Neal with him, and how much better he is doing with the new round of chemo treatments. Someone asked if the Wooten's celebrated the turkey's birthday, were they referring to Don? John had two jokes but they were so old we won't mention either of them today.

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.

District Information

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

Web Sites

Vista Hills Optimist Club

www.vistahillsoptimistclub.org

New Mexico-West Texas District

sitekreator.com/nmwtoptimists.org

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