

# Saturday Morning Brag

Newsletter of Vista Hills Optimist Club

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Happy New Year optimists and may it prove to be another good one for all of us. Getting a jump on the future of optimism, Sandy and Paul met with Kim and other CVOC members planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter board meeting being held at the Wyndam Airport here in El Paso. Be sure to register so we have a big showing since we are the Governor's home club. Sandy has the forms. Plans are also being made for the Essay contest by Meg, the CCDHH contest by David, programs by Sally, and the Super Bowl party. Who's playing, who cares? What are we eating, now you are talking?

Thank you all for a great first quarter of 2008-2009. I am proud to be your president and hope I am doing as good a job as is expected of me.

BELIEVE

Sandy

## Coming Optimist Events

January 10, regular meeting

January 13, 7 pm, Board of Directors meeting, all are invited to attend.

January 17, speaker ?? Zone 7 meeting at 10 am. It's not our but if anyone wants to attend you can ride with Don, Sandy and Paul.

February 1, "Super Bowl party

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Optimist International

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Susan Sears

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

This week was a meeting of celebration for all the good things that happened in 2008, and a time to prepare for an even better 2009. Through all the trials and sicknesses we are still blessed. Always remember, our payers go out to Martin, recovering from surgery, Doug who is still on dialysis, Paul for his health and the loss of his Mother, Sally, Curtis, Ricardo, and Don

## INFORMATION/REPORTS

*Jim wasn't there but no birthdays or anniversaries for the New Year. January is another lonely month, must mean we need some new members.*

*Jane, Rosie and Sandy left the meeting and went shopping. With the generous donations from our members we purchased a lot of goodies for Project Linus. Thanks to all who participated. Irma has a bunch of stuffed animals to be given to some worthwhile organization. Maybe to the shelter?*

*Meg is going to look into a program on Internet Safety for our children. Will advise when I get a date.*

**Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009**

Present and accounted for:

Sandy and Don, Ray and Rosie, Meg, Ricardo and Rachel, Jane, John, Irma, Curtis, John and Erik.

Presided over by Pres. Sandy

Invocation: Chaplain John

Pledges: Ricardo

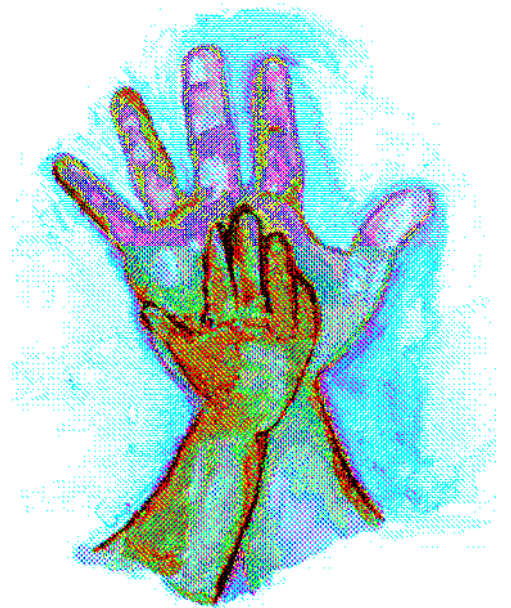
Creed: Irma

Pot: Rachel

**High Five  
For the kids**

*Happy \$\$*

Don-Ryan shot a 77 at the new golf course, but the biggest thrill was he had his first birdie on a 360 yard par four. Wow! He also came in handy over the holidays driving us everywhere without one scare. Jane-celebrated her granddaughters 16<sup>th</sup> birthday with a scavenger hunt to the hospital she was born, park where she played when she was little, etc: Sounded like great fun. She also had all her family here and her son-in-law cooked. Wow, Great Christmas. Curtis-niece Demi had a baby girl and he was proud to be invited to help celebrate Sheriff Apodaca's retirement party. Rosie-whole family spent Christmas at Stephanie's. Kevin, the son-in-law is the owner of the kitchen so guess who cooked? Meg-spent a quiet holiday resting up for Martin's back surgery so be sure to keep him in your prayers while he recovers. It is major. Ricardo-doctor appointment and his PSA is down to ONE. Way to go, Richard.



## 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

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.vistahilloptimistclub.org](http://www.vistahilloptimistclub.org)

**New Mexico-West Texas District**

[sitecreator.com/nmwtoptimists.org](http://sitecreator.com/nmwtoptimists.org)

**Optimist International**

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December 11, 2014

Hi Mrs!

Mrs. Jane Hunter & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
Indian Wells Middle School  
11201 Parkside Drive  
El Paso, Texas 75242-1105

Dear Mrs. Hunter and Students,

The Ronald McDonald House has received your pop tabs and we are so happy! Our job at the Ronald McDonald House is to help the families of children who are very ill. Your pop tabs are helping us to continue our efforts.

People do not think that a little piece of metal on a soft can, would help anyone. The Ronald McDonald House knows that it does help. We collect these tabs and redeem them so that we can raise money for our House. By collecting these, we are also helping the cause by not polluting. Even though it is such a small piece, it does make a difference.

The Ronald McDonald House thanks you for your efforts in collecting the tabs. Keep by and visit "the house that love built" anytime!

Sincerely,  
Ronald McDonald House

*Ann Marie Rodriguez*  
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House Manager