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Birthdays

- March 2 - George Rawlings
- March 5 - Joe Mansfield
- March 8 - Gloria Kelly
- March 8 - Duane Westerman
- March 9 - Brandi Jo Newman
- March 13 - Roger Jimenez
- March 20 - Randy Wilson
- March 22 - Mark Wittig
- March 26 - Nelson Greeman
- March 28 - James Halsell
- March 31 - Harry Werland



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CAPS FOR KIDS

We are still collecting *clean, un-worn* golf caps for the "Caps for Kids" project. They will be given to children who are undergoing chemotherapy and have lost their hair. If you have ever known someone who has been through this medical treatment, you are aware of how disheartening it is to have the complete hair loss that is a side-effect. Maybe a new cap will be something that can lift the spirits of these children just a little bit.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The ED and Freda Jackson Scholarship is an endowed scholarship. All memorial donations given to the club are directed to it, as well. Each year, the interest earned plus the fines collected by the Sergeant-at-Arms (which also go into this account) determine the number and amount of scholarships given. The committee is in the process of reviewing the written applications for this year's scholarships. Finalists will be invited for a personal interview by the committee before the selections are made. Awards will be announced at a scholarship luncheon planned for May 13.

The Vocational Scholarship Committee will start its selection process soon.

KERR COUNTY OPTIMIST CLUB

Governor Ron Graves reports that the Organizational Meeting for this new club will be held on Thursday, March 27. The Bank of the Hills in Kerrville is sponsoring most of the club charter fee, and is sponsoring several employees as members!

The Charter Banquet will be held at a later date.

KILLEEN/FT. HOOD PROPOSAL

UPCOMING

- March 25
Bloyce Britton, "The GOLD Youth Leadership Seminar"
- March 25
Bowl-a-Thon Kick-off
- April 1
Board of Directors Meeting
- April 22
Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, MEMBERS ONLY
- June 28
Bowl-a-Thon Party, 1-4 p.m., Hermann Sons Bowling Lanes

MEETING HELPERS

March Greeters:
Brancoccio, Carnes,
Germin, Cherniss

Table Host
March 25
Russ Greiner

CLUB HISTORY

Highlights/Achievements of the San Antonio Optimist Club during the 20th Century.

JOKER IS WILD

\$550.25

March 11:

Howard Kasanoff

10 of Spades

(8 Cards Remaining!)



Member Links



As a result of the deployment of military personnel from Ft. Hood, Gov. Ron knows there are lots of spouses and kids left behind. He feels that now, more than ever, an Optimist Club is needed in that area. He sent an E-mail last week to those he has on his list explaining the situation and his philosophy. He asked Optimists across the District to contribute \$17 toward the initial charter member fee of a spouse of a soldier sent overseas, who might want to join a Killeen Optimist Club.

You will be proud to know that members of this club immediately responded and provided for 13 of the required 25 minimum charter enrollment fees. You can still participate; just contact Ron to tell him you will give \$17 to this cause.

The nearby Lake Waco Optimist Club will be the sponsoring club. They are working through the Army Community Services Office on base to find the way to be most effective.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jim Hollerbach is chairman, and is joined by Tom Trimble, Harland Huntoon, Rob Glenn and Duane Westerman. They will welcome your suggestions for nominees to the various open offices for the coming administrative year.

The duties of club officers are found in the By Laws, Article VII. (And if you are asked to serve, please accept.)

OPTIMIST CLUB SHIRT

We're going to order some more of our "official" Optimist Club of San Antonio shirts. They are pre-washed, medium blue cotton with khaki embroidery. They come in men's sizes S to 4XL, and women's sizes M to XL. Cost is \$25. A sign up list is available on the back table at club meetings. An order deadline has not been set yet, but we will give you plenty of warning. We need a minimum of 20 to place our order.

CELLULAR PHONES

Just another reminder that when you come to the Optimist luncheon meeting you are asked to leave your cell phone in your car, or else turn it off or set it on its silent mode if you do bring it inside. Your fellow Optimists, their guests and particularly our speaker of the day will certainly appreciate that courtesy.

You are officially warned that Sgt-at-Arms Jim Blackwell has decreed that once our meeting starts, members receiving audible cell phone calls are now subject to being fined.

CALENDAR

March 25 – Bloyce Britton, “The GOLD Youth Leadership Seminar”

March 25 – Bowl-a-Thon Kick-Off

April 1 – John Boggess, SAWS, “An Update on San Antonio’s Water Supply Issues”

April 1 – Board of Directors Meeting

April 8 – Robert Shemwell

April 22 – Annual Meeting, Election of Officers,
MEMBERS ONLY

April 29 – Joe Kane (re-scheduled from February 25)

June 28 – Bowl-a-Thon Party, 1-4 p.m., Hermann
Sons Bowling Lanes

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March 25, Russ Greiner

OPTI-MRS.NEWS

By Evelyn Nowotny

The program for our Opti-Mrs. meeting on April 2nd will be: "Public Safety" and it will be given by San Antonio Chief of Police, Albert Ortiz.

Happy Birthday to Billie Graebner on April 10th.

Gussie Mae celebrated her birthday last week with her sisters, Anna Belle and Delores and their families. They fixed her birthday dinner and made her favorite desserts...Strawberry Cake and Chocolate Pie!

I'm sorry to report our ageless, young-at-heart, Helen Tezel fell from her back porch last week and broke her pelvic bone. She was in Methodist Hospital until Sunday, March 16th. She is now at Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital, Room 332, Bed 1. Her phone number is 595-2327. She is doing good She says she has little pain unless she moves her left leg! The doctors are hoping she will heal without needing surgery.

I talked with Paul today. He says Ruth is "hanging in there." Their children and grandchildren are so good about coming over and bringing food, flowers and cheer.

Linda accompanied Leroy on a workshop weekend. They attended one in Fort Worth on Saturday. Then they drove to Abilene on Sunday and attended another workshop in Rowena. They returned home on Monday, ready for some rest and relaxation. They will meet their eldest son and his family at the airport on Tuesday evening to pick them up from a trip to Disney World. Don't you know those five young ones will have lots of exciting stories for their grandparents?

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