



Frankfort Optimist Club News & Events



Optimists Bring Out the Best in Children January 28, 2008

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"By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids."

Frankfort Optimist Club meets at 12 Noon each Tuesday at Office Pub & Deli, Frankfort, KY
Bring a friend!—Visit our website at www.frankfortoptimist.com

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President's Message—

There are lots of opportunities coming up to make a difference in the life of a child. Read further or visit our web site at www.frankfortoptimist.com often to see what things are going on that you would like to participate in!

Some things to consider—volunteering at the Wrestling Tournament (this is a fundraiser but there are opportunities to encourage and support youth also, going to district meeting and being part of the mystery dinner theatre and enjoying fellowship with other optimists from the district; consider mentoring a student or asking a friend or family member who might be interested. If you have an interest in sports, go to a local game of your choice and support the youth!

Come to this week's club meeting and hear Harry Rice, who served in Kuwait and Afghanistan.

New Members—2007-08

Robert Wulf, Jr.--Sponsored by Wayne Dunn

Tee Hayden—Sponsored by Wayne Dunn

Keri Manley—Sponsored by Judy Zeigler

Heather Gatewood—Sponsored by Sally Jump

Mark Hoover—Sponsored by David Prather

David Prather—Capital City Transfer

Jill LeMaster—Capital City Transfer

Paula Alexander—Sponsored by Betty Cowherd

MARCH MENTORING MONTH!

On Saturday, March 1, Frankfort Optimist Club will be holding a kick-off for the mentoring program from 9:30-11:30 at Paul Sawyer Library Community Room*. Brunch will be served and there will be testimonials from current and past mentors, and opportunities for the public and club members to learn more about the Special Friends Mentoring Program.

What all is happening?

On February 28, Cable 10 will be taping a segment on the Special Friends Mentoring Program, hosted by Ronnie Dunn. The program will emphasize Why Mentoring is Important with participants Jill Sutton, Frankfort Growing Place, TJ Delahanty with Kentucky Child Now, and Mimi Gosney with Bridgeport Elementary Resource Center. Following will be the Mentoring Experience with participants Brad Hughes, Kentucky School Boards Association, and Judy Zeigler and Debra Anderson, both current mentors.

On February 27, WKED and 102.1 will be interviewing Ronnie Dunn and Judy Zeigler on a talk show. There are numerous opportunities for speaking engagements throughout the community! If you would like to help out, give us a call !

Can you help out by bringing food for the brunch? Help to set up for the event? Help to clean up after the event? Attend the event?



Note -- *Paul Sawyer Library is not a sponsor of this event.

New Member - Paula Alexander!

Our newest member, Paula Alexander, was sponsored by Betty Cowherd. Paula is Director of the Franklin County Health Department. She lives on a farm in Anderson County and loves the outdoors. Paula has two grandchildren, one just 8 weeks old.

Join me in welcoming Paula to the club!

Member News - Thinking of You!

Continue to remember **Bill Walton**. Mr. Bill has had surgery and further treatments coming up.

Joe Ray Gatewood reported it was 82 and sunny in Florida yesterday!

Hello to **Al Alfaro** and thank you for your generous donation to the Mentoring Program!

February 22-24 - FOC hosts Winter District Meeting

The Winter District Meeting will be at the Capital Plaza Holiday Inn on February 22-24. Registration begins Friday evening and there will be an evening dinner outing to Jim's Seafood. Saturday begins with an Awards Breakfast where Frankfort Optimist Club will receive a Distinguished Honor Award, one of only three awarded in the district, followed by the business meeting. Lunch will be on your own followed by TriStar District competition at FHS gymnasium at 1 pm. The evening will be a mystery dinner theatre, with several club members participating in the "Who Dunit" mystery, dressing as their favorite characters. More information and registration to attend the meeting can be found at www.kywooptimists.org

There are many opportunities to volunteer this weekend by helping with registration, being a host in the hospitality room, working at TriStar competition or participating in the mystery dinner theatre, or just attending and enjoying fellowship with other Optimists! Be sure to put February 23 on your calendar and plan to participate!

Mystery Dinner "Who Dunit!"



State Wrestling Tournament Fundraiser—February 14, 15, 16 Frankfort Civic Center - (Enter at the main doors opposite end of the Fountain Place Shops - the east end of the Civic Center)

Opportunities are still available to volunteer to work the State Wrestling Tournament! Call Rick Haydon at 502-330-5757 to sign up today! It pays for our Youth Programs!

Time slots still in critical need are:

2/14--Thursday - 10:30 am to 3:00 pm (2 volunteers needed)

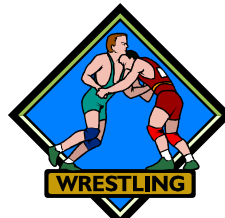
2/14--Thursday - 2:30 pm to 8:00 pm (1 volunteer needed)

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2/15--Friday - 12 Noon to 5 pm (1 volunteer needed)

2/16--Saturday - 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm (2 volunteers needed)

In addition, to the above there are individuals working most of the weekend. If you can volunteer at a time other than the above, that would be welcome also!



Other News and Upcoming Events--

- Feb 5** Speaker - Sgt Harry Rice, who served in Kuwait & Afghanistan.
- Feb 12** Fellowship (come learn about our new Fundraiser)
- Feb 19** Speaker -- Sally Jump, Bluegrass Theatre Guild
- Feb 14-16** State Wrestling Tournament Fundraiser, Civic Center, Call Rick Haydon at 330-5757 to volunteer.
- Feb 19** FOC Essays due at Club Level, Contact - Sally Jump
- Feb 22-24** FOC hosts KY/WV District Meeting.
- March 1** March Mentoring Month Kickoff Breakfast, 9:30-11, Paul Sawyer Public Library—PSPL is not a sponsor of this event.

How to Win Free Lunch in 2008? Next date - March 18!

At each club meeting that has an "8" in the date, there will be a drawing for a free lunch! Winner of last free lunch was David Prather, our newest member transfer from CCOC!

New Octagon Club!

David Prather organized a new Octagon club last week. The name of the club is Frankfort/Franklin County Octagon Club. Charter President is Alyssa Hoover, Freshman at Franklin County. Sponsor/advisor is Mark Hoover, new Frankfort Optimist Club member.

New Fundraiser!

A new fundraiser is being piloted for the next 6 months! It involves purchase of online books. There would be a link from our website to this page and club members would email family and friends who might want to support our youth activities by purchase of online books. Learn more at our next Fellowship meeting! The board approved this pilot at Monday's board meeting.

Rising Star Banquet - May 6!

Lisa Agee has arranged for Monica Hardin to speak at our Rising Star banquet. Monica is a former Miss Kentucky and a motivational speaker and singer. This year's banquet is scheduled for May 6 at 6 pm at First Christian Church. Put it on your calendar!

Essay Contest

The FOC is sponsoring an essay contest again this year for students in grades 10 through 12 who are under age 19 on Dec 31, 2007. The winner at club level receives a \$500 savings bond and will advance to district level.

The topic this year is "Today's Choices Shape My Future." Entries are due by Tuesday, Feb. 19. Contact Sally Jump, Essay Chair, at 695-5830 for more info!

NOVEMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH - RONNIE DUNN

Frankfort Optimist Club member of the month for November is **Ronnie Dunn**. Undoubtedly, Ronnie could be member of the month every month. She devotes her life to helping kids and making a difference in the lives of children. She sets an example for others by living the Optimist creed. Ronnie, before her term as Optimist International President was over, made plans to become involved at the local level by deciding to build a new club. She made trips to the community of Owenton for four months, made phone calls, personal visits, mailed letters, gave speeches, etc to try and convince the community what an Optimist Club could do for them.

She serves as NCB chair for the club and serves as co-chair for the Special Friends Mentoring Program.

What Ronnie did as Optimist International President last year she does every year and every day on a local level - and that is -- she makes a difference in the lives of children! Congratulations Ronnie!

DECEMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH - WAYNE DUNN

Frankfort Optimist Club member of the month for December is **Wayne Dunn**. **Wayne** has worked for the last four months to help build an Optimist Club in Owen County. Making numerous trips, phone calls, visiting with local officials, Wayne spread the word about "Optimism".

Most every Tuesday Wayne is at Optimist club meeting early to help set up the speaker system, display the banners, the flag and help out with door prizes.

Wayne serves as chair of the Membership committee and has sponsored two members this year! He spreads the "Optimist" word wherever he goes!

Wayne has helped with hosting the District Meeting by arranging the facilities for TriStar Competition. He also is working the Wrestling Tournament Fundraiser for many hours! Congratulations Wayne on being December Optimist of the Month!

Thank you to all members!

Thank you to everyone who volunteers in any way, who pays their dues, who helps at club meeting, who brings a guest or sponsors a member, who mentors a child, who helps bring out the best in kids wherever you go, and who makes being an Optimist part of your life☺