



REGION 3 NEWS & NOTES - March, 2009
Kentucky/West Virginia District, Region 3
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Southgate-- Casino Night--March 21

Southgate Optimist Club will be hosting a "Casino Night" Fundraiser on March 21 at the Southgate Community Center, 301 W. Walnut Street, Southgate, Kentucky from 6 pm to 12 am.

Admission at the door which includes snacks and drinks is -- \$10.00. There will be a Texas Hold'Em Tournament (\$50 buy-in – limited to 56 players); Black Jack, Big '6'; Pull Tabs, Silent Auction, Beat the Dealer; Left-Right-Center and watch NCAA Basketball Tournament Games! (Must be 21 for admittance). For more information visit their website at –

www.southgateoptimist.com

Support your fellow optimist clubs by attending their fundraisers and invite them to attend yours!

District Meeting May 12-14

Have you registered?

Support your district at the district meeting May 12 –14, 2009 in Lexington, Kentucky at the Four Points Sheraton at Newtown Pike! For more information or to register go to –

www.kywwoptimists.org

How are you progressing?

Honor club requirements –

- Clubs with 1 – 74 members must be +5 in membership from October 1.
- Clubs over 74 members must be + 1.
- Clubs must complete 3 service projects during the year.
- Clubs must submit one CPA entry for either a service project or fundraiser.
- Dues must be paid by Sept 30.
- Officer elect report must be submitted by May 20.
- President's Pride report must be submitted by Sept. 30.
- President or Board Member must attend at least two district meetings.

How can your club be Distinguished?

Complete the above requirements and build a new club with at least 25 members OR add a net plus 25 to your club's roster! To date – the following clubs have built a new club:

Anderson County
Frankfort
Laurel-London

Southgate is working on one at NKU and Bellevue with Frankfort!

New Clubs

New clubs are being worked on at Bellevue, Kentucky; Northern Kentucky University; Jessamine County; and, a JOOI Club is being organized at Jessamine County Middle School. If you would like to start a new club, please contact me and I will help you get started!

NOTE! 3rd Quarter Region Meeting

The 3rd quarter region meeting originally **scheduled for March 28 has been canceled**. It is tentatively rescheduled for April 25. I would like for each club to make a brief presentation on one of their activities or fundraisers. It will be a great way for new clubs to see what is going on in existing clubs and maybe adopt some of your ideas. We will also take a look at JOOI clubs and how to start one in your community. Bring your family! We will take them on a one-mile environmental hike and tour of the history center.

Recognition

Recognize one of your outstanding club members by submitting their name to OI and get a certificate signed by the International President! The application is in the Awards Handbook!



Club Scrapbooks

Have you considered putting a club scrapbook together to display your club's activities and fundraisers? You can enter it in the district scrapbook competition! Scrapbooks should be submitted at the 1st Quarter district meeting following the end of the competition year (September 30, 2009)

Retain and Recruit

In order to continue to provide activities to youth in the future we must train ourselves to constantly be recruiting new members. This year Frankfort lost a member as PDG Al Alfaro passed away. He has been a very active and supporter of youth for many years. His insight was wonderful as he knew he didn't have long to live and he sponsored his daughter into the club as a Friend of Optimist just days before his death. We all need to be thinking like Mr. Alfaro did.

Our Regions standings are as follows: We have added two new clubs and lost one club (Stamping Ground) due to their members getting older and not recruiting new members. We are plus in members for the region as a whole since October 1 since we added two new clubs. Each clubs standing is as follows since October 1.

Covington – is minus 1.

Danville has stayed the same with 9.

Frankfort has stayed the same with 74

London-Laurel stayed the same – 110

Newport is minus 2

Southgate is minus 2

Center College is new with 34

Clay County is new with minus 1

(Clay Co added three new members and lost one member which should leave them as plus 2)

Anderson County is minus 1

So even though we add new members we are also losing members for various reasons. For each of the above clubs to be Honor Club except for London London who should be plus 1, the others have to be plus 5.

If you have an event or fundraiser, promote your club by having information available on how to join and be part of the joy of making a difference in the lives of children! Thanks for all you do!

Clay County Optimist Club Activities

April 18 - Spring Fest at the Burt Combs Park - In keeping with our vision of providing free activities for Clay County Youth we will have a Kids Art Corner. There will be no cost for any child to come and produce a work of art. The art work will be displayed. If you have any old craft project and/or art supplies that could be used, please let Diana or Deann know. We will need members to help with this activity. To make some money it has been suggested that the Optimist sponsor a Cake Walk/Cake Sale during this time. Could each member provide a cake for this activity?

2nd Family Fun Night - date to be announced

Oratorical Contest will take place at the May Meeting and the winners will be celebrated at the Reading Celebration.

Calling all Youth Golfers - Joe Asher has information about the District Youth Golf Tournament. You can contact him at 847-4376.

Stay tuned for information about **Youth Soccer** from Stephanie Arnett.

Jerry's Sporting Goods will be selling T-Shirts and hats for the Optimist Member. Prices and details will follow.

Welcome New Members!

New members added since the last newsletter –

Denise Alfaro, Friend of Optimist, sponsored by Al Alfaro, Frankfort

Kevin Rice, sponsored by Stephanie Arnett, Clay County

John Boley, sponsored by Tim Rogers, Clay County

Anne Deaton, sponsored by Stephanie Arnett, Clay County

J. Robert Foote Jr. sponsored by J. Robert Foote Sr, Covington

William Ruehl, sponsored by Rena Gibeau, Covington

Region and District Upcoming Events-- Submit your dates to me for the newsletter!

March 21 – Southgate Fundraiser

April 7 – Clay County Charter Banquet

April 10—Newsletter Deadline!

April 23 – Centre College Charter Banquet

April 25 – Region 3 Meeting, Frankfort

May 13-15—Kentucky/WV District Meeting, Lexington

May 19 – Frankfort Rising Star Award Banquet

Region 3 Clubs –

Anderson County, Centre College, Clay County, Covington, Danville, Frankfort, Laurel-London, Newport, Southgate

Submit news or information for the newsletter to me at the address or email on the front page of this newsletter! If you would like to spotlight one of your members for something special they have done with the youth submit that information to me and I'll put it in the next newsletter.

Next publication date – April 15!

MISSION OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

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

Optimist International President –DON SIEVERS

KY/West Virginia Governor-WILLIE LEE, JR.