



The Breakfast Bugle

February, 2020

Breakfast Optimist Club of Indianapolis - Founded in 1958

*"Bringing Out the Best in Kids, Ourselves, and Our Communities."
"Right Here. Right Now"*

The Breakfast Optimist Club of Indianapolis

Join us every 2nd & 4th
Monday Evenings
6:00-7:30 PM-George's
Neighborhood Grill
6935 Lake Plaza Dr

February Meetings:

February 10th: TBA at George's

February 25th: Oratorical
Contest – 7:30 AM LePeep

Upcoming Events:

April 17-18, 2020 — 3rd Qtr.
District Conference
Holiday Inn, Bloomington, IN

Quote of the Month

"Count your age by friends, not
years. Count your life by smiles,
not tears." – John Lennon



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Tri-Star Competition February 20th

Please mark your calendars for one of the biggest events that BOCI does every year.

Thursday, February 20th at the Lilly Boys & Girls Club, we will hold our Annual Tri-Star Basketball event.

The Club is located at 801 S State Ave.

Alex Overway is our event chairman this year **and he is in need of 15 volunteers to help man** (or woman) the various stations.

Volunteers need to report at 4:30 PM and we should be done by 6:30.

Following our awards to the winners, we typically will all head over to Shapiro's to grab some dinner.

Please call or email Alex and get signed up. He will be submitting names so that Boys & Girls Clubs can do their quick background check.

His contact info is:
alexoverway@yahoo.com
574-702-2182

Board Meeting
Monday, February 3rd
6:00 PM
MCL Cafeteria in Carmel

'Elwood Blues' in Action

Brad "Elwood Blues" Bradshaw giving updates on the upcoming International Convention in Chicago at the Indiana South District Super Zone meeting.



A Lesson in Food Pantries

At our last meeting, we heard from Carrie Murphy, the lady in charge of the Food Pantry at Harshman Middle School.



We learned that about 10% of the school's population utilizes the food pantry, which is open twice a month.

BOCI is the only group of people that donates to the pantry, and the rest of their food is purchased through a grant from Gleaners.



This month we had our largest donation amount ever of \$180.

This is a wonderful function of our Club and we thank Carrie for being a true leader at her school!

Food Pantry Donation
February 10th

Info Column

Items welcomed for future newsletters. If you have something to contribute, send along to your Editor Rick Posson:
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February Birthdays

Glenn Shay Feb. 17th



Presidents Corner

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and has recovered from your revelry. January came in with a bang for our members who are already busy working for and with our youth.

Brad and Greg represented BOCI at the Indiana South District Super Zone meeting in January. BOCI was recognized for both member and club contributions to the OI Foundation in the 2018-19 Optimist year. Way to go!!

We've had our first two evening meetings in 2020 with some bumps. On Tuesday, January 28th, we got to see some members we haven't seen in a while and enjoyed a presentation on the Harshman School pantry which BOCI supports through your donations and Rick Posson's amazing shopping skills which provides the pantry with items that they can't get from Gleaner's Food Pantry. We celebrated 9 years of partnership with Harshman, let's make it 9 years more.

February brings our Tri-Star competition at Lilly Boys & Girls Club on Feb. 20, and the club's Oratorical contest at LePeep's on February 25. And, volunteers are getting ready to review and score the Essay contest submissions.

Remember to watch for more information on the next trivia night fundraiser in April. These fundraising efforts make it possible for our members to make a difference in the lives of children in Indianapolis.

BOCI is definitely a club on the move!!

As always, let me know how I can help.

- President Kathy
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The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself-

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person 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.

Just a Quickie . . .

It was the last day of philosophy class, and time for the final exam. The professor had exposed the students to several schools of philosophy during the semester.

He looked out over them as they sat and waited expectantly. Finally, he pointed at his desk and said, "I have only a single question on this final test. Use anything I've taught you this year to prove to me this desk does not exist."

Immediately the students started writing furiously, filling ages and pages of exam books with proofs for the non-existence of the desk.

One girl, however, wrote for a few seconds, gathered her books, walked to the front of the class, turned in her exam book, and was out of the classroom in two minutes.

When the professor posted the grades the following Monday, only one person had received an A. It was the girl who finished the exam so quickly.

Her answer: "What desk?"