



Your BOCI Breakfast Bugle and Your Downtown Club Diner News

February, 2023



Breakfast Optimist Club & Indianapolis Optimist Club of Indianapolis
Serving the Youth of Indianapolis

The Breakfast Optimist Club of Indianapolis
Join us every 2nd and 4th Mondays



8255 Craig St. - Castleton



Perkins
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February Meetings:

Feb 20th Presidents Day at Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library - 543 Indiana Ave with David Best presenting, Noon start

Quote of the Month

"Pessimism leads to weakness, optimism to power." - William James



Crew Car Wash Fundraiser is on!

Great news everyone. Our fundraiser with Crew Carwash has been approved and we set to go live on 2/1/23 - just before you need Valentine's Day gifts.



As you may recall, we will be selling \$12 basic wash coupons and the club will

retain \$6.00. Also, this year, proceeds will be processed through the Optimist International Foundation so \$6.00 of each ticket will be tax deductible (consult your tax advisor please). Also, you can order and print coupons directly from the website from 2/1 to 2/28/2023 or you can order thru me (gakuhn@aol.com).

The coupons have a unique barcode and can be printed and emailed. COUPONS NEVER EXPIRE, so stock up!

Upcoming Events

Feb 8th TriStar at Lilly Boys and Girls Club 801 S. State Ave 4:30 PM, followed by dinner at Shapiro's

Feb 20th Presidents Day at KVML 543 Indiana Ave with David Best presenting, Noon start

Feb 27th Oratorical Contest at Le Peep Castleton 8255 Craig St. 7:30 AM start

Optimists with Pacers Night

The Indiana South Optimist District will have a special night set aside Saturday, March 18th as the Pacers meet the 76ers. Lots of goodies included!

Indiana South District Optimist Night with the Indiana Pacers. PACERS vs. 76ERS. Saturday, March 18th, 2023 | 7pm | Doors Open 6pm. Includes ticket prices, locations, and ordering information.

Contact Jack Nichols at 317.946.6311 or jackieking@tds.net

Info Column

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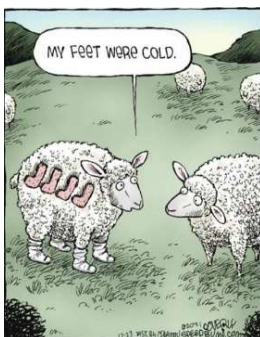
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February Birthdays

Glenn Shay -
February 17th



Presidents Corner

All of us face adversity of some kind. A lot of times, you have no choice but to face adversity and make the best of it, particularly if you seek out adversity.

My recent ski trip was like that. Not only did we willingly seek out the snowiest mountain in the continental United States, we spent good time and money to do so. Mammoth Lakes, CA is located on the western flanks of the Sierra Mountains. While



there was already about ten feet of snow on the ground, we arrived right before another storm that closed the roads in and out of town. It snowed from Sunday night to Wednesday morning, bringing another five feet of snow to the mountain. It was so much snow the ski resort shut down for 24 hours. How can this be? Well, there is a high risk of avalanches with that

much snow, plus employees have to get there, and last, strong winds can disrupt the lift chairs. Luckily, we were able to get a couple of days of skiing. We just had one more challenge – getting out of town and getting to the Sacramento airport. The direct rout up U.S. 395 was closed so we had the somewhat expected pleasure of detouring east to the next valley. As a bonus, we cruised by 13,410 ft. Boundary Peak the highest point in Nevada, quite an inspiring rock.

As Optimists, we strive to see the sunny side of everything!

Sincerely,

Greg Kuhn
President



The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself-

To be so strong that nothing can disturb
To talk health, happiness your peace of mind.

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 . . .

A Woman Has Twin Boys and

Gives Them Up For Adoption

The first goes to a family in Egypt, which names him Ahmal.

The second goes to a family in Spain, which names him Juan.

Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother.

Excited at receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal.

Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."

Downtown Club News

The Downtown Club meets at the Murat Shrine Temple dining room at 510 N. New Jersey Street on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 11:30 a.m.



Next meetings:

February 2, 2023

Officers

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Upcoming Events

Feb. 1 Essays submitted to Bob Brafford

Feb. 2 Regular meeting at the Murat (11:30)

Feb. 16 No Downtown Club meeting

Feb. 20 George Washington at the Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library (11:45)

June 20 Indians Game (Tuesday)

President's Comments

It's already February and the Optimists are off to a great start this year! On January 14th, we had four members of our Club attend the Super Zone meeting in Plainfield. Chuck Curry and Greg Kuhn shared their knowledge about running Clubs

and keeping them active. All in attendance learned more about being an Optimist, and about how to make our Clubs more effective. "We are Better Together!"

Speaking of being "Better Together" ... Members of the Downtown Club joined members from the Sunrise Club, the Greensburg Club, and the Jasper Club at the Indy Fuel game on Saturday, January 14th. We all had a fun evening cheering the Fuel on to victory!

Bob Brafford is collecting essays for this year's essay contest. This year's prompt is, "Who Is An Everyday Hero That Brings Out the Optimist in You?" Essays are due to Bob by February 1. Our Club and the Breakfast Club anticipate over 40 participants in this year's contest. If you know a writer under the age of 19 who is ready to submit his/her essay, please contact Bob at rbr1229@comcast.net for additional info. (You may also check the Optimist International website for specific information on requirements and due dates.)

The theme for this year's Oratorical Contest is "Discovering the Optimism Within Me." Greg Kuhn is spearheading this contest for both the Breakfast Club and the Downtown Club. His contact info is gakuhn@aol.com. Students will prepare and present a 4 – 5 minutes speech.

Next month, Greg Kuhn has coordinated a special event in honor of Presidents' Day. David Best, fellow Optimist, will bring George Washington to life for us at the Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library on Monday, February 20th. Please join us for lunch at 11:45, followed by a visit from former President Washington!

"Optimism is a strategy for making a better future. Because unless you believe that the future can be better, you are unlikely to step up and take responsibility for making it so." –
Noam Chomsky

Be an Optimist!

Betsy Burke

