



Your BOCI Breakfast Bugle

January, 2021



Breakfast Optimist Club of Indianapolis - Founded in 1958
Serving the Youth of Indianapolis

The Breakfast Optimist Club of Indianapolis

Join us every 2nd and 4th
Mon. Evenings - 6:30 PM



5520 Castleton Corner Ln

January Meetings:

January 11th: ZOOM Video
Info Forthcoming via email

January 25th: TBA

Upcoming Events:

January Super Zone ZOOM
Conference – Saturday,
1/23/2021 – Link will be
emailed to all members

Quote of the Month

*“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*



Discover Indy Books Fundraiser Ends Jan. 31st

We are still selling Discover Indy
Books through 1/31 so please know
that for every book we
sell at \$25 (normal over
the counter price) that
our Club makes \$10.



So please help out your Club and sell
as many as you can to friends and
neighbors. **To order, call Larry
Darling, 317-508-6011.**

ZOOM Meetings Part of 2020

At our last meeting
no one remembered
to bring a laptop to
the meeting so Greg
Kuhn held his
phone for the
ZOOM meeting with
our guest Hanna
Yeager from
Techers Treasures.
We are grateful to
this not for profit for
their efforts in the community and
BOCI is a proud supporter!



Dime-A-Day Fundraiser for OIF

Fifty years of “Helping Optimists Help Kids!”. As
we celebrate our Semicentennial, we reflect on
the accomplishments of the last fifty years -
sustaining numerous Optimist International
programs and assisted Clubs in meeting the
needs of the youth and their communities. We
thank you, Optimists and friends, for making all

of these dreams for our youth and their families
come true!

We have had a trying year, all of us, in many
ways. The pandemic has put a halt to the
implementation of some programs, some clubs
from meeting and some donations from coming
to the OIF. Despite all of this, we are Optimists!
We found new ways to meet with one another;
we found new ways to conduct projects for the
youth; the OIF found ways to continue to fund
the club grants and scholarships to support our
youth!

Your Foundation looks forward to a monumental
year as we celebrate and work together to
ensure that our endeavors will continue into the
next 50 years. The OIF will have numerous
special celebratory events and incentives for
Optimists and Clubs to commemorate our 50th
anniversary. I am thrilled to announce that we
are partnering with Jeff Hanson, artist and
philanthropist, using his art to enhance many of
our incentives and special promotions during the
2020 - 2021 Optimist year. Many of you may
have had the pleasure of meeting Jeff at our
Optimist International Centennial Convention in
Louisville. Jeff believes, Every act of kindness
helps create kinder communities, more
compassionate nations and a better
world for all ... even one painting at a time. We
are very appreciative of Jeff's optimistic spirit,
his beautiful artwork and his dedication to
supporting philanthropic causes in our
communities. The OIF Board and Staff are
grateful to Jeff Hanson Art for supporting our
Foundation and partnering with us to celebrate
our 50th Anniversary.

Please join me to make this OIF 50th
Anniversary a banner year in raising
contributions to support the numerous Optimist
International Youth programs and Club projects
that our Foundation funds. I invite you to support
our Foundation at whatever level you are able. If
we all join together, our next 50 years of
“Helping Optimists Help Kids” will certainly be
extraordinary! Here's to 50 more years of
supporting Optimist International Programs and
Optimist Clubs!

Yours in Optimism,
Jan Oord Graves
OIF President

Make a donation for \$50 and receive the 50th
Anniversary Dime-A-Day Pin. This replaces the
Dime-A-Day program to help celebrate the 50th
Anniversary for the OI Foundation.

See Foundation Rep Elbert Bradshaw for
further details. shawbrad@msn.com

Info Column

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

Ken Loudenback Jan. 26th

John Totty Jan 26th



Presidents Corner

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. Don't forget the gift of Grace, Mercy, and Salvation given by the Father through his only Son, Jesus Christ.

The Indiana South District Second Quarter meeting will be held via ZOOM from 10:00am to 11:30am on Saturday 23 January. A link will be forth coming in early January. Let's make BOCI's attendance prominent. BOCI will be selling the Discover Indy books, \$25 per book, for another two weeks. The first page is the coupon for placing an app on your smart cell phones. Email me your order at lad734@mymetronet.net. BOCI only has four fundraisers a year, Mums, Discover Indy books, and two Crew Car Wash to help the kids. So, step up to the plate and help. We need a chairman and committee for the Bradshaw/Haerle Grant. This Grant goes to a student who has overcome their disability and plans to further their education. Please step up.

In preparation for when BOCI can give a food donation to Harshman Middle School pantry, BOCI is collecting cash/check donations. Send your donation to Greg Kuhn at 11951 Glen Cove Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46236, and annotate your check memo line with Food Pantry. Please keep our fellow Optimist member Elbert Bradshaw in your prayers as he heals from a broken hip. Please join us in person or on ZOOM each second and fourth Monday at 6:30pm. Rick will email the link on the first and third weeks.

Looking forward to a healthier and promising 2021.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

President,
Larry Darling



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 . . .

Jim walks into a New York bar with his dog Fido.

Jim walks right up to the bar, turns to face the seated customers and says, "This is my dog Fido and believe it or not, he's a talking dog. If I can demonstrate to you that Fido can answer any of my questions who will buy me a drink?"

"Listen buddy, if you can demonstrate that Fido can talk, you can have a drink on the house," says the bartender.

So Jim turns to Fido and asks, "What goes on the top of a house?"

"Roof!" Fido responds.

"What does tree bark feel like?" asks Jim.

"Rough!" says Fido.

"Who was the greatest baseball player ever?" asks Jim.

"Ruth!" says Fido.

The bartender is really unimpressed with what he's hearing and he snaps at Jim. "You're a phony buddy. We're not fooled by any of that. You and your dog can get out of here right now. Go on, on your way!"

As Jim and his dog are thrown out on to the street, Fido looks sadly at Jim and says. "What did I do wrong? Should I have said Joe DiMaggio or Mickey Mantle?"