



*Your BOCI Breakfast Bugle and Your Downtown Club Diner News*

March, 2023



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

**The Breakfast Optimist Club of Indianapolis**

Join us every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays



8255 Craig St. - Castleton



Perkins

13316 Tegler Dr, Noblesville

**March Meetings:**

March 13<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:30 AM - Le Peep

March 28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 PM - Perkins with Fishers Club

**Upcoming Events -**

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter – April 21-22 – Oratorical finals - Columbus

**Quote of the Month**

*“Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress.” – Nicholas M. Butler*



**Tri-Star is in the Books**

We had a good turnout at the Lilly Boys & Girls Club for our annual Tri-Star competition. to



Alex Overway and all of the volunteers who helped to put on the event.



**President’s Day Honored with George Washington**

Thanks to Member Dave Best for making his presentation of George Washington at our meeting held at the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library.

His presentation is always outstanding and he performs for many people throughout the year.



Thanks to Dave for honoring us with his knowledge and dedication to our club.

**Oratorical Contest Held**

BOCI held its annual Oratorical Contest on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

All of the participants were from Cathedral High School.

From L-R:



Daniel Kent, Junior 4<sup>th</sup>, Erika Gibson, Sophomore 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mel Sheppard,

Senior 2<sup>nd</sup>, and first place to Sophia Beeson, Sophomore.

Both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will go on to compete in the District competition April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The winner will receive \$2,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1,500, and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$1,000 in college scholarships. First place has a chance to go to St. Louis for the International finals.

## Info Column

Items welcomed for future newsletters. If you have something to contribute, send along to your Editor Rick Posson:  
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[www.bocindy.com](http://www.bocindy.com)

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Abby Weber

### Directors

Dave Best  
Rick Posson  
Glenn Shay  
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### March Birthdays

*Sherry Gillis – March 8<sup>th</sup>*  
*Kathy Underwood – March 8<sup>th</sup>*



## Presidents Corner

Hello all, I hope you have enjoyed the warmest and sunniest February I have ever seen in Indianapolis. I hope, you as much as I, are proud to be an Optimist. We don't need to rely on philosophy and principals to be glad we are Optimists. No, we have tangible results to stand on. February was that kind of month. We started off with TriStar Basketball skills competition, paused to enjoy Presidents Day with our own George Washington, and for a fine finish, we will host the Oratorical Contest.

To all those who have volunteered, I give you a big "thank you." Our club is as strong as the collective action of its members.

As you may know, I am the Indiana South District Governor Elect, I will be calling you to discuss how you can serve the District.

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.

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## Just a Quickie . . .

A woman was 3 months pregnant when she fell into a deep coma and woke up after about 10 months.

The woman asked the doctor about her baby.

Doctor: "You had twins, a boy and a girl. They're both fine. And, your brother named them for you."

Woman: "No No No! Not my brother. He's an idiot! What did he name the girl?"

Doctor: "Denise."

Woman: "Ohh, that's actually a nice name. What about the boy?"

Doctor: deeply sighs... "Denephew."

# Downtown Club News

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



Next meetings:

Next meetings: **March 2, 2023**  
**March 16, 2023**

## Officers

Betsy Burke, President  
Ken Loudenback, Vice President  
Charles Curry, Secretary-Treasurer  
Bob Brafford, Sargent-at-arms

## Board of Directors

Vally Allen  
Bob Brafford  
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## Upcoming Events

### March 18<sup>th</sup>:

District Tri-Star Final at Franklin Community Schools Fieldhouse (2600 Cumberland Dr., Franklin, IN 46131).

### April 1<sup>st</sup>:

Clothe-A-Child at the Castleton J. C. Penney

### June 20<sup>th</sup>:

Indians Game (Tuesday)

## President's Comments

Welcome to March, the month that comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Hopefully the folklore saying, at least the second half, will be true this month!

If you weren't able to join us on Presidents' Day, you missed a very interesting presentation at the Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library.

David Best, fellow Optimist, spoke to us as George Washington, in his boyhood and early adult years. We heard how George, as a boy, always wanted to learn more and be the best he could be at everything. He began his career as a surveyor and he set his goals high as a young man. We learned of his involvement with both the British and American militaries. George told us about his interest in Sally Fairfax, and then how he met and married Martha Dandridge Custis. He even shared stories about his married life with Martha and her children.

Thank you to Greg Kuhn who organized a wonderful way to commemorate Presidents' Day, to David Best, our own George Washington, and to Julia Whitehead, CEO of the Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library. This event was enjoyed by all!

Our Optimist Club had 55 entries this year for the Essay Contest! The essays have been evaluated and winners will be announced in the April edition of The Bugle. Thank you to Bob Brafford and his team of judges for coordinating this annual competition.

This is NOT an April Fool's Day joke... Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 1, 2023. Vally Allen is coordinating our Clothe-A-Child program again this year. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will meet at the Castleton J. C. Penney store to be matched with children from the East 10<sup>th</sup> Street Youth Center and help them shop for spring and summer clothes. Watch for an email with more details as we get closer to the date.

As you file your taxes this year, you may wish you'd had another charitable organization to add to your list. Contributing to the Dime-A-Day program supports Optimist International as well as our own Club. Optimist International helps provide awards to many of the programs in which our Club participates. For example, prizes awarded for the Essay Contest, the Oratorical Contest, and the Tri-Star Basketball Competition are supported by this program. For \$36.50 annually, you "Help

Optimists Help Kids." Please see the accompanying flyer.

*Don't let today's disappointments cast a shadow on tomorrow's dreams. – Unknown*

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, project, or event!

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Burke  
President

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR  
DONATION TO THE  
FOUNDATION!**

**OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**

## Dime-A-Day

Optimist International and Optimist International Foundation consist of two separate organizations that support each other. Optimist International Foundation is the fundraising arm of Optimist International, and works to develop funds to support the endeavors of Optimist International and its mission.

When Members and Clubs make a contribution to support Optimist International Foundation, they are, with that gift, supporting Optimist International and themselves as a Club as well.

With just one dime a day, you can become part of the movement of "Helping Optimists Help Kids" and become part of a large group of Foundation supporters who make a difference every day in the lives of children. Would you consider making a gift of just a dime a day to assist the charitable work of Optimist International?

The Dime-A-Day level is reached by a contribution of \$36.50 to the Foundation within one Optimist Year, and is recognized by the presentation of a pin.

Building a future where every kid counts  
**Can you spare a dime a day?**

I am not all these things...  
 I am not all these things...  
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