



The Colorado Wyoming Optimist District Newsletter

JULY 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

CO/WY District Annual Convention

August 26-28, 2011

Great Divide Lodge in Breckenridge

Sheryl Overton & Abigail Nicholas, District Chairs

Download the registration form and agendas from the website at the 4th Quarter Board and Convention tab.

Go to

<http://www.optimistcowy.org/Convention/index.html>

All club presidents, secretary/treasurers for this year and for next year should be in attendance.

GET REGISTERED NOW!!

Get on the

OI (Optimist International) Foundation/CCC Train!!!

Thank you to all the clubs and individuals who have contributed to the Optimist International Foundation with a percentage marked CCC for Childhood Cancer Campaign. I request that the rest of the clubs consider designating a portion of the O I Foundation check to be marked as a CCC contribution

Childhood Cancer strikes 12,000 children a year. OI has committed \$10 million over the next 10 years to John Hopkins Hospital to find a cure.

Say YES TO THE KIDS WITH CANCER!

85% of the children being treated are recovering from cancer! Let's make it 100%.

For information and application on matching grants for your club, www.oifoundation.org
Childhood Cancer Campaign Grants

Dottie Jefferies

CO Wyoming District CCC Chair



"SAY YES FOR THE KIDS" FROM THE DESK OF YOUR
2010-2011 GOVERNOR, RON BENSON

I have some very exciting news! On June 21, 2011, the Colo/Wyo District formed the new Cheyenne Wyoming Optimist Club! We currently have 19 applications and checks. My goal is to have a minimum of 30 new members when we charter this new club on September 7, 2011. I want to personally thank all of the Tamarac Optimist Club members who said yes as the sponsoring club and to Optimists Ralph Dergance, Abigail Nicholas, Les Sitter and George Buzick, who did a lot of networking in Cheyenne to make this new Optimist club a reality!

I want to personally invite all 1,800 Colo/Wyo Optimists to the district's annual convention on August 26-28 in Breckenridge at the Great Divide Lodge.

We have planned a number of terrific training sessions at the convention. There will be sessions for all 2011-2012 Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers as well as all Optimist members. These sessions are a must for all the incoming club officers and Optimist members.

On Friday evening, August 26, we have planned a fun and unique social event. The evening dinner will have a 50's and 60's theme entitled "The Legends Diner". Rumor has it that there will be some very "famous" performers on stage creating some rock n' roll music!

WE NEED YOU TO PARTICIPATE

At the upcoming convention, Foundation Representative George Mills, with YOUR help, will be conducting a silent auction to benefit the OIF.

The Auction will begin Friday afternoon and end Saturday at 4:00pm. We need your donations for the table and we need (4) volunteers for the event. Also, clubs are reminded to bring their club donation of \$1.00 a day(\$365.00). Contact George Mills at 303-360-7772 with any items for the auction or any suggestions or volunteers.



Larry Brown

PERSONAL GROWTH & INVOLVEMENT (PGI)

Now that the majority of you should have your Personal Growth and Involvement (PGI) Passports, what have you been doing with it? In my past District Newsletters I asked six questions? Do you remember them? Not surprising as I visited several District Optimist Clubs I saw the same look on most of the club members faces. You are already doing Personal Growth and Involvement. Take a look at the PGI Passport and you will say to yourself, "I have done that and I ought to be at Level IV or Level V". Get involved and what a great way to help yourself and the club. Talk with your Club President or PGI Chairperson (if you have one) and let them know that you have completed certain Levels. It's an easy process; President or Secretary/Treasurer signs off on the Level(s) completed in your PGI Passport, a Recognition Form is completed by the President, the Recognition Form (not the PGI Passport) is sent to the CO/WY District Director to send to Optimist International (OI) for processing. In a couple of weeks the CO/WY District Director will receive from OI the Level Tab completed and will forward it to the Club President to present to the club member.

Please refer to the annual convention article in this newsletter for registration information. Also be sure and book your hotel rooms before JULY 26. The room rates are only \$90.00 per night (plus resort fee and tax).

Finally, I want to remind all clubs to participate in the "Go for the Gold" District membership program. Take a look at the specific incentives for both Optimist members and clubs in this newsletter.....Remember that each new Optimist members touches the lives of 35 kids!

I will see all of you in Breckenridge!

DONNA'S MUSINGS



DONNA PRIESTER
Governor-Elect

Wow, this year is going fast and what exciting things have been happening for kids and for Optimist Clubs. The joy of being an Optimist is that we have a chance to get to spend time with our youth, make a difference in their lives, and create hope and vision for them to use on their journey of life. Another delight in my life is getting to know Optimist members and sharing the stories of how Optimism makes a difference, both in others and within the individual. When I get up in the morning, stretch, and yawn, I have a choice! Do I wish that the day would be different, or do I look at each day and say, "Where can I make a difference?" I find that when I start to think about the way that Optimism can change my outlook and actions of the day, I know why I'm an Optimist! When I attend my club meetings, District Conferences, OI and District Conventions, I decide that this is where my heart lies - being a person of hope; a person of optimism; a person that sees the brightness and vision possible in our world. It is not always easy, and that is why we need each other!

As I attend the Optimist International Convention in Baltimore, I will be looking for Optimists that truly believe and are finding new and interesting ways to "Bring Out the Best in Kids". I will get to know them so that I can share with our District.

What you don't have a PGI Passport? Come on Club Presidents let's get involved and order your club the PGI Passport. To order email stephanie.monschein@optimist.org with the following information; Name of your Club, Your Name, your Club number, Address and how many PGI Passports are needed for your club.

Club Presidents if you have any questions please email me at slvrfox1940@comcast.net or call me at (719) 502-0752. I am available to visit your club to speak on how you are already doing PGI.

I hope you will join me and the wonderful Colorado/Wyoming Optimists at our very own Convention in Breckenridge, August 26-28, at the Great Divide Hotel. There will be training for new leadership, interesting sessions to share, and things to learn for all members. However, the most exciting thing is to get to know your fellow Optimists and share your Optimism! Make it a truly Optimistic weekend and enjoy the sights and sounds of Breckenridge with some of the BEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD!

OPTIMISTS!!!

See you there!

Donna Priester Governor Elect 2010-2011

OPTIMIST CLUB HAPPENINGS



Monaco South: The Robert Sullivan Scholarship Program

On May 5, 2011, at the annual Senior Awards ceremony at Thomas Jefferson High School in Denver, 14 seniors were awarded \$500 scholarships each from Monaco South by President Ed Collins and Treasurer Greg Young. The Robert Sullivan Scholarship program was established in 1999. Over the past 11 years there have been over 100 scholarships awarded to high school seniors based upon an extensive application and evaluation process. Bob Sullivan was not only a member of Monaco South, but served Thomas Jefferson (T.J.) High School as president of the booster club for many years, until he tragically passed away. He was a true friend of youth and was seen regularly at all T.J. events. Bob knew the names of almost every student and like a true Optimist, always greeted them with a smile. He will always be remembered for his support of this great school! As members of Bob's club, the hard work of club members at the annual Christmas Tree Lot makes this Friend of Youth project possible!

Northwest Denver Optimist Chess Tournament - Amazing!!!

Northwest Denver Club had a great chess tournament on 4/30/11, at Trevista. Twenty-six competitors and six schools represented. Thanks to Joe and Cat's (DeRose) hard work, this was a wonderful success for students and families!! Jan and crew supplied both the morning snack and lunch for everyone.

Go For The Gold Membership Contest!

Purpose of the Program: To increase regular membership of the Colorado-Wyoming OI District and to have some fun in the process.

Optimist Involved: All members and clubs of the CO-WO District.

Duration of the Program: October 1, 2010 to August 1, 2011

Program Description: To increase the Optimist organization membership and to serve more youth in the CO-WY Optimist District, Governor Ron Benson is launching this new membership program.

All member of the CO-WY District are encouraged to recruit at least one new regular member. In addition, each district club is strongly urged to increase its regular membership and to acquire as many FOO (Friend of Optimists) members as possible. Remember, Governor Benson's goal is at least 100 FOO members during his term in office.

To make this a fun and rewarding activity, several incentives are being offered.

1. For each new regular member acquired during the duration of the program, the recruiter will be recognized and receive a "gold dollar" from Governor Ron.
2. The Optimist club member who brings in the most regular members during the campaign will receive a "bag of gold dollars" and have his/her lodging paid for at the District Convention in Breckenridge.
3. The club with the greatest percentage of regular membership growth between October 1, 2010 and August 1, 2011 will receive a "Beverage and BBQ Party" hosted and paid for by several past district governors.
4. The club that recruits the most FOO (Friend of Optimists) members during the program will receive a "Beverage and BBQ Party" hosted and paid for by several past district governors.

"Go for the Gold!"



Win a Barbeque for your Club!

Be the club that brings in the most FOO (Friend of Optimist) members or that achieves the highest percentage membership increase in the Colorado/Wyoming Optimist International District by August 1, 2011. Music provided by a traditional Celtic Band. Sponsors for this event are several Past Governors of the Colorado/Wyoming Optimist District. Help a child become a strong adult. Work together to spread Optimism.

THE ACADEMY OPTIMIST CLUB HOSTS INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR GOLF FEEDER TOURNAMENT AT PINE CREEK GOLF COURSE

Story by Craig Vroom

Kylee Sullivan stood on the 10th tee, evaluating her options. The par four was playing shorter than normal today for the 13 to 15 year old players - about 230 yards. Immediately in front of the green were some menacing railroad ties and a large sandy waste area, requiring that the tee shot be all-carry to reach the green. It was the ultimate 'risk and reward' hole. Kylee knew that she was capable of hitting the shot, so she quit thinking about all the things that could happen and "concentrated on just making a good swing". Her drive soared skyward, landed on the green, and just trickled to the back fringe. After an excellent chip and a three foot putt, the 14-year old out of Cheyenne Mountain Jr. High had her birdie and was well on her way to a fine 78 - winning first place in her age category.



Kylee was one of 26 junior golfers participating in the tournament on June 7th at the Pine Creek Golf Club. Many of the golfers were trying to qualify for the Colorado/Wyoming Optimist International Junior Golf District Tournament on June 10th in Boulder. The feeder tournament at Pine Creek was a first for the Academy Optimist Club, which decided to stage the tournament to promote junior golf, encourage participation, and challenge young golfers in southern Colorado area.

Junior golfers rose to that challenge with great sportsmanship, fine play, and excellent scores. Austin Preiss and Graham McCoy, rising seniors at Cheyenne Mountain High and Mitchell High respectively, matched scores down the stretch, carding one under par 71s to tie for first in the Boys 16-18 category.



In the Boys 14-15 age group, Cole Anderson shot a steady 76 for a three shot margin over Alex Freimuth at 79. Cole has participated in the Optimist junior tournaments before. Last year he won his age category at the District and played in the prestigious Optimist International Junior Championships held each year in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. When he stepped up to the first tee Cole was paired with a boy from South Africa in the first day's play! Other tournament winners included Mary Kate Nelson, from Pine Creek High School, in the Girls 15-18 group and Austin Northern, age 12, who turned in a fine score of 90.

Twenty-seven hard-working volunteers from the [Academy Optimist Club](#) made this event a rousing success. From check-in to score-posting, everyone did their jobs efficiently and enthusiastically. Liz Shaw, in charge of publicity and marketing, worked tirelessly for five months to raise funding for the event, securing 17 sponsors and organizing the volunteers on tournament day. Bob Meyer, District Co-Chairman, provided us with first-hand knowledge and guidance on how to run a tournament. Academy President Larry Brown kept everyone 'pumped up' and "so strong that nothing could disturb our peace of mind!

Special thanks go to the Air Force Reserve 302^d Security Forces Squadron for their donations to the kids as well as volunteering to be forecaddies. We also have a big round of applause for Mark Sutherland, the PGA professional and his crew at the Pine Creek Golf Course for hosting the event. With support from AOC members, volunteers and sponsors, this inaugural tournament was a success on several levels. The facilities at the Pine Creek Golf Club complemented conditions on the course to make for a great day of golf.

Colorado / Wyoming Optimist
District Oratorical Winners

The Colorado/Wyoming District held its Oratorical competition on May 7th, 2011 at its third quarter conference in Fort Collins.

This year 29 clubs from 10 different zones held their annual club and zone competitions to pick the top boy and girl winners to compete at the district finals. The topic for this year's competition was 'If I were leader of the Free World, the first issue I would address would be...'"



The boy winner was Justin Giusto a senior from Lakewood High School. He was sponsored by the Lakewood Luncheon Club. The girl winner was Katharine Taylor a freshman from Alamosa High school. She was sponsored by the Alamosa Luncheon Club. Each winner was awarded a \$2,500.00 scholarship for use at their selected college or university by our Governor Ron Benson and chair Darrell Schulte.

The oratorical contest was started in 1928 and is the largest running program sponsored by Optimist International. The contest is designed for youth to gain experience in public speaking and provide them the opportunity to compete for a college scholarship.

This year the contest was open to students under the age of 19 as of December 31st. Next year this age limit will be dropped to 18 years old age. The contest was chaired by Darrell Schulte who did a terrific job.

WESTMINSTER HOLDS GOLF TOURNEY

The Westminster Optimist Club held their 7 Annual Golf Tournament on June 15th at Legacy Ridge Golf Course. There were 101 registered golfers and 12 volunteers that made this year's fund raiser a huge success. The key speakers this year were Sarah Kleinhuas and her son Addison. Addison has cancer and the Kleinhuas family was a recipient of an award from the Club's Caring for Kids with Cancer fund. The Club purchased tires for the Kleinhuas' truck so that they could safely make the daily trip from Broomfield to Children's Hospital for Addison's treatments. President Sue Hartman and member Bruce Vezina spent many hours organizing the tournament and getting donations from many businesses in the Westminster area. Susan Swanborg spent untold hours putting together baskets for the silent auction which raised over \$1,300. 50% of the proceeds from the tournament go into the Club's Caring for Kids With Cancer fund and the other 50% is used for Youth Activities. The tournament raised \$23,850.

ZONE SIX HONORS FIREFIGHTERS

Each year Optimist Clubs around the Denver Metro area honor members of the Police, and Fire Departments and the support staff who keep our communities safe. This year the clubs in Zone 6 of the Colorado/Wyoming District headed by Lt. Governor John Swanborg, held their Second Annual combined Public Safety Appreciation and Recognition Dinner to honor police, fire and support staff from the cities of Arvada, Edgewater, Lakewood,

Wheatridge and Westminster. The dinner was held on May 9, 2011 at Ciancio's Restaurant. Fifty seven honorees, guests and Optimist members attended the celebration.

Honored were: Fire Fighter Chris Paine, Arvada Fire Department, Fire Fighter Kevin Jacovetta, Arvada Fire Department, Lt. Mike Ziegler, Westminster Fire Department, Chief Dan Keough, Edgewater Police Department and Paul Wacker, Wheat Ridge Police Department.

Castle Rock Optimist Club Welcomes New Friends Of Optimists and New Club Members

On June 14, 2011, the Castle Rock Optimist Club welcomed three new Friends Of Optimists (FOO's): Dr. Elizabeth (Liz) Celandia-Fagen, Superintendent of the Douglas County School District; Dan McMinimee, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education for the Douglas County School District; and Sean McGraw, Executive Director of Community Relations for the Douglas County School District.

Liz was appointed Douglas County Superintendent of Schools at the beginning of the 2010 - 2011 school year, and the Castle Rock Club has been working with her and her staff since that time to get Liz, Dan, and Sean on board as FOO's. Optimist International's "Find Some Friends" membership incentive and Colorado-Wyoming Optimist District Governor Ron Benson's emphasis on growing FOO membership created the perfect conditions in helping the Castle Rock Optimist Club recruit these three new FOO's.

The Castle Rock Optimist Club intends to nurture this new relationship with the best school district in the state to attract Douglas County students for upcoming Optimist Brain Bowl, essay, oratorical, and Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) competition. In its first two years of existence, the Castle Rock Optimist Club sponsored back-to-back CCDHH winners and an essay contest winner from several Douglas County high schools, all of whom received \$ 1,500 to \$ 2,000 college scholarships from the Colorado-Wyoming District Optimists.

During the 2010 - 2011 school year, the Castle Rock Optimist Club also started a "Bringing Up Grades" (B.U.G.) program with the Sedalia Elementary School. As a result of the B.U.G. program, Sedalia's principal, George Boser, and fifth grade teacher, Peter Christensen, were awarded FOO memberships with the Littleton Breakfast Optimist Club.

The Castle Rock Optimist Club and the Douglas County School District administration will also explore other opportunities in which they can work together.

As part of Optimist International's "Find Some Friends" incentive, the Castle Rock Optimist Club received a complimentary membership for another individual and recruited Britt Erickson as a new member. Jumping right in, Britt was elected Treasurer of the Castle Rock Optimist Club for the upcoming year. Britt is the sister (and sister-in-law) of Castle Rock Optimist Club members Ashleigh and Larry Pulaski. Larry was the Charter President of the Castle Rock Optimist Club and served as Zone Lieutenant Governor two years ago. In keeping with the family theme, Art Erickson, Britt's and Ashleigh's father, and a former Optimist in his native Vancouver, Canada, was recently recruited as a member of the Castle Rock Optimist Club and is President-Elect for the upcoming year.

In the accompanying photograph, shown left to right, are Art Erickson, President-Elect of the Castle Rock Optimist Club; Tricia Strahler, President of the Douglas County Optimist Club; Douglas County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Liz Celandia-Fagen; Douglas County Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Dan McMinimee; Sean McGraw, Executive Director of Community Relations for the Douglas County School District; Ron Benson, Colorado-Wyoming Optimist District Governor; and Larry Pulaski, Charter President of the Castle Rock Optimist Club. Liz, Dan, and Sean are holding their Friend of Optimist (FOO) certificates.

FOCUS ON YOUR FELLOW OPTIMISTS By Abigail L. Nicholas

In a place not too far away....Rapid City, South Dakota to be exact...a girl was born to a family in the month of September. She was the middle kid sandwiched between two sisters and a brother. Her name is Liz Shaw but she was known as Elly to her family based on her middle name of Eleanor.

Liz grew up as an Air Force "brat" moving a lot and attending 18 different schools. One of these schools was Falcon High School in Colorado Springs where she graduated. Her favorite class was math plus she played clarinet from junior high school all

the way thru 12th grade. Anybody need a clarinet player? Liz says she can still make the music even if she is a bit "rusty".

Liz has four degrees total. Two are associate degrees of which one is in Law Enforcement. She has a bachelor in business and the fourth is a master in Statistics. WOW....this is one smart lady!

Liz worked some waitressing jobs early on but her first "real" job, as she called it, was at a manufacturing company. She was a Statistical Clerk.

Her current position as an online educator with the University of Phoenix is her favorite job to date. She works from home so teaching in pajamas, setting her own schedule and being available to spend time with her granddaughter is perfect for Liz. She can also have buddy time with her beautiful, female golden Pyrenees dog, Charlie.

In fact, spending time with family is Liz's definition of happiness. She is most proud of her daughter, Jennifer and her granddaughter, Kali. Sprinkle in a good portion of doing things for others and you get one happy lady.

Liz has done a bit of traveling in her day as she was in the Air Force Reserved from 1986 until 2002. She had the opportunity to fly on C130's to many far away places. She is not a big sports fan but does keep an eye on the Colorado Avalanche team. She keeps her fingers flying by making quilts for veterans and sewing for pleasure and making gowns for weddings.

Like me, Liz likes the muscle cars from the "good ole' days". She once owned a '72 Charger that she said was a bit "haunted". Not only was it hit three times but in one day she lost all four tires and wheels off the car. It is a funny story now but just imagine buying new tires, driving a short way down the street and finding yourself sitting flat on the ground moments later. The four tires are rolling in different directions as you sit in your Charger in stunned disbelief!

The service garage had forgotten to replace any of the lug nuts on the wheels after putting on the new tires! That is a once in a lifetime event!

Liz is a two year member of the Academy Optimist Club in Colorado Springs. She joined at the first meeting she attended due in part to Optimist Sharon Foster's enthusiasm for the club and the great things they do in their community. Liz's favorite activity is Junior Golf....she had a wonderful time at their recent tournament for the kids.

Liz has agreed to be the District Newsletter Editor next year and has been helping the current editor thru most of this Optimist year. She believes that you should "never look back" but keep on moving forward. You go, Girl!

Community Development - Everyone's Responsibility

By Ralph Dergance, District Community Development Chair

We all know that the future of our organization will depend upon expansion of the number of clubs and increasing the membership in existing clubs. We face quite a challenge given the current economic climate and the demands upon persons' time and resources. However, I am certain that we will optimistically attack this problem and grow our District during this operating year and in the future, as well.

To date, we have had considerable success in building new clubs in the District. Thanks to the hard work of a team of members of the Tamarac Club and citizens of Cheyenne, Wyoming, we will be chartering a new club in early September. Congratulation to all who have and will continue to put in considerable effort into this activity!



The Cheyenne TEAM: Front row: L to R: Connie Lester (Cheyenne); Jeanette Thompson, President, Annette Cohen, Darl Symalla, Sally Evans (Tamarac); and Governor Ron Benson



The 285 TEAM L to R: Hank Fischer, John Hammer, Ralph Dergance, Governor Ron Benson, Tom Heinricy, George Ofiesh

Lakewood Luncheon Club and the Breakfast Club of Littleton have teamed to form the new club in the US 285 corridor running from Conifer to Bailey. To date, there have been two "recruiting" meetings, and the District had a tent at the Bailey Day celebration on June 18 - the "team" is shown below. An organization meeting is scheduled on June 28.

Many thanks from all to George Ofiesh for his very energetic and innovative leadership in this task.

Governor-elect Donna Priester, Lieutenant Governor Sharon Foster, and Colorado Springs Academy President Larry Brown are still diligently working to form new clubs in Colorado Springs and Pueblo. Billie Nigro is actively trying to build a club for previous members that could not participate due to conflicts in time, work, and family demands. Lt. Governor Renee Blanchard, former Governor George Mills, and Northeast Denver Club President Shelia Hughes along with several club members are working very hard to establish a new club in Green Valley Ranch. This new, vibrant community is an ideal location for an Optimist Club. The plan is in place and being worked.

To be successful, we all must "think out of the box" relative to the Optimist Club norm. No longer will we have the luxury of building new clubs that follow the paradigms of the past. We have to consider different club structures such as independent living facilities, corporate organizations, military installations, youth associates, law enforcement, fire departments, sports leagues and associations, automobile and/or motorcycle clubs, etc.

Above all, patience and persistence are essential in successful club building. Set a plan and stick to it will guarantee satisfactory results.

It is the responsibility of all of us to guarantee the future of our organization and, more importantly, our mission to help the kids. Please contact me on rhdergance@msn.com at any time, or you may check the OI web site for club building ideas, tools, kits, etc. <http://www.optimist.org/e/member/newclub1.cfm>.

Club Presidents & Lt. Governors & Fellow Members

The Awards & Achievement team is now requesting your nomination for the member or club who has made a difference in our communities.

Please fill out the nomination form that can be found on the OI Website this form is mandatory. We are asking you to make sure your nominee can attend the dinner on Saturday evening August 27.

This program has been well received by our members and we look forward to honoring our club's and members. The deadline for sending in the form is on August 15. Any questions regarding the categories please contact Mrs. Charlie Neumann at:

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Thank you!

Charlie Neumann/Chairperson

Wheat Ridge Optimist Club's First B.U.G. Awards Program

By First Lady, Linda McDonald

Yes, our first B.U.G. Awards Program (Bringing Up Grades) is in the books.....literally! We gave out age appropriate books for seventeen Kindergarten-6th grade students, as well as "buggy" award certificates, bookmarks and rubber bugs at Stevens Elementary School as part of the school's year-end awards assembly. The award recipients were nominated by their teachers and included one student from each class who had improved their grades or displayed good citizenship in the classroom.

Our club now has a great connection with the principal, Heather Stewart, and we look forward to many more Optimist programs with Stevens Elementary School. This program is a powerful way to honor youngsters and plant seeds of self esteem and the value of reading (the kids were wide-eyed when they received their books)! The program cost the club about \$200.00 which included all the books and leftover materials for our next B.U.G Program. Plus, it was great fun to select and gather our materials and feel like children ourselves. Doesn't the child within us all love bugs?

Since I have designated the Bringing Up Grades (B.U.G.) Awards Program as my chosen literacy project during Ron Benson's year as Governor (yes, he is my husband even though we have different last names), it is a joy to have this project initiated in my home club. I look forward to future B.U.G. projects and will happily help any of you Optimists out there who would like to start this program during the next school year. Please call me at 720-244-7206 with any questions and, in the meantime, have a "buggy" and wonderful summer!

CALLING ALL CLUBS

SEND YOUR NEWS ARTICLES FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER NO LATER THAN AUGUST 29TH TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR, LIZ SHAW, AT
Liz Shaw (als02@comcast.net)

THANKS!!

WOULD YOU PREFER TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? GO TO OUR WEBSITE, WWW.OPTIMISTCOWY.ORG AND SIGN UP!! AND, TELL YOUR CLUB SECRETARY WHAT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IS AND REQUEST THAT THE SECRETARY UPDATE YOUR **OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ROSTER** ENTRY. WE CAN THEN AUTOMATICALLY GET YOU ON THE LIST!!

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.