



September LBO Newsletter

Presidents Corner

Next board meeting is Thursday 22nd, 2005, 6:30 a.m. at Perkins restaurant.

Invite a guest; each new member allows us to serve 30 more kids.

October 1 marks the beginning of the new Optimist year. Emmett Mitchell will be the President for the upcoming year. He will be assisted by the following officers:

Larry Kane: First Vice President;
 Tony Folsom: Second Vice President;
 Brian Dempsey: Secretary;
 Greg Yowell: Treasurer;
 Sharon Steele: Past President.

The four Directors are:

Sonja Manus-Turner;
 Jim Rumsey;
 Dennis Sheets;
 Kimberly Williams.

Membership: Dwight Jackson

We need five new members by September 30th to qualify for honor club this year. Congratulations to Kimberly, Dudley, and Buster for bringing member guests to the August 30th meeting. Other members please redouble your efforts to invite prospective

members so we can meet our goal before the new Optimist year begins on October 1st.

Program Chair: T.A Mindrup

- September 6th **Click it or Ticket:**
 Jeff Halloran, Kansas Seat Belt Office.
- September 13th **People Safety:**
 Tracy Williams, GaDuGi
- September 20th **Little Known Things About IRA's:**
 Garth & Steve
- September 27th **Lawrence Research Technology:**
 Matt McClorey

Prayer List

- September 6th Linda Kucza
 September 13th Barry Chapin
 September 20th Buster Carney
 September 27th Rev. Gary Teske

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Annual Installation Banquet

The banquet will be at the Hereford House on September 27. All members, their spouses, and guests are encouraged to attend. There will not be a morning meeting on September 27. The social hour begins at 6 PM with a nonalcoholic punch and a cash bar followed by dinner at 6:30. The entree menu will be a choice of steak, chicken, and salmon. Price will be \$23.00 per person or \$21.00 without desert. Signup sheets will be available at upcoming Tuesday morning meetings or contact Dwight Jackson, 843-0097 or jacksoncar@AOL.com. Mark your calendar for September 27th, bring your spouse or a friend and plan to have an enjoyable evening. - *Dwight Jackson*

Dictionary Project

The Dictionary project is in full swing. The school districts have approved the project, and the principles, teachers and students appreciate the program, and are eager to participate.

We have ordered 888 dictionaries. These will be distributed during the month of September to 4th graders at 16 schools in Lawrence USD 497 and Eudora. Our first school will be Wednesday at 1:00 at Eudora. We will distribute 96 dictionaries in Eudora.

Dick Holzmeister is chair of the project. He and numerous members have contacted schools and will assist in distribution of the dictionaries along with representatives from 16 business partners. They can use help distributing the dictionaries, or taking pictures of the event. If you have time contact Dick and he will let you know when they are going to the individual schools so you can help.

This project is sponsored annually by the Lawrence Breakfast Optimists Club to encourage students to read, and be able to use the dictionary in their class work. The dictionary belongs to the student to use in the class room, and throughout their elementary school years. Business partners also help with the cost of the project each year. This year the project cost is \$1300.

New York Reading Project

The reading project at New York needs more volunteers to continue. Contact Dick Holzmeister (843-4475) to get involved with the reading program at New York Elementary. The kids appreciate the time you spend reading with them. You can make a positive difference in their outlook on the value of education and their future.

New York Mentor Project

See Jim Rumsey (841-9950) for information about the New York Elementary School Mentor Project.

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

Douglas County Safe Kids Coalition

The Douglas County Coalition was started in the early 1990's. Its mission is to prevent accidental childhood injury, a leading killer of children 14 and under. The coalition sponsors many activities aimed at preventing accidental child injury such as:

- Provide check lanes for child safety seats
- Provide helmets for bicycles and skate boards
- Walk kids to school
- Educate kids about the importance of using seat belts, and
- Teach kids how to exit a burning building

The Coalition provides four GM dealer check lanes each year along with small dealer events. Twice each month a check lane is also provided at Fire Station Six, next to Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Lawrence.

During the month of August the Lawrence Breakfast Optimist club participated in two check lane activities for child safety seats.

August 13th: At the Annual District Optimist Convention a check lane was conducted from 8 a.m. to noon. Technicians were from Lawrence, Wichita, Topeka, and Olathe Optimist clubs. Volunteers from Douglas County Safe Kids Coalition also helped. They checked and installed 25 safety seats, and provided training for parents and guardians.

TA Mindrup was recognized by Governor Ernie Dyer with a Silver Locking Clip Plaque at the convention for his participation with Douglas County Safe Kids Coalition. TA has represented the Lawrence Breakfast Optimist Club and their sponsorship of the coalition for ten years.

August 20th: A check lane was provided at Dale Willey Automotive in Lawrence.

See TA if you are interested in participating in this important work.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Pancake Feed – Coming November 5th



Plan to attend and become involved with the club's Pancake Feed. Co-chairs are Dan Harden, and Emmett Mitchell. It is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th at the American Legion Hall.

Everyone enjoys this event. Sign up at a meeting, or contact Dan Harden at (856-3460) to share the fun. Members are needed to pre-sell tickets. Volunteer to secure donated items such as pancake mix, syrup, paper plates, plastic knives and forks, oleo, coffee, creamer, coffee cups paper napkins, orange juice and milk. Volunteers are needed to help with set up the night before. Volunteers are also needed to sell and collect tickets at the door, to cook pancakes,

bus tables, make coffee, get supplies and clean up the place when we are done. There is plenty of fun to go-around. This has been our number two fundraiser in past years, and it is a big help in funding our youth programs.

Printer Cartridges

Bring your used printer cartridges to the meeting. We receive \$1.00 for each cartridge in a recycling program. We can use Ink Jet and Laser toner cartridges. Can you arrange for your company to contribute used cartridges?

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Contributions are due by the end of the month.