

Chapter Chatter

Atlantic Central District - Optimist Club of Lancaster 02170 Zone 7



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In this time of turmoil in our Country, I'm going to deviate from our Creed this month with this thought to ponder:

I Believe:

“A man wearing a helmet, defending his country should make more money than a man with a helmet defending a football!” Unknown

JULY CALENDAR

July 3 - Saturday



Happy Birthday to Margaret. Please send her a card so she does not have to send one from the club to herself.

July 6 - Tuesday

No Meeting

July 11 - Sunday 2:30 pm

Road Rally planning meeting Sue Mattox, Chair at Ginny's. Join us if you are interested in this project.

July 20 - Tuesday 6:00pm

Our Christmas in July Party will be held at Olde Hickory Grill, 709 Old Hickory Rd., Lancaster, PA. **Please bring a wrapped \$1-\$2 item for prizes & think flamingos, Hawaiian shirts, palm trees, Santa hats to wear!**

July 28 - Wednesday 6pm

Board Meeting at Ginny's house.

JUNE RECAP

FOY: We received \$745.00 more in FOY donations for a total of \$1,400.00! Have you sent Michele the information for your possible donors?

WINNER'S RECOGNITION BANQUET: Winner's of our 3 Contests attended the banquet with their guests. In her absence, Alyssa Eberly's 1st place Essay was read by Michele. Reagan LeFever read his 3rd place essay. Photo winners, Ruthie Smucker and Kaylee Gingrich also attended with their winning photos displayed.

OPTIMIST IN ACTION: Prize will be announced at 4th Quarter Board in August.

FISHING DERBY: This being our first Derby since COVID hit and the change in the pond location we had a small crowd but they certainly caught a lot of fish and had fun.

FOCUS ON THE FOURTH OF JULY!

TWELVE MEANINGFUL WAYS TO CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY

Parties, Picnics and Fireworks! It's what Americans do best. Please consider taking a few moments to celebrate in a more meaningful way. It's not only a good lesson for our kids (we are raising children who are by and large historically illiterate) but also a good reminder for all of us WHY those fireworks light up the sky every July 4th.

- 1. FIND BOOKS** at the library that tell stories about our founding fathers and what it cost them to make our country free. You will be surprised! A good book for 11 year olds and up is "SIGNING THEIR LIVES AWAY: The Fame and Misfortune of the Men Who Signed the Declaration on Independence" by Kiernan & D'Agness
- 2. TEACH YOUR CHILDREN PATRIOTIC SONGS** like "This Land is your Land", "Your a Grand Old Flag", "America the Beautiful" & "The Star Spangled Banner". Say ALEXA, play Patriotic music! Did you know Alexa could do that?
- 3. GO TO A PARADE**
- 4. VISIT WHEATLAND**, Home of President Buchanan on Marietta Ave. in Lancaster.
- 5. FLY THE AMERICAN FLAG**
- 6. LOOK UP AND DISCUSS** the "Bill of Rights", the "Constitution" and the "Declaration of Independence".
- 7. MAKE A LIST** of all the freedoms for which you are grateful.
- 8. LOOK AT PICTURES OF FAMILY MEMBERS** who have fought for our freedom and tell their stories.
- 9. THANK A VETERAN** for defending your freedom and liberties with a smile, a wave, or a hand shake. It will mean a lot to them!
- 10. SEND A CARE PACKAGE TO SOLDIER!** www.supportourtroops.org tells you where to send and what to put in the package.
- 11. SUPPORT A MILITARY CHARITY** of your choice.
- 12. WEAR RED, WHITE & BLUE** to show you patriotic love for your country.

The above is what happens when you allow a teacher to write your newsletter!!



Looking Ahead

Aug. 3

Meeting Noon Elks Speaker from Wonder Club, Water Street Pre-school

Aug 17

Business meeting. Lots to be discussed and decided by club members. Please plan to attend.

Aug. 20-22

Fourth Quarter Joint Conference , Wilmington DE - District Photo Contest judging and the drawing for the Optimist in Action Contest will be done. There are 12 entries.

Sept. 7

Lunch meeting at the Elks

Sept. 21

Installation of Officers Banquet 6PM Place ?

Sept. 25

Chicken BBQ - new chicken supplier hired! Please start lining up your customers. Better Chickens at the same price. We will run it from 10:30 AM to 1 PM the Emerald Foundation Upper Parking lot. Please plan to help!

- Please collect CLEAN lids with only 2's, 4's and 5's and refer to the list provided previously. If in doubt separate the questionable ones.
- Lids must be clean, dry and free from price stickers. Also, the inside lining of the cap must be removed. Our co-operation will be greatly appreciated!!
- This month we earned \$8.75 for our aluminum cans. Price is up to \$.35 a pound! We have earned a total of \$34.75 since Oct.1, 2020. Keep them coming!