

# Chapter Chatter

Atlantic Central District - Optimist Club of Lancaster 02170 Zone 7



October, 2021

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## The Optimist Creed....Focus line for the month of September

Promise yourself: To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

### October CALENDAR

**October 5 - Tuesday - Noon - Elks 219 N Duke St. Lancaster**

#### National DO SOME THING NICE DAY!!

We will be filling the welcome bags for the Domestic Violence Center. If you plan to donate any items call Margaret (717-581-0661) or Marion (717-464-3535) to see what is still needed. Our Budget for 2021-2022 will be presented.

**October 19 - Tuesday -6:00pm - Olde Hickory Grill**

We will be filling 60 Halloween bags for the shelters we support. We can buy candy for \$.19 a lb at Blessings of Hope. Please consider healthier treats such as pretzels, or tattoos, stickers, trinkets etc. Also the 21-22 budget will be voted on.

**October 23 - Saturday - Atlantic Central First Qtr Board Mtg**

The meeting will be held at the Double Tree, 2301 DeKalb Pike in King of Prussia from 9 AM to 3PM with a lunch provided. Any member who cares to attend should contact, Ginny @ (717) 569-7925, by October 8<sup>th</sup>. Registration is \$20 and the boxed lunch is \$25 LOC members

**October 27 - Wednesday**

Board Meeting at 6pm at Ginny's house.



Doris Grimm - October 3  
Susan Mattox - October 28



### CHICKEN BBQ REPORT

The weather was amazing, the chickens were really good and we made over \$800!  
We only had 2 problems:

1. Michele, the good sport that she is, dressed in our chicken costume, became a roasted chicken in the heat of the sun. We may need to have our BBQ's later in the season or design a "warm weather" chicken suit for her.
2. We had 19 chickens left. I keep hoping for a sell out. If every one just sold 2 more chickens we would have met that goal!

Thanks to the York Optimist Club for selling 11 dinners for us and thanks to Jen DeJesus, Wonder Club Director, for coming out to help us. And a special thanks for all the members who sold dinners to their family and friends.

**If you would like to purchase any of the remaining chickens** at the cost of \$5 each. Please let Sue Mattox know so she can bring them to our next 2 meetings!!

### Focus on Our Members



Just look at that smile! Kevin Ruof is the embodiment of our Creed line "wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile." It was no surprise to me when I asked him for what he receives the most compliments and he answered "my smile."

We have a "Family" dedicated to optimism and the Optimist Club: the Ruofs. In August we featured Bob Ruof. This month we get to know his son Kevin. Kevin is a life long resident of Lancaster, graduated from McCaskey High School, and father of three grown children. Out of high school he worked in a hospital print shop (least liked job), then Just for Kids and then joining the family business as a grower. When his dad retired he found employment as a delivery driver for Yale Electric. Despite the fact that he must get up for work way before the crack of dawn he enjoys exploring and finding his delivery spots and encounters once he gets there. The down side to the job is driving in inclement weather on the Schuylkill expressway. That is scary. Other things that scare him is Politics, haunted houses, and Halloween venues like "Scream in the Dark."

After long hours of work he relaxes watching football with a good beer in hand, fishing and the sport of Disc Golf. Lastly I asked him to describe himself in 3 words. First word that came to him was "nice". The second, "dedicated to his endeavors" and third a "good father". I think we can all agree with his choices!

### SUB SALE IS BACK!

Due to popular demand we will be selling subs and pretzel sandwiches again. They will be \$6 and delivered the first Thursday of every month except January. You will need to pick up your order (or arrange to have it picked up) that morning. Order forms due 2 weeks

in advance to Ginny. As the dates fall for this project, if you bring your order forms to our last meeting each month that will make it easy. Forms will be available at the OCTOBER 5th meeting. If we sell 50 each month we will make about \$1,500 a year! Start lining up your customers now!!





# NEWS

1. Our officers have changed for the 21-22 year. Michele has bravely taken on the Presidency with Marion now being VP. Sue Mattox is Secretary and Ginny D is still treasurer.

2. **Marion Dourte has been named to the WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA.** The Marquis Who's Who Publications Board approved her inclusion which honors individuals who possess professional integrity, demonstrated outstanding achievement in their respective fields and have made innumerable contributions to society as a whole. **WOW!** What a honor that is!!

3. My friend clipped an article out of Ephrata's news paper about the PLASTIC CAP COLLECTION. I found it interesting and thought you might too. Ephrata Community members collected, sorted, and weighed over 1,386 pounds of plastic bottle caps. The caps filled 23 (55-gallon) trash bags and were transported to Green Tree Plastics in Indiana. They were then used to make 7 benches which can be found throughout Ephrata!

4. In last month's news letter I raised the question "Did our club win the \$250 Optimist in Action prize" **WE DID!** Also, Athena McCoy, Sue's granddaughter, won the \$100. THIRD prize in the AC District Photo Contest!

5. OI Foundation Money. Our Club paid \$500 to the Foundation with understanding we as club members would make up the \$100 not in our budget. We deposited \$95 to that end by September.

6. Lancaster County Christmas Food Box delivery will be the morning of Saturday, Dec.18. If you want to help, registration for driver's is due soon! Delivery of 1200 boxes is estimated. More to follow at next meeting.



Our square white metal Optimist sign.

Last remembered sighting at the Olde Hickory Grill.

Does anyone know of it's whereabouts?



• **Dues for 2021-2022 are due!! You can pay annually, semi-annually, or quarterly.**

- 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.
- Continue to save aluminum cans (crushed please) and cat food containers!
- Lids must be clean, dry and free from price stickers. Also, the inside lining of the cap must be removed. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated!!