

Chapter Chatter

Atlantic Central District - Optimist Club of Lancaster 02170 Zone 7



February, 2022

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February Calendar

Until further notice, all meetings will be at Olde Hickory Grille - 6pm Elks is closed due to COVID

Feb. 1 - Tuesday - Noon Meeting

We will be filling our Valentine bags with cards, pencils, stickers and of course some candy to give to the children at the shelters. Also, please remember to wear Optimist apparel to this meeting. We will be taking pictures for our Optimist Day media post.

Feb. 3 - Thursday - SUB DELIVERY

Please pick up by 10 AM. I misunderstood Kevin and thought he wanted us to get the subs AT 10 AM. Sorry!
TODAY is NATIONAL OPTIMIST DAY * SEE Calendar on page two on How to Celebrate!!

Feb. 14 - Happy Valentine's Day

Give a Valentine to those you love and pick a random person (store clerk, medical employee, fast food worker) and give a Valentine card that says HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!

Feb. 15 - Tuesday - 6:00pm

A representative from Hospice will be with us to talk about the camp's purpose and to pick up the teddy bears we are donating to the children who attend the bereavement camp.

Feb. 19 - Saturday - 9am-1pm - 2nd QTR Board Via Zoom

Agenda-New ideas for Membership and learning how to find things on the OI website.

Feb. 21 - Monday

Sub orders due to Bert

Feb. 23 - Wednesday - 6pm

Board meeting at Ginny's house

Focus on Our Members



A new year and a new Optimist! Meet Sandy Maxwell, one of our newest members who joined us in October of 2021. In Jan. of 2020 she retired from working 30 years for the post office and was looking for a service organization to join. That search was put on hold when COVID hit until she drove up to get a dinner at our Spring Bar-B-Q. She spoke to Sue and Bert and

was impressed by them. They invited her to attend a meeting. What impressed her the most was how friendly and welcoming we were to her and to each other. She decided this is a group she would like to work with!

Sandy is a lifetime resident of Lancaster, living in Cabbage Hill as a child and graduating from McCaskey High School. She enjoyed playing tennis on the school team. Her passion now is her two dogs, Zion and Gypsy, who are pure bred rescue dogs. Zion is a certified K-Pet Therapy Dog. As a volunteer she and Zion are allowed to visit hospitals, nursing homes and schools to bring joy and smiles and share the power of human and animal interactions. She will tell us more about K-Pets in the near future.

To relax, Sandy plays with her dogs, puts puzzles together, and creates beautiful hand made greeting cards. She loves to travel and has been to Switzerland, Poland, Ecuador and Italy just to name a few. When COVID limited foreign travel, she explored up and down the East Coast.

In my notes I have an answer "I try hard" but I don't remember my question. I also asked her what would make her life better and her response was "I am so grateful for the life I have - and I L-O-V-E RETIREMENT!! And finally, she asked me to ask her this very good question. *"What would you tell your younger self?" Her answer: "DREAM BIG!!" Welcome to our organization, we are so glad you chose Us!*

National Optimist Day Celebration

Show everyone you meet or see on Thursday, February 3, that you are an OPTIMIST by joining the National Optimist Day Celebration. Please wear your Club apparel- (shirts, hats, pins, ties, scarves) to the meeting on February 1st for a group picture of club members to post on our website and facebook. See the calendar on page 2 for ideas to celebrate all month long!!



Kevin Ruof II - Feb. 12
Roberta Myers - Feb. 20

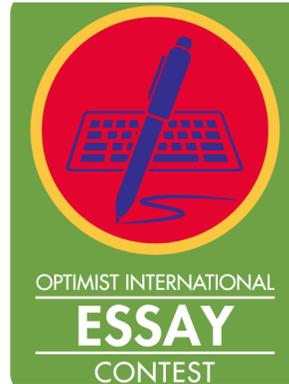


Please keep sorting the caps & lids for clean, acceptable ones. Some are still coming in dirty, with inserts and paper on them. Being the conscious person Bert is, she will pick them out if she sees unacceptable ones. However, she is signed up for 1 bag of trash weekly and is charged for a second bag if there are lots of unacceptable caps and lids. The youth also check them but they limited in time to do this during school hours.

BINGO DATE IS SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022 in the afternoon. Mark your calendar! This fundraiser will need all hands on deck and more. Line up some friends and relatives to help and contact potential BINGO players.. More to follow.



- 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!!



Essay contest has 7 applicants and 4 Essays received to date. We hope to schedule the winner to read their essay the 2nd meeting of March.

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FEBRUARY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1 <u>Read for JOI - Reading Month</u>	2 Motivate someone else	3 <u>Optimist Day</u> Visit Optimist.org	4 Forgive the actions of another	5 Focus on a positive thought	6 Weekly Positive Journal
7 Send a card to a Friend Day	8 Thank someone	9 Make a list of things that inspire you	10 National Giving Hearts Day	11 Surround yourself with positivity	12 Help someone else with a task	13 Focus on a solution not a problem
14 Give a stranger a Valentine	15 Read something motivational	16 Make an Optimistic playlist	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	18 Share a positive message to others	19 Learn something new	20 Laugh for 30 seconds for no reason
21 Listen to someone else without giving feedback	22 Be a positive role model to someone else	23 Think of something that brings you happiness	24 Make a list of things to celebrate	25 Read an inspirational book or article	26 Compliment yourself on something	27 Let go of a mistake
28 Read the Optimist Creed						

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