

Chapter Chatter

Atlantic Central District - Optimist Club of Lancaster 02170 Zone 7



March, 2021

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The Optimist Creed....Focus line for the month of February

Promise yourself to talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet

MARCH CALENDAR

MARCH 2 Dr Seuss' Birthday!

Take a picture of you reading a book to a child. Take a picture and send it to Michele to post on Facebook!

MARCH 16

We would like to have an in-person meeting on 3/16 (Tues) at the KNIGHT & DAY DINER at 6PM. There is much to discuss and we are hoping many of you will have gotten your shots or now have immunity for several months. We need to know how many of you would be willing to come to a meeting on the 16th? Please respond to Ginny by March 6th. (717)-569-7925. At that meeting you should remember to bring your aluminum cans, bottle caps and the snacks you are donating to the Ronald McDonald House.

MARCH 18 ZONE MEETING

Thursday night at 6PM upstairs at the Lucky Ducks Bar & Grille in E-town. Our speaker will be from the Ronald McDonald House. We will take our snack bags for them at that time. Let Sue know if you want to attend and to carpool by the 8th.

MARCH 20 OPTIMIST IN ACTION DAY

Ronald McDonald snack bags donation is our Optimist in Action activity

MARCH 21 FIRST DAY OF SPRING!!!

Free treats at Rita's and Dairy Queen

MARCH 24

BOARD MEETING at Ginny's House 6 PM



March 2 - Gayenelle Dusch
March 12 - Allen Morehead
March 19 - Teddy Henry

FOCUS ON OUR MEMBERS

Susan Mattox



President of our Club for the second year
Really, really organized
Energetic and enthusiastic
Sews, Cooks, enjoys being a homemaker
Intelligent
Dedicated to her family
Endless contacts-seems to know everybody
Neat ideas for our club
Teacher - Retired Reading Specialist
& School Librarian

Sue, our PRESIDENT likes acrostics so I made one for her. They can tell you a lot about a person in just a few words. However I could not tell you these things about her.

1. WHY DID YOU JOIN THE OPTIMIST CLUB?

I just retired and was helping with a children's cooking class where I met our members Bert and Ruth. After hearing about the club and reading the Optimist Creed it was a natural fit for me. I was hooked!

2. WHAT IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

To travel across the USA in a little RV. Also, to go to Italy, Spain, Portugal and then to the Girl Scout Chalet in Switzerland. Third on the list is a hot air balloon ride.

3. FAVORITE BOOK?

To many to mention but I tend to like historical fiction. Not fond of science fiction.

4. FAVORITE FOOD?

Assorted kinds of fruit butter on toast or a good glass of wine. Not to top Bert and her sauerkraut topped ice cream I have had tomato ice cream at the Washington Boro Tomato Festival!

5. SURPRISING THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

I can butcher hogs and deer. I have a book of poetry dedicated to me, and there is an emu named after me.

FEBRUARY RECAP

We provided 125 Valentine Treat bags to the 5 shelters we support.

We chose our 3 Essay Contest Winners. They are, in order, Alyssa Eberly from Warwick, Ethan Lin and Reagan LeFever from Hempfield. Alyssa's Essay will be sent on to the District competition for a possible scholarship award of \$2,500.

Sue, Marion, and myself attended via ZOOM the Second Quarter Board Meeting. Lots of good information and ideas came from that meeting. They will be discussed at our March 16 meeting.

LOOKING AHEAD

Reserve the morning of April 17 so you are free to help with our third **Chicken Barbecue**. Start making a list of possible customers, especially those who bought last year. We will need help. We need to replenish our Treasury! Location to be decided.

Don't forget to support The **OI Foundation** by contributing to DIME-A-DAY. Because it is their 50th YEAR ANNIVERSARY they are recommending donations of \$50. They have been very generous supporting our club's requests in the past years. Our club usually has an 80% participation rate. Contact Marion (717- 464-3535) to complete the form needed.

CHANGE IN FOY PROCEDURE

Please give or send names and addresses of possible FOY prospects to Bob Ruof or Michele Auston. Think of businesses, doctors, insurance agents, relatives, friends...anyone who may be willing to support us. Bob and Michele will **send out the letters!** This way we can keep a list of which members sent names, who was solicited, did they they respond and what was their amount donated. Also, thank you letters will be sent out. All the members need to do is send in the names!



Aluminum cans, plastic caps and lids and bags for the Ronald McDonald House for the March 16th meeting

RSVP to Ginny (717-569-7925) by 3/6 if you would attend an in person meeting on the 16TH

RSVP to Sue (717-575-6414) by 3/8 if you want to go to the zone meeting