

Chapter Chatter

Atlantic Central District - Optimist Club of Lancaster 02170 Zone 7



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

Promise Yourself: Make all your friends feel that there is something in them

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

There will be no regular club meeting in Feb

FEBRUARY 4 is OPTIMIST DAY!!

Each year on the first Thursday in February, Optimist members are encouraged to show their pride in belonging to an Optimist Club by wearing pins, masks, hats, shirts, jackets etc. and posting a photo of how they are celebrating on social media. Marion is planning to enlarge the creed and tape it to her front door. I am wearing my T-shirt and mask when I go out. Please post pictures of how you celebrated on Facebook!

FEBRUARY 14-VALENTINE'S DAY TREAT BAGS

One Hundred twenty-five bags filled with signed cards, candy, pencils, and stickers are ready to be delivered to the various shelters we support thanks to Sue, Doris-Sue's mom, Marion, and Margaret, Thank You

FEBRUARY 20 ESSAY CONTEST

We had 12 entries which are now in the hands of our chapter's judges. The 3 chosen by our Judges will receive cash prizes from the club and the winner will be sent to the Atlantic Central Contest for a scholarship prize by Feb. 20

FEBRUARY 20

Atlantic Central Second Quarterly Meeting-Virtual
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Roberta Myers!!

LOOKING AHEAD

We will attempt to resume in-person meetings by March. We need to collect the white snack bags for Ronald McDonald House, cap and lids for the York High School so we can take them to the Zone Meeting March 18. We have a list of possible speakers for our meetings when and if we can meet.

The Board approved 2 Chicken Barbecues in 2021. We need to get the dates on Charlie's Chickens calendar. April 17 is confirmed and Fall one is pending.

FOCUS ON OUR MEMBERS



This month is Bert's birthday so she has been chosen to be the focus of the month. I could start that she is a 1978 graduate from McCaskey, lives in York County since 2004 and a member since 2010 but that is kind of a boring start. Anyone who knows her knows she is not boring, Bert is the person that will drive from her home in York to Hanover to try

vanilla ice cream topped with sauerkraut. Bert rides a motorcycle but has no idea how to fix it, but she can fix and maintain her car and things around her house. Bert likes to garden, take pictures of clouds, and work with leather. She is busy, definitely not boring.

1. WHY DID YOU JOIN THE OPTIMIST? It all started with "SUBS". Being friends with the Rouf Family, Bob Rouf ask her if she could sell subs at her work. When she asked at work she was told by her boss she would have to be a member of the club. At that point she had no idea what the Optimist club was all about except they had a hobby show every year. Flash forward - Selling subs for us became the foundation of much of the clubs income until she was laid off in early 2020. She has always been an active member and worker.

2. FAVORITE OPTIMIST ACTIVITIES Delivering food boxes at Christmas, helping with Optimist Special Olympics and all time favorite was helping to build the fence and swing set for Teddy, our special needs cancer child.

3. WHAT'S ON HER BUCKET LIST Three things-- a trip to Hawaii; a trip to Australia and one to the first Hard Rock Cafe built in London to get a pin from there to add to her pin collection. She also has a collection of 1000 angels of all kinds with only 5 or 6 duplicates

4. WHAT WOULD WE ALWAYS FIND IN HER FRIDGE..ice cream vegetables and fruit. And Half Nuts Popcorn on the counter.

5. LIFE MOTTO Always be kind

REMINDERS

Can Recycle Update...

Not only are aluminum beverage cans recyclable but **cat food cans** can now be included. Basic rule...usually if the can has a white lining it can be recycled. Still not sure...aluminum will not stick to a magnet. Please rinse well and start saving cat cans too. Aluminum can be recycled directly back into itself over and over again in a true closed loop. Recycling aluminum saves more than 90% of the energy required to produce a new can!! Save our planet for our kids.

Plastic Lid Reminder ...

At the last Zone meeting we agreed to help York High School's Earth Science Club collect plastic bottle caps and lids. We all have lids...so put a coffee can near your sink and throw them in. We will collect them and take them to the Zone Meeting in E-town on March 18th.

Snack Bags for Ronald McDonald House (RMH)...

Also, at that **Zone meeting on 3/18** we will be having a speaker from RMH. Please remember to fill your white bag, given to you at our last in person meeting in December with snacks for RMH. **Individual** cereal cups, breakfast bars, 100% juice boxes, packs of cookies, crackers, candy etc. are all needed. Check their website for additional suggestions. This is our OPTIMIST IN ACTION project.

Last minute news...

Michele Austin's grandmother has just passed away from the COVID virus. Please share your prayers and sympathy with her and her family.



The snowflake photo was taken by my friend with her iPhone when it landed on her red coat sleeve. I can't believe she caught such detail!!