



Galveston Noon Optimist Club  
Chartered in 1940

## OPTI-GRAM

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT!** For the scandalous stuff you need to show up at a meeting – Wednesdays at noon at **Golden Corral** on the Seawall - next one **March 31st, 2010!**

The second quarter of the 2009-2010 year is almost over. And our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is just around the corner. Enclosed with the newsletter you will find your invitation. Ken Jencks is working on a slide presentation so if you have photos to contribute please give him a call at 409-789-8660. We will also have an auction/raffle. Several of us are contributing baskets and other items. If you have something you would like to contribute, please let me know (409-740-3907). Our current governor and his wife will be there with a special greeting from OI President Mark Shriver. The original charter will again be on display and there will be a table for memorabilia. Please look around for club scrapbooks, vests, and anything of your years in optimism. Hope to see you there.

CHICKEN Club is going well. We just finished our kite safety program with one more round to go – bike & summer safety. We are now impacting almost 500 4<sup>th</sup> graders! The essay and oratorical contests have been held and we will be recognizing our winners at a special luncheon on April 21<sup>st</sup> at noon at Gaido's as part of our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. We also have a request into Galveston City Council for a special recognition at their meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It would be great to have a number of us there. The Christmas tree sales were up from last year. Many thanks to Mike Annweiler & Don Poole for once again carrying the lion's share of this fund raiser.

A reminder about the club blog site at myfamily.com. If you have not yet signed up please do so. Contact Duane at duaneullman@yahoo.com for instructions. We will be maintaining our club web site specifically for those looking for an optimist club but the blog site is for members. There is a discussion about joining Facebook.

A NOW dinner is in the works; Ken is handling this. The club is also working on three new optimist clubs – Dickinson, Mainland (Texas City/LaMarque), and Bay City. If you have any contacts in these areas, please let James know (409-763-3300).

We are also exploring other options for a meeting site. Criteria – meeting room, food, easy access, and available parking. Please let a board member know of your suggestions. Other upcoming events – possible dues increase, club elections, intro of internet safety program, telemarketing fund raiser.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 18<sup>th</sup> – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception

April 21<sup>st</sup> – Recognition of essay & oratorical winners at Gaido's

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – City Council recognition

6:00 PM – Board meeting at Happy Buddha

May 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – Final Chicken Club events

**ZONE/DISTRICT Events:**

March 30<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM Zone meeting & oratorical contest at Westminster Presbyterian Church fellowship hall  
April 17<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 PM Regional oratorical contest at Fort Bend Library on Eldridge Road in Sugar Land  
May 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – District meeting at Elegante Hotel, Beaumont; district oratorical contest  
May 20<sup>th</sup> – New club officer election results due to OI  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> – District qualifier for OIJGC in Austin  
June 5<sup>th</sup> – Childhood Cancer Picnic in Baytown  
July 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> – OI Convention, Denver  
August 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> -- District Convention, Radisson Hotel, San Antonio  
November 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter regional meeting in Dallas/Fort Worth (tentative)

If you received this by U.S. Mail and have an e-mail address, please let me know, as this will expedite receiving your newsletter and save the club some money. [Cahhanc@aol.com](mailto:Cahhanc@aol.com)

**2009-2010 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

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To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, & too happy to permit the presence of trouble.  
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**THE OPTIMIST CREED**

Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind  
To talk health, happiness & prosperity to every person you meet  
To make all your friends feel that there is something in them  
To look at the sunny side of everything & make your optimism come true  
To think only for the best, to work only for the best, & to expect only the best  
To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own  
To forget the mistakes of the past & press on to the greater achievements of the future  
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times & give every living creature you meet a smile  
To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others