



Galveston Noon Optimist Club
Chartered in 1940

OPTI-GRAM

February 1st, 2012

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT! For the scandalous stuff you need to show up at a meeting – Wednesdays at noon at **Fishtales** - next one **February 8th, 2012!**

The recent special issue of OI's Hotline confirmed my calculations – Galveston Noon was one of only two clubs in the South Texas District is to be distinguished! LtGov James Rankin was the only distinguished LtGov for South Texas! Congrats also to Dickinson for making Honor Club!

Christmas tree fundraiser has been put to bed for another year. While sales were decent, costs exceeded profits. The plan is to brainstorm ideas to improve profits. It also means we need to add additional fundraisers to our year. One positive note, we had a guest this past week who had bought a tree from us and came to find out more about the club.

We also had a decent profit on the coupon book sales – enough to fund one of the oratorical scholarships.

CHICKEN Club is off and running; we are in the middle of our 4th program. James has been working with the students at the alternate school at St. Vincent's House and just finishing up the paperwork to submit for an Octagon (JOOI) club there. There are plenty of mentoring opportunities there.

The essay contest is wrapping up and Diane reportedly has several entries. Oratorical contest is coming. Bob will need members for fill-in roles plus providing snacks.

The plan is still in the works to build a new club on Bolivar Peninsula.

We have had several great programs – Deputies Remmert & Castro of the Sheriff department, Beverly Bubenik & Vivian Hernandez from GISD on the mentoring program there, Dyann Polzin & Johnston Farrow from GISD on the state of the district, Sgts Sims & Kylan from the Galveston Police Department on the citizen's police academy and protecting one's self from identity theft. For those who missed that last one there is an excellent video at www.ftc.gov/multimedia/video/identity-theft.shtm that covers the material. Thanks also to Marcey, Ken, and James for presentations on various PGI modules.

Please check below for upcoming programs. If you have an idea for one please let Don or me know.

Do check out the club web site – www.optimistclubofgalveston.com for meeting info and photos. Times for Chicken Club programs will be posted there.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 8th – Red Cross presentation

February 15th – PGI – presentations from Levels

February 22nd – Report from district meeting

February 29th – Communities in School presentation

March 7th – Board/business meeting

March 14th – Program – TBD

March 21st – PGI
March 28th – Program – TBD
March 31st – Club oratorical contest at Galveston College, 10:00 a.m.
April 4th – Board/business meeting

ZONE/DISTRICT Events:

Feb 17th-19th – 2nd Qtr District meeting in Kerrville
April – Zone oratorical contest & meeting - TBD
May 4th-6th – 3rd Qtr District meeting & oratorical contest in San Antonio
Jul 12th-14th – OI Convention in Milwaukee
Aug 16th – 19th – District convention at Houston Marriott Westchase

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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

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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