

WEST ASHLEY OPTIMIST CLUB

THE PROGNOSTICATOR

46 YEARS OF SERVICE

July 1, 2010

JULY 2010

Club Meetings: 6:30PM
Easterby's Family Grille

July 12th & 19th



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Special points of interest:

Happy Birthday wishes

- Greg Whitaker
July 2nd

Happy Anniversary

- Bob & Paulette Sojourner
July 10th

Prayer Concerns

- Ron Koch
 - Ed Henry
- ##### In Memory
- Andy Jackson

SC DISTRICT OPTIMIST CONVENTION AUGUST 6-8

Holiday Inn - CHARLESTON AIRPORT & CONV CTR

Charleston Clubs of Zone 7 - Hospitality

Friday August 6: Cookout 6-8 pm

at St. Andrew's Parks and Playground

Saturday August 7:

Opening session, training, Lunch/ Program, Dinner/Dance

Sunday August 8: Breakfast/program/memorial, Board/Business Meeting for all members.

FIRE HONOR GUARD GETS RECOGNITION

The West Ashley Optimist Club recently presented the Respect for Law Appreciation Award to the Honor Guard of the Charleston Fire Department.

The Honor Guard represents the entire department throughout the county for funerals, memorials, and special events.

Current Honor Guard members are J. Lance Williams, Frank Marker, John Winn, Jr., Raymond Hamilton, Rob Fulmer, T. J. Axson, Kim Drayton, Pete Salvo, William Johnson, William Kilcoyne, David Hurst, and Ben Waring.

Assistant Chief Spencer Suggs, Chief Tom Carr and Battalion Chief Frank Marker attended.

Marker received the award from West Ashley Optimist Club President Bob Sojourner.



Honor Guard Presentation Respect for Law May 2010

Sponsor a New Member

Welcome a Member into Your Optimist Club

Do you want to get others more involved in your community? Welcome a new Member into a Club of local citizens who share a desire to "Bring Out the Best in Kids!" Show them how Optimists organize and participate in hands-on, interactive projects for kids. As an Optimist Member, let them know that not only will they connect with their local community, they'll also boast affiliation with about 100,000 Optimists throughout the world.

If you know someone who shares the ideals of Optimist International, consider inviting them to join the organization and help "Bring Out the Best in Kids."

DIME A DAY

We're "BUILDING THE FUTURE WHERE EVERY KID COUNTS", and you can make a real difference with just a "Dime a Day".

"Quarterback Joe Thiesman once said "Together Everyone Achieves More." The first letter of each word in this phrase spells out TEAM and indicates that we can achieve a lot more working together than one individual can working alone. The Foundation provides so many wonderful services for the children in the countries that we serve."

"What ever the goal, if we all pitch in and aim for the same goal we can reach it...the goal

being supporting the Foundation, lending a helping hand, building a new club..." Building the Future Where Every Kid Counts.

The success of the Optimist programs depends on a partnership between the Foundations and its contributors. Help make the present hopeful and the future bright for young people by supporting the Optimist International Foundations today.

ORATORY WINNERS

The Optimist Zone Level Oratorical Contest was held at West Ashley High School.

The subject of the speeches was "Cyber **Communication** -- Progress or Problem?," focusing on how cyber communication has affected the world and their lives. On hand to deliver their award-winning speeches were:

--Boys: Jordan Elum and Wade Alexander, both of the Charleston County School of the Arts; Zack Hilliard of Fort Johnson Middle School; Ronnie Chatterjee of West Ashley High; and Andres Myers of St. Andrew's Middle School.

--Girls: Emily Hart of School of the Arts; Altoria Brown of Morningside Middle School; Renee Cooper of the School of the Arts; Delaney Robinson of St. Andrew's Middle; and Ashley Pendergist of Fort Johnson Middle.

Emily Hart was the Zone Level winner in the girls category, while Jordan Elum won first place among boys.

A REAL SMOOTH TALKER

Jordan Elum, a student at Charleston County School of the Arts, advanced to the South Carolina Zone Oratorical Contest, representing the West Ashley Optimist Club. The theme was "Cyber Communication – Progress or Problem?" The local students competed against boys and girls from across the state. The Optimist Club judged local students' speeches based on content and presentation to determine the top winners.

*The theme was "Cyber Communication
– Progress or Problem?"*



**SC Optimist District
Oratorical Chairman Melvin
Bannister, 2010 SC
Optimist District Oratorical
Boy Winner Jordan Elum**

After winning the Zone 7 contest, Elum represented the Charleston Optimists in the district contest held in Columbia recently. Elum won first place in the South Carolina District Optimist International Boys' competition and was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship to the college of his choice. Emily Hart, a student at Charleston County School of the Arts, was also among the runners-up in the Optimist district girl's competition.

INTERNET SAFETY: GET THE FACTS

Parents and teachers need help with this ever-increasing safety issue. Consider this statistic from last fall: 66% of mothers of teens are just as or more concerned about their teenagers' online safety as they are about drunk driving (62%) and experimenting with drugs (65%) (Harris Interactive-McAfee, October 2008). It is time for our Club to get involved? You can go to the Members side of www.optimist.org and look under the Programs button for the Internet Safety section.

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Best in Kids!



Our Purpose:

- To develop optimism as a philosophy of life utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed;*
- To promote as active interest in good government and civic affairs;*
- To inspire respect for the law;*
- To promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people;*
- To aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life, and the world*

Benefits:

There will be opportunities for fellowship and social contact at Dinner Meetings and during Fund Raising and Community Activities.

It is an opportunity to serve the Youth and the community in which we live.

There is Self Development in Leadership and Personal Growth.

Fellowship and Social Contacts with people in the Community, Zone, District and also Internationally.

The Optimist Creed

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