

# Opti - Topics

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Sidney Sandridge gave the invocation today and led us in the pledge of allegiance. Pres. Jim Roe announced that the Respect for Law Banquet has been rescheduled for Monday, June 6, 6:30 pm at the Mayfair Church of Christ in Jones Valley. Sec/Treas Renz passed around the original sign-up sheet for members to indicate any changes they would desire based on the new date.

Pres. Jim said there would be no regular club meeting Thursday, June 9. The Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 7. Jim, furthermore, reported that he and Fabiani and others have been meeting with school officials and students at Grace Lutheran. Their presentations of the advantages of having a Junior Optimist (JOOI) Club at their school have been well received, and that this happening is more than a possibility. It is highly probable.

Jim has more Optimist Creed cards to pass out to friends along with an invitation for them to try one of our meetings to see for themselves what we're up to. He made a strong appeal to bring more guests who are potential new members. See Jim if you need more cards.



Jack Fauble introduced our speaker Dave McMillan Boy Scout leader and Eagle Scout with Troop 86 which meets at Ford's Chapel. Both Jack and Dave were impressively uniformed with several badges for individual achievement evident. After giving Jack major credit for the existence of the troop which has grown from 5 to over 20, he asked for a show of hands of those who had in their youth been a Girl or a Boy Scout. I think every hand went up. Then he asked that those who had attained Eagle Scout status to keep their hands raised. We had one – Bill Clarke.

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Dave went on to say that about 2% of those going into scouting reached the highest rank. From my days in scouts I was surprised the number was this high, since just when one reached the age of rapid advancement in accumulating merit badges interest tended to wane at the high school level.

Dave showed a short video, emphasizing the goals of scouting; e.g., preparing young people to make good ethical and moral choices, instilling in them qualities of leadership and stewardship, and the importance of passing along good character as they grew into parents. This is all directed toward being prepared for life, and melds well with our Optimist Creed.

Sydney won the attendance prize.



## Optimistic Quote of The Week

**"Optimism and pessimism are infectious and they spread more rapidly from the head downward than in any other direction. Optimism has a most extraordinary effect upon all with whom the commander comes in contact. With this clear realization, I firmly determined that my mannerisms and speech in public would always reflect the cheerful certainty of victory -- that any pessimism and discouragement I might ever feel would be reserved for my pillow."**

*General Dwight D. Eisenhower in North Africa in 1942*

## CALENDAR

- 5/19 Thursday 11:45 Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting - Food Jack Fauble**
- 5/26 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn  
**Essay Contest Winners**
- 6/2 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn  
**TBA**
- 6/6 Tuesday 6:30 pm Mayfair Church of Christ  
**Respect For Law Banquet**
- 6/7 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Commercial Bank  
**Board Meeting**
- 6/9 Thursday **NO MEETING**
- 6/16 Thursday 11:45 Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting - Food Alberto Duarte**
- 6/23 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn  
**TBA - Peter Sahti**
- 6/30 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn  
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