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Opening

A fine turnout of 19 Optimists and 3 guests attended today's meeting. It was good to see John Shirey, Ralph Caner and Jerry Shoemaker in attendance, as well as our newest member, Milt Williams. Our guests were Brick Whitener, Sidney Sandridge's son-in-law; Graham Burkett, Carl Winkler's grandson; and Bill Peters, a prospective new member who was a guest of Jim Roe.

We had unusual circumstances for our meeting today since the Downtown Holiday Inn, for some unexplained reason, did not expect us. In lieu of our usual 3-course gourmet lunch, we were allowed to choose any sandwich from the menu. This resulted in our having the program first and the lunch later, but did not take away from a very enjoyable meeting.

Dr. Sandridge opened the meeting with prayer. It was Flag Day, but the DHI did not have an American flag set up for us. Nonetheless, we said the Pledge of Allegiance with great gusto.

Program

Duane Plank introduced today's speaker, Sheriff Blake Dorning. Sheriff Dorning reminded us of the several topics he had addressed in previous Club speaking engagements: Technology Implementation, Home Land Security Responsibilities, and the New Jail. Today he spoke the Sheriff's Department's programs for young people.

The newest youth program is the "Texting While Driving" program being given to high school sophomores and juniors. Using a specially modified SUV, students compare their driving performance driving a defined course when not distracted to that when texting. The program also teaches

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about driving impairment from alcohol and drugs, including prescription medicines. Another kid-friendly program being taught during the school year is teaching Integrity and Character to middle school students.

Besides teaching programs, the Sheriff's Department conducts fund-raising programs for various youth sports teams (the ones who ask). They have cooked mountains of pork butts and chicken halves as fund raisers.

The Sheriff's Department currently has 2 full-time deputies to track down sexual predators on children, and another to keep up with the locations of registered sex offenders in the County.

Sheriff Dorning closed by answered several questions from the floor concerning computer safety, on-going training, his budget condition, supplementary fund sources, and the effects of the immigration law. He said two technology tools have been very helpful to his deputies: In-car video cameras record of all traffic stops, and the use of "red-dot compliance" Tasers allows disarming threatening bad guys without shooting them. The Sheriff reported that there are now 114 Deputies on patrol and 165 Correction Officers in the Department.

Announcements

Tom Casteel announced that the Band Instrument Committee will meet this coming Saturday at the ORC at 9:00 a.m. to inventory, clean and tag our band instruments. Anyone who may be interested in joining the Band Instrument Program is welcome to come, join in, and learn more about this great youth service.

Mary Flynn from the Hawthorne Conservatory has written the Club to relate that a grand piano, their first, has been purchased for the Cooper House; thanks, in part, to the funds received from our pancake breakfast for them.

Morris Elementary School's JOOI Club is soliciting school supplies for the 4th and 5th graders there who cannot afford them. See the list appended to the newsletter. You may bring your contribution to any Optimist meeting in the next few weeks.

Friday, June 15, is the 60th wedding anniversary of Sidney & Gladys Sandridge. In honor of the event, Fabiani led in singing "Sipping Cider through a Straw."

Closing

Tom presented the Sheriff one of our new Optimist Club polo shirts for speaking to us. Tom also drew for the door prize, preventing our Sheriff from being accused of aiding and abetting gambling. Jim Berry won on the first drawing. Carl Winkler led us in reciting the Optimist Creed.

**Don't Forget: WE NEED MORE MEMBERS!
Invite someone to our June 28th meeting.**

Clyde Merino

Optimistic Quote of the Week

We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity, representing our liberty.

~George Washington

CALENDAR

- 6/16 Saturday 9:00 am Optimist Recreation Center
Band Instrument Inventory/Cleaning
- 6/21 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food - (Duane Plank)
- 6/28 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
TBA - Duane Plank
- 7/5 Thursday **NO MEETING**



**HAPPY
INDEPENDANCE
DAY**



Morris Elementary
4th grade Supply List 2012-2013
(1 years worth of supplies for 1 child)

- 1 Steno Pad
- 4 Large Packs Notebook paper
- 100 # 2 pencils and extra erasers
- 4 Folders with pockets and brads (blue, yellow, green,
- 1 Box colored pencils
- 1 Box Crayons
- 1 Pair scissors
- 1 Ruler (inches and centimeters)
- 1 Package Dry Erase Markers
- 1 Package White Copy Paper
- 1 Package blue and yellow copy paper
- 1 Bottle Hand Soap
- 1 Bottle Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Container Clorox Wipes
- 3 Boxes Kleenex
- 1 Zip Lock Bags
- 1 Box Band-Aids

Please do not send: Large Binders, Trapper Keepers or Mechanical pencils

Morris Elementary
Grade Five Supply List 2012-2013
(1 years worth of supplies for 1 child)

- 1 Student Planner \$5.00 (Purchased from classroom teacher, only)
- 1 Roll Scotch Tape (No Dispenser)
- 1 Pair of Scissors (Pointed)
- 1 Pkg. of Colored Pencils (Crayola if possible)
- 10 Glue Sticks
- 6 Composition Notebooks (Black & White)
- 36 #2 Pencils
- 3 Boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Containers of Clorox Wipes
- 3 2 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Ream of White Copy Paper
- 2 Dry Erase Markers (Fine Point)
- 1 Jump Drive
- 6 Vinyl Pocket Folders with Brads (2-Red, 2-Blue, 2-Yellow)
- 1 Black Sharpie Marker
- 1 Pkg House Top Erasers
- 1 Pkg Multi-color Highlighters