

**Next Meeting—Change of Pace—January 28**  
**Next Regular Meeting—February 11**

## WELCOME

North Austin Optimist (NAO) has been serving the youth



of Austin since 1952 with its primary focus on providing sports activities, educational programs, self-esteem and skill enhancement to the youth in our community. The programs involve both male and female youth ages 4 to 18, and their families. Currently NAO provides services for approximately 500 youth in year round programs. The NAO membership and innumerable volunteers assisting in these character-building programs take immense pride in providing Austin's youth a chance to participate in their community.

NAO is committed to serving

youth regardless of their race, creed, religion, or financial status, in the belief that both boys and girls of all ages will be welcomed with open arms. Our ultimate goal is to "become the betterment and welfare of today's youth."

### What is an Optimist Club?

Meeting the needs of young people in communities worldwide, Optimist Clubs have been "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" since 1919. Optimist Clubs conduct positive service projects aimed at providing a helping hand to youth. Club Members are best known in their communities for their upbeat attitudes. By believing in young people and empowering them to be the best they can, Optimist volunteers continually make this world a better place to live.

## 2007-2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS:

**President,** Beverley Brown

**VP of Youth,** Gray Richardson

**VP of Finance,** Dorman McGinty

**Secretary,** Donna Russell

**Treasurer,** Olga Henson

**Sgt.-at-Arms,** Roy Henson

**Past President,** Darlene McGinty

### DIRECTORS:

#### 2 Year Members

Kelly Price  
Anne Reed  
Diana Melcer

#### 1 Year Members

Isabel Brugman  
Juan Lira  
Theresa Hilscher

### Our Meetings

Our meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:45 p.m. The first meeting of the month is held at our club house at 1101 Morrow. Our second meeting of the month is actually a "Change of Pace" gathering where Optimist members and their families meet at a designated restaurant.



The **upcoming meeting** is actually our "Change of Pace" and we'll be having it on January 28th, 6:45 p.m., at La Cocina de Consuelo, 4516 Burnet Road (next to Upper Crust Bakery).

Are you Interested in becoming a *Friend of Youth*? Feel free to attend one of our meetings to check it out.

### Mission Statement

BY PROVIDING HOPE AND POSITIVE VISION, OPTIMISTS BRING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS.

### Vision Statement

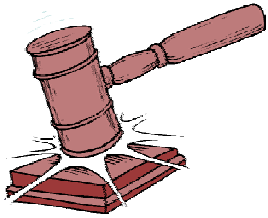
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL WILL BE RECOGNIZED WORLDWIDE AS THE PREMIER VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION THAT VALUES ALL CHILDREN AND HELPS THEM TO DEVELOP TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

## The Optimist Creed

PROMISE YOURSELF-

- TO BE SO STRONG THAT NOTHING CAN DISTURB YOUR PEACE OF MIND.
- TO TALK HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND 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 AND MAKE YOUR OPTIMISM COME TRUE.
- TO THINK ONLY OF THE BEST, TO WORK ONLY FOR THE BEST, AND 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 AND PRESS ON TO THE GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE FUTURE.
- TO WEAR A CHEERFUL COUNTERTENANCE AT ALL TIMES AND 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, AND TOO HAPPY TO PERMIT THE PRESENCE OF TROUBLE.

# OPTI-NEWZ



## THE PREZ SPEAKS, Beverley Brown

I wish to thank all the members for electing me President this year. I am working on getting the club organized and I'm excited for the upcoming events in the club.

Thanks go to all volunteers, members and non-members, for working on all the projects. The committees have been selected. We do have openings to be filled.

There will be a District meeting in February in San Antonio and another in **May** in

**Austin.** At the one in May will be the Oratorical contest. **I would like to see all members attend if possible.**

I have offered a Treasurer in training to be filled. Olga would like to get a break from being Treasurer to allow her more time with her grandchildren.

If everyone gives an hour a week or more, it would help. We only have one meeting a month for all business. Please try to attend and participate

as much as possible. You do not see me much on the ball field, but I am there in spirit thinking about all the action that is going on. It will be great to own our ball field and move on to the future.

Let us take care of our families and give our time as we can to the youth of the future.

Bev Brown



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

submitted by **Connie Tarvin**

On Dec. 20th Olga, Roy, Tom, Connie, Anne, and Beverly all met at the clubhouse and wrapped Christmas presents for the Club's adopted family. I called Wooten Elem. and got a single Mom that had three boys and a girl. Dianna, Connie, Olga, Bev and Bev's daughter Carolyn bought gifts for each of the kids. Bev and Carolyn made stockings for each child and a

gift basket for the Mother. I filled a laundry basket with toiletry items for the family and Roy bought a frozen Turkey dinner for them. On Dec. 22nd Tom and I delivered everything to the Family and they were very grateful. The kids were all jumping on the couch saying "Christmas is here, Santa Claus came.". They wanted to open the presents right then but the

Mother told them they had to wait till Christmas day.

I have been a part of the Christmas Family adoption for quite a few years and it is very heart warming when you get a Family that really appreciates it and this one did.

Connie

## CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN

submitted by **Diana Melcer**



The Ronald McDonald facility is a temporary "home away from home" for the families of seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals. We are collecting pull tabs from aluminum cans as a fundraiser to help with toiletries for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. We ask that all NAO mem-

bers try to help in this effort and collect tabs at your home and work. Please spread the word to your friends and other family members also. If you'd like a little box to collect the tabs in, let me know and I'll be glad to give you one. Otherwise, you can just gather them in a jar or bag or whatever is handy for you.

You can turn in the pull tabs to myself or Gray Richardson.

Thanks so much for your support of this great cause!

Diana

## MESSAGE FROM OUR VP OF Youth, Gray Richardson

Ho! Ho! Ho! Whoops, you say, wrong season. I want to tell you how much I am looking forward to the 2008 season and the growth and expansion of our organization. We are looking to have more participants this year than in the past 5 or 6 years. We are also gearing up early to get a jump on the upcoming football season.

We are really looking ahead to have the best sportsplex in this part of the city. But, none of this would be possible without the hard work of our

boards, committees, and devoted parents.

That being said, I would like to extend my gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all board members and volunteers who are helping to make all of this possible. Best wishes for a great 2008 season and remember; where are we going? TO THE TOP!!!

E. Gray Richardson  
V.P. of Youth Activities

### 2008 Baseball Board

Olga Henson, President  
Sandra Escobar, Secretary  
Diana Melcer, Registration  
Theresa Hilscher, Team Rep  
Kristina Corpus, Sponsors  
Kelly Price, Equipment  
Robert Gonzalez, Shetland Commissioner  
David Reed, Pinto Comm.  
Dorman McGinty, Softball Comm.  
Jim Duke, Mustang/Bronco Comm.  
Wayne Gonzales, Pony/Colt/Palomino Comm.

### Open Position:

Umpire in Chief

### 2008 Football Board

Eddie Lewis, President  
Juan Lira, VP  
Melissa Correa, Secretary  
Misty Castaneda, Registration  
Melinda Heiman, Sponsors  
Olga Henson, Treasurer  
Dan Heiman, Field Director  
Paul Delgado, Equipment

### Open Positions:

Team Rep  
Cheerleader Coordinator

## CLUB COMMITTEES, 2007-2008

Achievements & Awards: Donna, Olga  
CCDHH: Anne, Diana  
Childhood Cancer: Diana, Gray  
Club Community Service: Sandra, Gray  
Club Services: Olga, Darlene  
Concession: Sandra, Diana  
Fellowship/Program/PGI (Change of Pace): Theresa, Darlene, David  
Field Development/Fundraiser/Future Development: Dorman, Tom, David Reed, David Russell, Gray, Donna, Darlene, Kelly  
Finance: Olga  
Gold Youth Leadership: David Reed, Anne  
JOOI Club: Theresa, Olga, Diana, Sandra

Life Member: Darlene, Tom, Connie, Olga, Roy  
New Club Building/Membership: Connie, Isabel, Tom  
Nominating Committee: Darlene, Connie, Tom, Roy, Olga, Kelly  
Publication/Newsletter/Web Page: Sandra  
Respect for Law/Youth Safety Program: Isabel, Olga, David Reed  
Scholarship: Beverley Brown  
Security: Dorman, Theresa, Diana, Kelly  
Signing Santa: Diana, Gray  
**Treasurer in Training: Open**  
Tri-Star Sports: Eddie, Gray  
Youth Activities: Gray  
Youth Appreciation Week: Tom, Darlene, Dorman, Connie

## MESSAGE FROM FOOTBALL PRESIDENT, Eddie Lewis

The month of March may be a busy month for the football program.

We are planning on having a spring football camp during the spring school break.

We are also planning on running the first annual PONY Run. The run will start at Walnut Creek Metro Park

and finish at NAO. This run will be a good tune-up for the Capital 10k runners to be ran on March 30.

We are going to start football registration March 1st. We are moving forward to make this the best football year at NAO.

There are a couple of board

positions open if anyone is interested. We need a head team rep and a cheerleader coordinator. If you're interested or if you have questions about the job duties for these positions, please contact me.

### GO BULLDOGS!

Eddie Lewis



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## Save the Dates

**Baseball Tryouts—  
February 16**

**Opening Season—  
March 17**

**Opening Day,  
Carnival—  
March 29**

## The Youth Code

I PROMISE TO-

- Honor my parents and those to whom wisdom has come through experience,
- Respect the belief of others
- Prize friendship and keep its sacred truth
- Seek intellectual growth, physical development, and avoid abuse of mind and body
- Be diligent and give each task the priority it merits
- Strive to be courteous at all times and truthful with everyone I meet
- Practice thrift and put material matters in proper perspective
- Respect all living things and help maintain the balance of life
- Work to preserve our form of government and the freedoms it guarantees
- I will value independence of mind and develop self-reliance, setting high goals in life and dedicating myself to the service of others

## MESSAGE FROM BASEBALL PRESIDENT, Olga Henson

Baseball season is upon us – it sneaks up so fast. The Baseball Board has been meeting weekly since the first week in December organizing for what we hope to be another growing year for our league. What a wonderful group! They are all busily working in different directions trying to make this baseball year better than last year – THAT IS ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC!

The hard work the Board did last year paid off as they were able to increase NAO's enrollment by 34% from the previous year – our goal is to do the same this year. We have been able to do this

while also keeping our registration fees at the same low price it has been for several years – we ARE the lowest in Austin! And – we owe it all to the hard work from the Board members and all the volunteers who help raise the money to subsidize the cost for running our league. We can never THANK everyone enough.

Our registration has begun and we are rolling – we had a record first day of registration – and we hope for it to continue! We are taking registrations online and in person every Saturday thru February 9 (from 10am–2pm) and Tuesdays thru Feb-

ruary 12 (from 6pm-8pm). Our season will begin on March 17 – but our Carnival Day and “official” Opening Day ceremonies will be on Saturday, March 29. We invite all Optimist members and their families to join us on that day – as we promise that day to be a fun filled day at the park!

For additional information regarding Baseball – please visit our website – it has all the information you could possibly want to know about what is happening “at the Park.”

*Olga*

## THE JOOI REPORT



The JOOI Club had a busy Christmas Season involving Community Projects. The JOOI kids helped the Optimist with their Annual Signing Santa event at Barton Creek Mall in November. This was a huge success and the JOOI's always enjoy helping out with this project.

On December 12th our mem-

bers volunteered for their third consecutive year at the Trail of Lights. This year we had a record 44 volunteers sign up to work. We had the perfect night – it was not too cold or too warm. As in years past we had fun as the crowds enjoyed the lights and the sounds of the Holiday Season.

Another Community Project we had in December was to purchase and donate toys to

**submitted by Olga Henson**

the City of Austin's Blue Santa program for kids. We wanted to be able to attend the Chuy's Parade but due to the frigid weather the Saturday after Thanksgiving – that plan fell by the wayside real quick! Thanks to Diana Melcer – who did our toy shopping for us – we were able to purchase several toys for many kids and we were able to deliver them at a donation site at Starbucks.

## WEB SITE REPORT

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone the web site is our main tool for getting our message out. If there's anything you want people to know let me know and we can work together to see how best to present it on

the site. I'm always looking for new info, committee updates, pictures, calendar items, etc. Please help me to make our web site become one of the best informational tools for our audience—prospective Optimist members, parents, and kids. The

**submitted by Sandra Escobar**

hits have been picking up this month and that's great. If you ever want to check the stats of our site, just go to <http://stats.naopt.com>. There you get a nice visual of the web site hits on a monthly/daily basis.

*Sandra*

**CLUB SERVICES REPORT** submitted by Olga Henson

We lost a member in December that asked to be dropped - so that brings our membership down to 30 members. We need help in recruiting new members into our club to help bring our numbers up again – and to help us attain HONOR Club status this year.

All we need to do to attain honor status is to have 33 members at the end of this fiscal year; that is only 3 new members that we need to get... WE CAN DO THIS – WITH YOUR HELP!

Also – we have a District meeting coming up in February in San Antonio. Members are encouraged to attend these meetings and our Club receives credits on our A&A for attending. The **dates are February 22 & 23 at the Radisson Market Square hotel.** For the schedule and registration information, please check out the District website at [www.stxd.org](http://www.stxd.org).

Olga

**CONCESSION REPORT** Sandra



The concession stand is coming along. Diana and I have taken major steps to get it in tip, top, clean shape before the Spring season begins. With the help of Anne Reed and Kristina Corpus, our efforts have proven fruitful. Everything has been washed, dried, stripped, you name it, we've done it. Floors and windows have been power-

washed (and floors painted!). There are still a few minor tasks yet to be done but the majority of the cleanup is complete.

Please remember the concession stand is owned by the Optimist Club. Optimist members are encouraged to work during the upcoming busiest season of the year. Everyone is welcome with open arms! Please plan to help when you can. Diana and I will appreciate all the help we can get. Thanks in advance!

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**



JOSIE MARTINEZ,  
January 9

JAMES FARRAR,  
January 11

Tom Tarvin, Jr.,  
January 24



ELMA (aka Mimi) & FRANK VASQUEZ  
January 26

**DUES ARE DUE...**

Just a friendly reminder to all members that quarterly dues are due. Please submit your payment to Olga Henson, Treasurer, soon.

**UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS**

Date	Event
January 28, 6:45 pm	Change of Pace, La Cocina de Consuelo
February 11, 6:45 pm	NAO Club Meeting
February 22-23	District Meeting in San Antonio
February 25, 6:45 pm	Change of Pace, Site TBD
March 23	Easter Sunday
March 29	Spring Ball Opening Day Carnival



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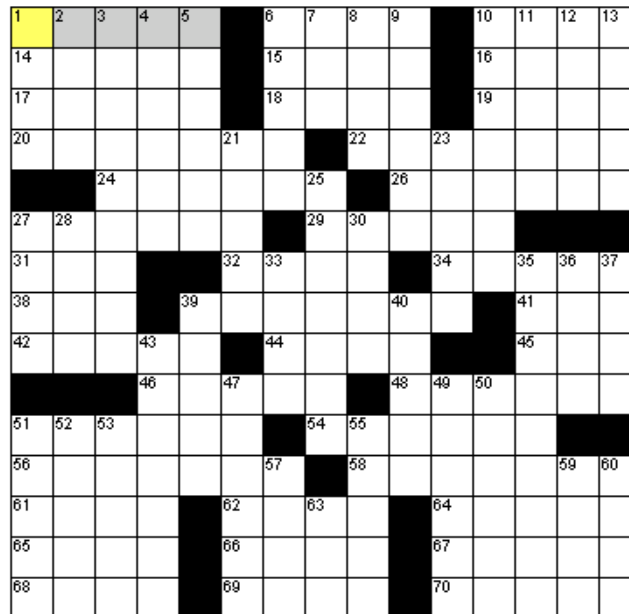
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### Future Optimists



At age 4 success is . . . not peeing in your pants.  
At age 12 success is . . . having friends.  
At age 17 success is . . . having a drivers license.  
At age 35 success is . . . having money.  
At age 50 success is . . . having money.  
At age 70 success is . . . having a drivers license.  
At age 75 success is . . . having friends.  
At age 80 success is . . . not peeing in your pants.

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## IN LOVING MEMORY OF TOMMIE TARVIN

June 2, 1939—January 23, 2008



We were deeply saddened to hear the news of the death of Mr. Tommie Tarvin, a

lifelong supporter and volunteer of NAO. Our thoughts and condolences are with the entire Tarvin family. We are all praying for you and know that you will miss Tommie greatly. During this difficult time, we know you will draw upon your own strength and the strength of loved ones

that hold you in their thoughts. Tommie loved his family dearly and I didn't know him by first name but I can still see him just as clear as day, a loving grandfather holding his granddaughter at the McCallum football games, all dressed in her little cheerleader uniform. He was at every game holding her, helping her to cheer. He was awesome. He was a fine man, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather.

Tommie was a fighter to the very end. The word "no" or "can't" was not in his vocabulary.

Peggy, Tom and Connie - the

NAO club membership extends to you and your family our deepest sympathy. Please never forget your NAO family is here for you. Let us know how we can help. We are here for you any time, any day.

Love and blessings, from your North Austin Optimist Family.

*It will be the little things that you will remember, the quiet moments, the smiles, the laughter. And although it may seem hard right now, it will be the memory of these little things that help to push away the pain and bring the smiles back again.*

### SOLUTION



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