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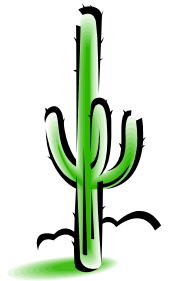
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California South District #41

Optimist International



## CALSO GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear friends in Optimism,

I hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season! Now we have 2024 to look forward too!

I had the amazing opportunity to host Optimist International President **Tracy Huxley** the evening of January 1<sup>st</sup> and then all day January 2<sup>nd</sup>. During that time and visit with President Tracy I realized how very fortunate Optimist International is to have such an inspirational President with a clear vision for the future of Optimist International. At the dinner I hosted she shared her vision and goals for Optimist International, as those of us present were captivated by her speech. A few take-a-ways: Each club should focus on solutions instead of problems and she would like all of us to try to live

our CREED. Just reciting the words is easy but thinking about the words while saying them brings more meaning.

Don't forget to start working on updating your Bylaws if you haven't started. A template has been developed for your use. All items in Bold on the Bylaws template must be added to your Bylaws. You can then keep, add or subtract any other items that are specific to your club. Just go to Optimist Leader and log in; go to your club; hit the Reports icon and scroll down to Club Bylaws on line. Please contact me if you are having any difficulty.

Think of ways to celebrate a Day of Optimist Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Don't forget to start working on your Passport for Optimist International Convention in Niagara Falls (Canadian side) June 22-26.

Last but not least: we will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly (Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00-1:30) at the Elk's Club, 11633 Woodside, Lakeside, 92940. The cost will be \$20 (lunch-vegetarian too & 2 drink tickets). RSVP **Carol May**—1021 South Clementine St., Oceanside, CA 92054: checks made out to: Optimist International #41999. This is a time to see friends, share information, and learn from one another. I hope to see you there.

First line of our Creed: To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

**Happy 2024!!! Respectfully, Debbie (Debora) Muñoz, Governor 2023-2024**

## Imperial Beach Club News

Mother and daughter, Erin and Emma Gonzalez display their finished "swirly ghost" paintings at the Imperial Beach Optimists' fund raising paint party. Led by Optimist/artist Erin Devine the party raised funds for scholarships and donations to local students. Plus it was a lot of fun!



Ask Someone To Be An Optimist Member



Ray's Comedy Corner  
in Memory of Ray Naud



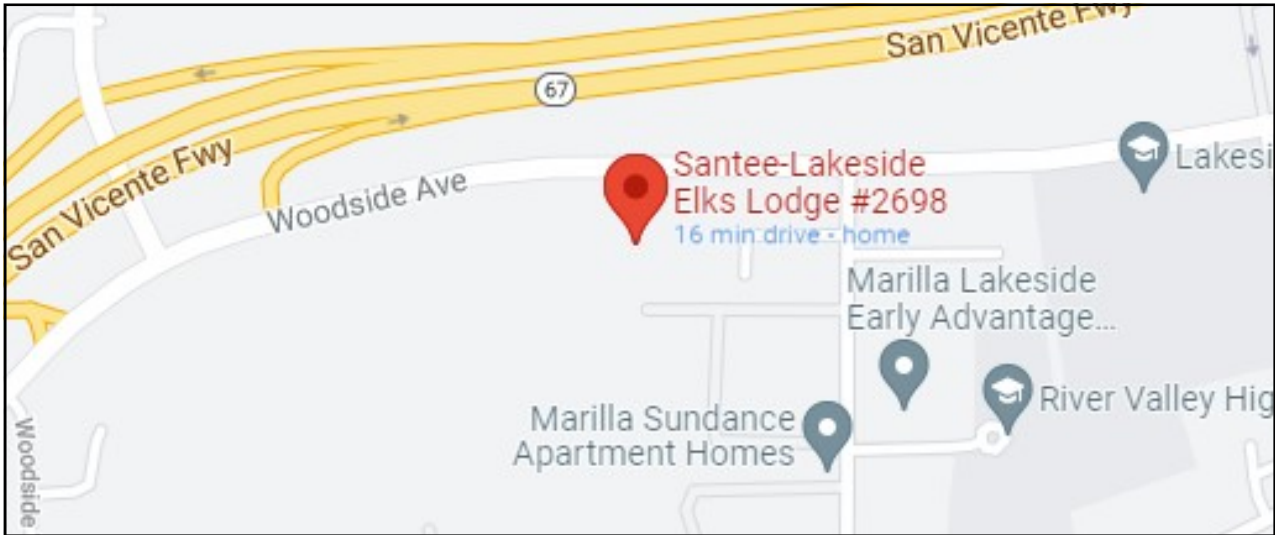
"Hurry! Our New Year's resolutions start in ten minutes."

**CALSO District 2nd Quarterly Meeting**

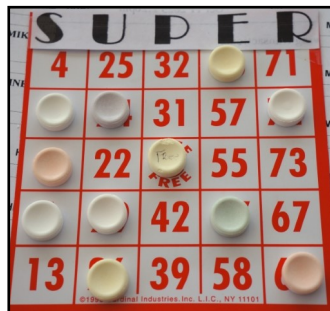
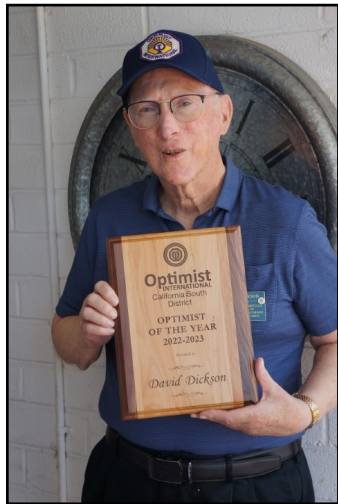
Saturday February 10th - 9 am



Lakeside Elks Club, 11633 Woodside Avenue



# CALSO District 1st Quarterly Meeting Saturday - October 21st - 2023



# O. I. President's Visit January 2nd - 2024



## Coronado Optimist Club News



**Renee Cavanaugh** and **John Bowen**, Optimist Club of Coronado members, present a check to Coronado Middle School Principal **Brooke Falar** for the purchase of cell phone pouches for each classroom at CMS. A check from the club four years ago went to Coronado High School for the same purpose. Students in both schools are now required to deposit their phones in the wall pouches before class and retrieve them after class. This leaves them with a more focused purpose on learning with fewer potential diversions. Teachers notice the difference straight away in the classroom environment and are delighted. The club seeks out ideas and projects like this that bring out the best in youth by building character.

## Optimist Club Bill Parry Pickleball Tournament Draws A Crowd

### Thanksgiving Day Free Movie

The Coronado Optimist Club Thanksgiving Day movie tradition is your early day destination in Coronado!

Held at the Village Theatre, 820 Orange Avenue, the featured movie this year is "Wish", a new, animated release from Disney. The theatre opens at 10 am, movie starts at 10:30 am.

The movie is free, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Coronado.

The Coronado Optimist Club hosted its third annual Pickleball Tournament, and just as it had been for two years prior, the third installment was a resounding success.



The most significant change to the tournament this year, one that many in the community picked up on, was the name. The tournament was named after long-time Coronado Resident and Optimist Club Member Bill Parry.

"The suggestion was made by one of our committee members, and it reflects the fact, first and foremost, that Bill has been very involved with the Optimist Club for 15-20 years.

### JOI Club News



The Bishop's School Junior Optimist Club, Sponsored by the Del Mar – Solana Beach Optimist Club, joined the school's HOPE Club in the preparation of some 30 Holiday Gift Bags for kids in need. Through community service projects like these, the Junior Optimist Club Members learn the value of giving and performing service to the benefit of others. Junior Optimist Clubs, such as this Club led by President **Sydney Mafong**, a Director on the Junior Optimist International (JOI) Board of Directors, carry the spirit of Optimism throughout the year and throughout the world. Happy Holidays!



Our newest Junior Optimist Club at Solana Pacific Middle School was busy before the Holidays! This Junior Optimist Club is sponsored by the Del Mar - Solana Beach Optimist Club with Club Advisor **Arlene Clairmont** leading the group. Arlene's message and photos are forwarded herewith.

Thanks for the good news! We appreciate the support of the Del Mar - Solana Beach Optimist Club. The children at the Solana Pacific Junior Optimist Club enjoyed making care packages for the homeless just before winter break, and these packages were delivered to Alpha Square (housing for homeless) for a holiday party for the homeless.

I appreciate all your support. Happy New Year! Thanks, Arlene



## SUCCESS Optimist Club News

### SUCCESS Optimist Club - Quilt Opportunity Drawing

Dr. Angie Hawkins was the fortunate and delighted winner of an opportunity drawing for a large and beautiful quilt which was donated to SUCCESS. The money raised will go toward the support of the ongoing Ronald McDonald House project.



### 2nd Annual Potluck Luncheon and Cookie Project

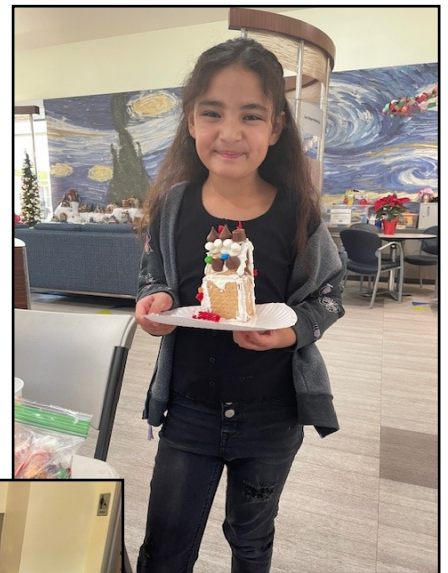
Members of the SUCCESS Optimist Club gathered on December 9th at the home of Linda Honz for the 2nd annual potluck luncheon and Christmas cookie project to honor the Harbor Police for their service. Members contributed enough cookies to fill seventy bags and each one included a postcard with the Optimist Creed on the backside.

Club member, Emily Quimpo delivered the cookies to grateful employees the following Monday.



### More SUCCESS Club News

Ten SUCCESS members met Tuesday, December 5th at **Cindy Ivanez's** home and were treated to a delicious lunch, before assembling graham cracker gingerbread houses for the 4th quarter Ronald McDonald House (RMH) project. They delivered the houses to RMH the following Tuesday, and for the first time, the club members were invited inside to help the children decorate their houses with candy. A wonderful time was had by all, and everyone was so appreciative.







A graphic for a book sale. The background is a solid pink color. In the center is a white speech bubble with a black outline. Inside the speech bubble, the Optimist International logo is in the top left corner. To its right, the word 'BOOK' is written in large, bold, green capital letters with a black outline. Below 'BOOK', the word 'Sale' is written in a black, cursive font, flanked by two black asterisks. Below the speech bubble, the words 'SAVE THE DATE' are written in bold, black capital letters. Underneath this, there are two green ovals. The left oval contains the text 'MARCH 2 &amp; 3'. The right oval contains the text 'Bonita Museum Art/History/Cultural Center'. Below these ovals is a stylized illustration of an open book with a pink cover and white pages, resting on a stack of two closed books. The books are surrounded by pink starburst shapes. Below the books, there is a green oval containing the text 'CHAMPIONING EDUCATION THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY THE BONITA OPTIMIST FOUNDATION.' At the bottom of the graphic, the address '4355 BONITA RD, BONITA, CA 91902' is written in bold, black capital letters. At the very bottom, there are two white rounded rectangles with black outlines. The left one contains the text 'Visit Us Online' and the right one contains the website address 'www.BonitaOptimistClub.org'.



# BONITA OPTIMIST CLUB

## BOOK DONATION DROPOFF

Your support benefits the youth and young adults in the community.

EVERY 2ND THURSDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
8:00 AM TO 9:30 AM

**PROVENCE HOUSE**  
4370 SWEETWATER RD.  
BONITA, CA 91902

Special pick-up arrangements can be made  
Email: [bonitaoptimistsclub@gmail.com](mailto:bonitaoptimistsclub@gmail.com)





**OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL  
FOUNDATION**

# Dime-A-Day

**O**ptimist International and Optimist International Foundation coexist as two separate organizations that support each other. Optimist International Foundation is the fundraising arm of Optimist International, and works to develop funds to support the endeavors of Optimist International and its mission.

When Members and Clubs make a contribution to support Optimist International Foundation, they are, with that gift, supporting Optimist International itself and themselves as a Club as well.

With just one dime a day, you can become part of the movement of "Helping Optimists Help Kids" and become part of a large group of Foundation supporters who realize what a difference they make every day in the lives of children.

Would you consider making a gift of just a dime a day to assist the charitable work of Optimist International?

The Dime-A-Day level is reached by a contribution of \$36.50 to the Foundation within one Optimist Year, and is recognized by the presentation of a pin.

Building a future where every kid counts  
Can you spare a **dime a day**?

Sign me up! Please accept my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation. (Enclose check, payable to Optimist International Foundation, referencing "Dime-A-Day" in the memo section.)

Sign me up! Please accept my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation. Charge my  MC  Visa  Discover  American Express

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Sign me up! Please deduct \$3.05 per month from my checking account.

Checking account number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please include a copy of a voided check)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club Number \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return to: Optimist International Foundation • Dime-A-Day Campaign • P.O. Box 952126 • St. Louis, MO 63195



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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 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 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 countenance 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.




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