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### Students of the Month

*Ayden Cahill* is pursuing a degree in Cybersecurity. He is currently in the Cyber Security program at Summit Technology Academy in Lee's Summit. Summit Tech partners with Metropolitan Community College allowing students to obtain a Associates Degree in Cybersecurity Systems. Aidan plans to go to George Washington University in DC once he has obtained his Associate Degree and pursue an Undergraduate in Cyber Security. He currently interns with a company gaining real world experience in cybersecurity.

Ayden also takes IB Math and other required credits to finish his High School level courses. He has competed in RPHS Cross Country for several years.

*Rylee Gaster* was unable to make the meeting. However, we have a picture of her when she was presented with Student of the Month certificate at the High School.



Aidan Cahill March Student of Month



### You are Invited!

The next level of competition in the Oratorical Contest is at Regional. Our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Contest winners, Vanessa Diaz and Jaxon Fines will have an opportunity to compete against other winners in the region attempting to earn a chance to compete at WEMO District on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Osage Beach, MO. Cheer them on in Adrian at 2pm on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Optimist Club Building, Located at 317 S. Old 71 Hwy.

## 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 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, to noble for anger, to strong for fear and **too happy** to permit the presence of trouble.

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### You will see your Optimist friends at these events!

- **Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>:** Nonna's Trattoria Raymore – Bring a guest for some fine Italian Dining! If you bring a Veteran guest, the local VFW would like pay for their meal.
- **Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>:** Winners of the Oratorical and Essay Contests 6:30am
- **Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Oratorical Regional Contest** – Optimist at 317 S. Old 71 Hwy; 2pm
- **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>:** Excellence in Education Banquet! High School Patio Commons 6pm

### RPHS International Exchange Student Program

*Gio Dominguez*, an exchange student from Paraguay, is hosted by the Durans. She discussed her placement at RPHS and the differences in educational opportunities between Paraguay and America. Gio speaks four languages: English, Portuguese, Spanish, and Japanese. She is currently taking business-related courses and participating in DECA, Leadership, and Government activities. Her future plans include returning to Paraguay briefly before pursuing a Business Degree at Harvard and Oxford.

Both of Gio's parents are business owners; her father runs a large farming enterprise in Paraguay, and her mother is in the business furniture industry.

Gio is one of six students in Denise Woolf's Tech Titan English 4 group, which designed a research project to help individuals use cell phone applications.

### Excellence in Education Banquet, Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>

We are proud to be the only club within Optimist International that hosts an event to honor students who rank at the top of their classes. This banquet, which is allocated a budget of approximately \$5000, features a catered dinner, entertainment, and a medal presentation for each recognized student. The keynote address will be delivered by Alan Klein's daughter.

RSVP invitations have been sent to 56 students, each representing the highest GPA in their respective classes. To date, approximately half of the students have confirmed their attendance. We encourage Optimist members to consider attending this prestigious event as well. Please RSVP to Denise Woolf or Joe O'Neal if you plan to attend. Each member may bring one guest.

