

Our purpose is to develop optimism as a philosophy of life utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed: To promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; To inspire respect for the law; To promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people; To aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world.

President's Message

December 2009 / January 2010



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Meetings are held at the Kutztown Fire Company on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30 pm unless otherwise specified through notification to club members.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Fellow Optimists!



December has past and the new year is here, the snow has already begun falling and we've fought the crowds at the malls to find the perfect gifts for our loved ones. Club member and past president Garret Miller knows all about this because his wife Margot had been shopping like a pro to find the best deals for the Optimist Club of Kutztown's Christmas for the Needy program. At the Christmas party on Monday the 7th, Margot was relaying a story to me about how Garret didn't think she'd be able to fill his van with all the presents she bought; thankfully Margot proved Garret wrong and the van was filled to capacity. Thanks Margot! I am always amazed by the guys on our club, especially their wives and significant others, who pitch in and lend a hand when needed. Because of you, the Optimist, many people in our area enjoyed a nice Christmas. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and are enjoying a Happy New Year.



Glenn Miller entertaining the audience.

Club news and events

1. The Senior Dinner was held on Sunday December 6 and as always was a great time! The Brothers Schlegel once again did the elders proud by hosting a great time. Glenn Miller, the one man band, was there and did a great job entertaining everyone. We always need guys to help with the driving, so remember to vounteer next year.
2. The Optimist Club of Kutztown's annual Family Holiday Dinner hosted 100 members and the family members and was a great time! The kids had a ton of fun. There was food, music and Santa came to deliver some holiday cheer to the kids. Alan Angstadt did a fantastic job organizing this event; nice work Alan!
3. Comedy Night was held on Saturday 11/709. Paul Venier—The One Man Comedy Tornado lived up to his name and harassed the audience, especially the Remicks, for the low price of \$15. This past Saturday we enjoyed the comedy of a local comedian named Dave Armstrong. Contact Jim (610) 683-9345 or Jerry (610) 683-7483 before tickets sell out for the next show, the second Saturday in March.
4. The Senior Dinner was held at the Kutztown Grange on Sunday December 6, contact Andy Schlegel if you want to volunteer your time to pick up and drive these senior member of Kutztown to this nice treat.

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5. January sandwich orders are due to Greg DeLong by Wednesday 1/13/10 and the sandwiches will be made on Wednesday 1/20/10 at KFC.
6. Online registration is now available for the Fool's Run. We are looking for sponsors! A sponsorship of \$250 will get your company's name on the t-shirt. Contact Don Sechler for more information.
7. The Winter Carnival will be held on Friday January 15, 2010 at the Kutztown Elementary building at 6:00.
8. Night at the races will be held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles on Main Street in Kutztown on March 12 at 7:00pm. Come on out for a smoke free night and purchase a horse for only \$10.
9. Rob DeVall needs the essays for this year's essay contest delivered to his house by Saturday February 6, 2010.
10. Rob DeVall also is running the Oratorical contest which will be held on Tuesday February 23, 2010 at 7:00 in the Kutztown Middle School Library. The snow date will be Thursday February 25. Rob is looking for a time keeper and a sergeant at arms.
11. Andy Schlegel is organizing a local wine/beer tasting trip to local vineyards and the Yuengling brewery. Let me know if you're interested through e-mail please, if you are interested so we can plan accordingly.
12. Next meeting is Monday January 18, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Kutztown Fire Company.

Special Thanks

- Hugh Smith and his company Firelock for matching the Optimist Club of Kutztown's \$500 donation to the Children's Home of Easton
- Bill Dorshimer for submitting the application for a \$500 grant from his company Baltimore Life and contacting me to say we received this grant.

Promise yourself to talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.