

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

February 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.

Das Grundsaw saw his shadow and Valentine's Day is on the way. . .



so remember the sweethearts in your life and show them how much they mean with a sandwich from

the cupids at the Optimist Club of Kutztown.

Some other great gift ideas are a night out at the Eagles club in Kutztown for the Night at the Races or a night at the Comedy Club. If you take your wife or significant other out for dinner to Camilio's or any other business in Kutztown or the surrounding area, let them know that you're from the

Optimist club because they just may become sponsors of the Fool's Run and we want to show them how much purchasing power the guys on the club have.

This is also a great time for me to ask you for fundraising ideas. This time of year is difficult to raise the money we need to help the youth of our area and I'm presenting a challenge to our members to bring in funds that will help balance our generous giving. One great way is to bring a friend to one of our meetings to see if they would like to join our club and bring some new ideas for generating income. In addition to bringing out new guys, let's talk to some members who have decided to drop their membership and ask them to return. Our mission is to assist the youth of our area and EVERY member adds to this club with either time at meetings or fundraising events or just being a friend in optimism and keeping their membership active.

Club news and events

1. Sandwich Sale — I am asking that all members of the club purchase a sandwich to help this great fundraiser of ours. Sandwich orders are due on February 10 and if you're available, they will be made at KFC on February 17. Download the form at www.kutztownoptimist.org and contact Greg DeLong to place your order or if you can make it out.
2. Rob DeVall is doing an amazing job organizing the Essay Contest, Oratorical contest and Photography contest. The essays are due to Rob's House on February 6. The Oratorical contest will be held on February 23 at the Kutztown Area Middle School Libray at 7:00 pm; snow date is the 25th. Judges have been lined up and the time keeper will be Don Sechler with Tom Luckenbill overseeing the event as the Sergeant at arms. Thanks for all of your hard work Rob.



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3. Comedy Night — Saturday March 6 is the next Comedy Night. We need everyone to promote this great fundraiser and to come out with their friends for laughs, drinks and dancing afterwards. Tom Luckenbill will provide dance lessons immediately following the door prizes.
4. The Basketball season is in full swing and the candy money is starting to roll in. Special thanks goes out to Jodi Brossman who has been coachin the girls basketball for many years and is doing an amazing job!
5. Night at the Races — Saturday March 13 at the Fraternal Order of Eagles on Main Street in Kutztown, doors open at 7:00. THIS IS A NON-SMOKING EVENT so you don't need to worry about cigaretter smoke. Purchase a horse for \$10 and your food and drink are covered for the event. If your horse wins first place you win \$50, if your horse wins second place you win \$10. You also place bets on other horses during the event to wins other purses. This is seriously a fun night out. Contact Bob Geist or Jerry Jackson for tickets.



2009 Egg stuffing at the Kutztown Fire Company

6. Easter Egg Hunt — March 15th will be the egg stuffing event! Be at KFC at 6:00 pm to help stuff eggs, we need all hands on deck to help celebrate our 10th annual egg hunt. This year all eggs will be stuffed with chocolate. Special thanks to Kutztown Bottling Works for allowing us to store the eggs in their walk in cooler. Like a Mother hen, Andy Schlegel will guard the eggs for the three weeks leading up to the hunt.

7. Fool's Run — The Fool's Run is only 2 months away and the committee will be meeting twice per month. We need members to put time aside and come out to help with bag stuffing on Friday March 26 in Beltsner Hall at the Kutztown

Fairgrounds and definitely come out on race day to help. Don Sechler and the rest of the committee is doing a great job organizing this event and is asking that we find more sponsorship. Next time you are out at a local store, ask them if they could make a donation to the fool's run. Any donation will help, but a donation of \$125 will get a business name on a marker and their information placed into the race bag. Let them know that this is a great way for their name to be advertised to a great number of people who live in our area; \$250 gets their name on the race t-shirt. A palette of water has been donated by Paul Brauer's parent company Wake Fern (ShopRite).

8. Chris Manwiller informed me that one of the signs fell off the food stand and that he placed it inside one of the buildings. He also informed me that the stand is cleared out so the floor can be painted. It's too cold now to even think about painting the floor, but we should start thinking about getting club members together to work on one of our biggest fund raising venues, the food stand. Good job Chris, thanks for checking on the stand!

Special Thanks

- Ken Remick for keeping the website up to date
- Paul Brauer for securing a palette of water from his parent company Wake Fern.
- Jodi Brossman, Lori Brauer, Chris Manwiller, Doug Sanders, Jack Enriken, and Randy Hensinger for running the Boys and Girls Basketball program. I apoligize if I missed anyone.

Promise yourself to make all of your friends feel that there is something in them.