

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

October/November 2009

Ready for an Optimistic Year



I am honored to be the 29th President of the Optimist Club of Kutztown in the 2009–2010 year. My wife Tracy, son Griffin and daughter Madelyn are proud to call Kutztown our home, and are dedicated to bringing out the best not only in kids, but to our community as well. As a Father, I am concerned about the many difficulties that face my children as well as the children of all parents in our community which is why I feel it is important to participate in the Internet Safety Program sponsored by Optimist International. I have acquired an Internet Safety packet and will be asking for assistance from club members who are also interested in this important issue to help run both the Faux Paw program aimed at children in grades 1–4 and the Adult Education presentation. In addition to the Internet Safety Program, I also want to participate in the Youth Empowerment Service (Y.E.S.) which is dedicated to help prevent students from dropping out of school. I look forward to seeing all of our club members in the upcoming year.

Club news and events

1. The Kutztown Merchant Halloween night was held on Wednesday 10/28/2009. We occupied the space across from King's Cycles. Our own Lt. Governor Greg DeLong, was dressed in a spooky outfit and there was a costume judging contest.
2. Past President Tom Legath and his family visited our club on November 2, 2009 and was presented the Christien D. Larson (the person responsible for writing the Optimist Creed) award. Club member voted Tom to receive this award while Dan Schlegel was President and Marion Doerte along with Don Sechler presented the award. Tom was duped into coming by Don with a bogus story that club member Bob Geist was to be honored; Tom was surprised, and honored Bob with a speech anyway.
3. Comedy Night was held on Saturday 11/7/09. 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. Contact Jim (610) 683-9345 or Jerry (610) 683-7483 before tickets sell out for the next show in January.
4. The Senior Dinner will be 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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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.

5. The Optimist Club of Kutztown's annual Christmas dinner will be held at KFC on Monday December 7, 2009 at 6:00pm. Please call Alan Angstadt at his home phone number (610) 683-7036 and leave a message with your name and the number of adults and kids who will be attending from your family. Remember to bring a wrapped gift, no more than \$15 in value, for Santa to hand out to each of the children you are bringing with you, plus a non perishable food item to donate to the food bank.



Passing the torch



Standing around Penn DOT style



The Chin-up gang

6. On Saturday November 14, 2009 Greg Benicoff organized some handy members from the Kutztown and Fleetwood Optimist clubs to install a chin up bar workout station. This was a really fun day and special thanks goes out to Doug Sanders for donating his expertise with the back hoe and cost of rental, also thanks to Andy O'Neil, Glenn "the stomach" Gressley, Pat Maley and Ed Fink from the Optimist Club of Fleetwood. Check out the website for more images.

Special Announcements!

- Congratulations to Dan and Dona Schlegel, on the birth of their daughter, Adison Grace Schlegel.
- There will not be a meeting on Monday December 7, because we will have our annual holiday dinner. Bring your family out to the Kutztown Fire Company for a fun filled event. The next meeting will be Monday December 21, 2009.
- Anyone interested in running an Internet Safety Program for kids and adults should contact President Pat Maley for more information. I have a kit from Optimist International that has all of the information you will need. I spoke with the Louisa Gonser Libray and they are interested in hosting the event, we just need a member to run the program.
- Please make sure to send in your dues to Mike Wanner. In a time when the economy is struggling, we need our members to help in any way possible and the best way is to maintain membership. This year we are donating over \$2,000 to help local families through Christmas time and your dues help us do our work.
- If you would like the newsletter mailed to your residence send an e-mail to me at maleyp@lcti.org with your mailing address and I will see that you get a copy mailed to you.

Special Thanks

- Vice President Ken Remick for taking charge of the website.
- Our newest club members John Parella and Randy Burch

Promise yourself to be so strong that NOTHING can disturb your peace of mind.