

Please remember everyone ... next Tuesday July 27, we will be having an evening meeting at The Casa Mexico at 10332 Fairview Ave, Boise, ID starting at 6:30 PM.



“Friends of Youth – Bringing out the Best in Kids

www.boiseoptimist.org

Please take a look at our updated website. If you have any suggestions or corrections, please contact Ben Peterson at blpeter@gmail.com

Calendar Of Events

This Saturday ... JULY 31 - OYF Coaches Clinic. With an approximate head count of 300 people. We begin serving breakfast at 8:00. Please be there to help cook and serve the coaches.

President Ken Wall called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., Scott Muir led us in the Pledge, and Stub Clarkson said the Invocation. Stub also served at Sgt. at Arms and Sunshine \$\$ collection person.

Connie Condie introduced her children Gatlin and Makenna; Richard Buchanan introduced five guests of his; Ken acknowledged our thanks to Boise Basin lending us their Large Bar-B-Q for the Misti Picnic.

SUNSHINE \$\$\$: Steve Oliver; Steve's wife Sue is recovering very well from one knee replacement; and she is getting ready for knee # 2; you'll be in our thoughts Sue!!! Good Luck. Gary Arbaugh caught a fish that's four times bigger than Grandson Darren!!! Congrats.

Clarkson Clan: Congrats to daughter Kathy on her "50th" (I can't believe that); and grandson Will's passage to a full time working man. Looks like it's Hawaii for him. Poor kid. Pat is a new "Aunt" of a 7#, 12 oz. Baby. Our Club helped Meridian Club raise funds for their casino night. Lisa and Rick Peterson's helped deal the crap table.

Coach Clinic; New Football Rosters early part of July; Jamboree 21st (background checks. We expect about 350 folks for Breakfast at the Fields on the 31st of July. Cheer Camp coming up Aug. 14. Here again we expect about 500 Cheer girls. We expect to have some "old cars Vintage available as well.

Sue Clarkson also shared daughter Kathy is going to China with a group of Basque folks.

Our special guest today is Brigadier General Bill Shawver of the Idaho Air National Guard. He spoke of the new F-35 coming to Boise. He gave an excellent presentation on the subject of the noise etc. The first thing he said was: "I'm not here to try and change any minds about the F-35." The benefits of this aircraft coming to Boise will be huge!



Bob Wells, Bureau of Homeland Security, Special Assistant to General Bill Shawver.



Connie Conde with children Gatlin and Makenna.



Diana & Jerry Deweerd



Air Idaho National Guard Brigadier General, William H. Shawver, Jr.



Harvey Dixon and Steve Oliver



Richard Buchanan brought some friends this day, Jack Newland, Phil Hamric, Norm Stanfield, and Chase & Joyce Hewes.



Steve giving a Sunshine Dollar to Stub Clarkson.



Pat Waller doing the same.



Richard introducing his guests.





General Shawver and Brett Gallagher.



Gary Arbaugh with his "lucky for fishing" beard.



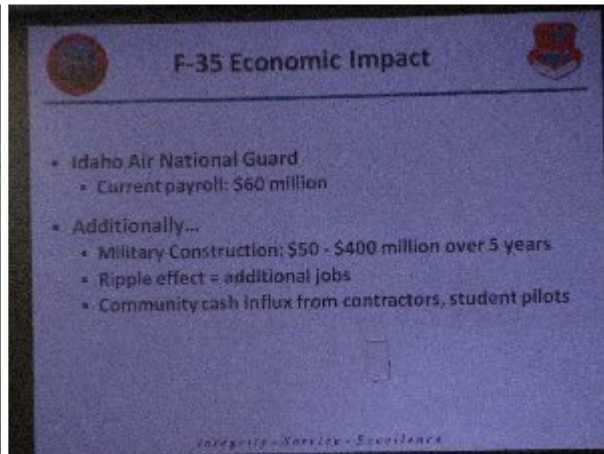
The General talk about the new F-35 coming to Boise. Yes, he talked of the noise situation.



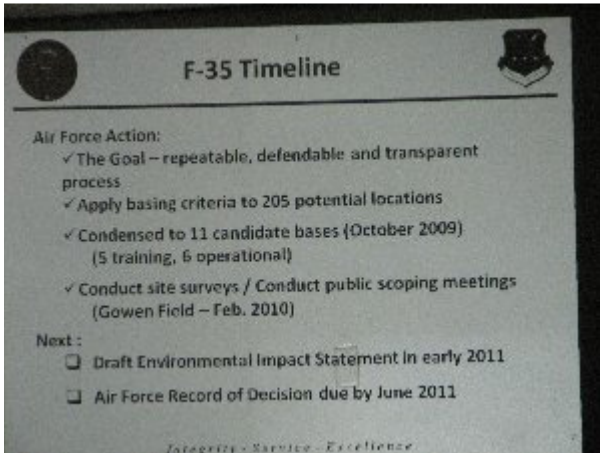
The General gave us a clear concise presentation.



Boise has excellent infrastructure for the F-35



This means lots of revenue for Boise and Idaho.



Stub Clarkson's ticket was pulled and he won \$6.00!

Yours in Optimism, Walt & Barbara Callahan

Activities of the Boise Noon Optimist Club

Optimist Youth Football and Cheer Program



A nationally recognized, premier, youth sports program, begun in 1949 by the Boise Noon Optimist Club. This Flag and Tackle football program encompasses teams from throughout the Treasure Valley, including Boise, Meridian, Eagle, Nampa, Emmett, Mtn. Home, McCall, Wood River, it'sKuna, Glens Ferry, Marsing, Horseshoe Bend, and Garden Valley. In 2004, we expanded to include Cheerleading. In 2006, we anticipate over 4000 kids, ages 7-12, participating in this outstanding youth sports program.

The Boise Optimist Youth Football & Cheer Program steadfastly adheres to a rather “unique” philosophy. There is no goal of sending a team to any Little League World Series. There are no traveling teams with paid coaching staffs. There are no All-Star Teams. Participants do not “try out” and they are not categorized as “major” and “minor.”

Instead, Optimist teams and cheer squads are formed by neighborhoods according to where the participant lives. Teams are composed of players of different skill levels and abilities. They learn how to combine all these different abilities to form a team.

In football, once a player is on a tackle team (usually age 9), they will stay with that team for the entire four years they are in the program. They not only grow up together, but they also form lifelong

friendships. When a coach starts with a team, he also moves up with the same team for the full four years.

A lot of youth programs talk about teaching teamwork, sportsmanship, commitment, and developing relationships. Optimist Youth Football & Cheer actually does it. It is truly a “unique experience.”

Optimist Youth Sports Complex



The Boise Noon Optimist Club, in collaboration with the City of Boise, has established a permanent home for the Optimist Youth Football and Cheer Program. With generous donations from corporate sponsors, Phase I of the Optimist Youth Sports Complex, located on Hill Road, was completed. Phase II of the park is currently under construction and we are actively seeking funds to complete this outstanding youth sports park. Other youth sports groups benefit from this city park, including recreational soccer and lacrosse teams. When complete, the 52 acre park will have 16 football fields, 950+ parking spaces, 2 catch-and-release ponds, 2 tennis courts, 2 covered patios, and a playground. For more information contact Jerron Moore at jerronm@msn.com.

Childhood Cancer Campaign



In December 2001, the Optimist International Board of Directors established the CCC as the organization's primary focus program for the next five years. We also give financial support to the St. Luke's Hospital school for children undergoing extensive and prolonged treatments. The benefits of this school can best be summed up in the words of one of its students, *“I figured if they were going to go to the trouble to teach me math, that must mean that I wasn't going to die.”*

Operation Bear Care

In partnership with Boise State University; we collect hundreds of new teddy bears and other stuffed animals during a home basketball game. These cuddly toys find their way to the Victim-Witness Units of the Boise Police Department and the Ada County Sheriff's Office.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Picnic

During the month of June, Boise hosts the annual Hugh O'Brian Leadership Conference. Every high school in Idaho selects one sophomore student to attend this dynamic and life-changing event. The Boise Noon Optimist Club puts together a great bar-b-que in the park and feeds lunch to all of these young people and the HOBY staff. These future leaders are motivated, enthusiastic, appreciative, and hungry! To learn more about the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation, go to <http://www.hoby.org/About/>.

Rake-Up Boise

Each year the Boise Noon Optimist club participates in “Rake-Up Boise,” a city-wide effort to rake the leaves of the elderly, handicapped, or feeble members of our community.

Santa Letters



The BNOC has been answering Santa's letters for over 35 years. Gary Arbaugh

organizes the Santa Letters sessions.

Annual Holiday Auction & Dinner

This has become a highly anticipated holiday event for Boise Noon Optimist club members. Our dinner and silent and live auctions net thousands of dollars which are then distributed to needy kids and their families. Each year we purchase gifts for kids at the Hays Shelter Home and the Emancipation House. Other groups who have benefited from our auctions include the Ronald McDonald House, Fairmont Junior High School Holiday gift-giving and individual families in Boise.

Essay Contest

This is a new program for our club. It is designed to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live. This year's club winner was Kathryn Boren, a senior at Boise High School. She received a \$250 scholarship from the Boise Noon Club and her essay will be competing in our Pacific Northwest District contest in May 2006.

Quilting

This group of ladies and gents get together to promote personal quilting skills and produce quilts for the Linus Program. "Linus" blankets are distributed to children's hospitals, fire departments and family service organizations.

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