



“Friends of Youth – Bringing out the Best in Kids

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

President Ken Wall called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m., Walt Callahan led us in the Creed and Stub Clarkson said the Invocation, talking about the passing of his old friend George Santo, Sub did a beautiful job.

We were honored to have the "Santo Ladies" with us today. The family made a donation to the Fields in George's Name. We thank you so much.

Sunshine \$\$: Cindy Wall for her and Ken's 9th Anniversary. Congratulations. She also reported that The Fund Raiser took in \$168,000 True!

Dyan for the Concessions; she truly enjoys the time she spends there on weekends; you too can enjoy the ambiance and JOY - come join her!!! Stub reported that he Lisa and Rick worked on the hot air balloons at the Vet's OLYMPICS!!! Stub also shared that Lisa has Kellen Moore in her class and has a copy of Sports Illustrated !! Leila Santo thanked everyone for their love and prayers. We will be selling Programs again this year; please contact Mark Anderson to distribute!!!

Bill Garcia and Treena from the Meridian Optimist Club will be working trailer again this year.

OUR INSTALLATION DINNER IS SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 3 AT 6:00 P.M AT LOUIE'S in MERIDIAN

Our guest today is Joe McNeill. Joe was who was born at St.Luke's and is now in his 3rd Career; he worked for the Fire Dept., took a test, got an interview and got a Job!!. In 1988 was a combat Fire Fighter, worked in Maintenance Division, as a trouble shooter, and "fixit" guy, and does any and all testing and fixing. Also worked in purchasing, legal department; checked documents, reviewed documents, updated criteria.

Tony Bradford won \$10.00 today; you can't win unless you play~!!!!

Don't forget the Appreciation Banquet and Football Dinner. More later



Our speaker this day was Joe O'Neill from the Boise Fire Dept.



It was wonderful to see Leila Santo (right) with her daughter Sandy & granddaughter Angie.



A nice picture of Ken & Cindi Wall.



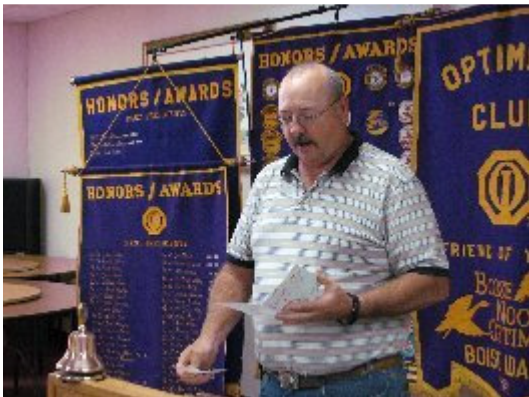
Barbara Callahan & Richard Buchanan.



Tony Bradford talked of the need of afternoon shuttle drivers on OYF Saturdays at the fields.



"Lee" with Stub Clarkson



BNOc out-going President Ken reading a thank you note from the Santo family.



The Wall's speaking of their recent wedding anniversary.



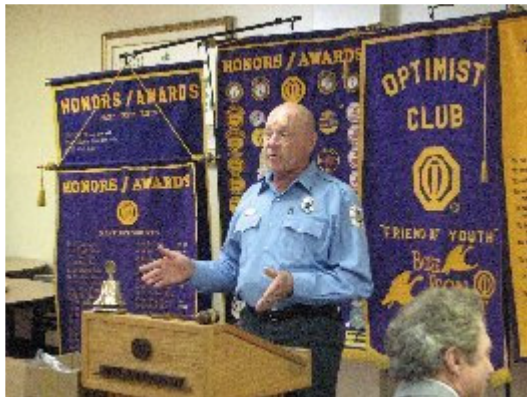
Mike Bouton introducing his friend of many years; Joe O'Neill.



Brett Gallagher flew his jet over the Optimist fields last Saturday.



Stub talking about being in the crew of a hot air balloon with daughter Lisa for the Vets last Saturday.



Captain Joe O'Neill takes care of any and all mechanical problems the Boise Fire Department may have. He also goes to a fire if it goes to two alarms.



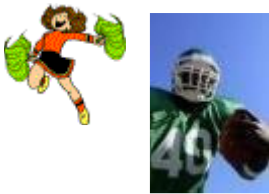
Did you know that every speaker receives an Optimist mouse pad. Captain O'Neill gets his from Mike Bouton. See how happy he is?

Tony's ticket was pulled ... the pot was at \$133, and he drew a Queen for \$10. See how happy he is?

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.