

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN OPTIMIST CLUB MONTHLY BULLETIN

October 2019

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- Board; Charlie Dorman, Lew Frey, Rich Dalton, Steve Acton, Mel Jones, Walt Lischak, Hunter Walton
- Editor Christina Dolomount Brown 561-289-6801

Presidents Message

The Board of Directors has elected Hunter Walton as a replacement director for the balance of 2019-2020 Optimist year. Hunter places the vacated term of the late George Mastrogianis.

Time to make Christmas Plans! Our Optimist Club Annual Christmas Party is December 19th at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. Entertainment and appetizer buffet available during Happy Hour. Over the next two monthly meetings we will be taking table reservations and entrees choices. Charlie Smith has again volunteered to be the contact person for this event.

As always, Wives and significant others are included as well as single member.

Dues! To date we have only received less than 50% of current members' dues. Please contact Joe Hammon to pay your dues.

We have funded a number of worthwhile causes during our last Board meeting and I will bring the membership up to date during our November meeting.

Bill Hickey

SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING



***Optimist of the
Year***

Joe Hammon



***Welcoming
our new
President***

Past President
Charlie Smith

New President
Bill Hickey

Club Treasurer
Joe Hammon

Updates from the Committee Chairs

Sunshine Committee – Doug & Dorothy Juckett, 410-208-1018

Please continue to keep Kenny Fink in your thoughts as prayers. His wife Shirley is with Kenny as he was moved to Hospice in Centerville last week.

As well, our Committee co-chair Dorothy is undergoing carotid artery surgery on the 31th; please add Dorothy to your prayer chain as we all wish her well.

Christmas Party – Charlie Smith; 410-641-6746, optimistcds@aol.com

The time is near!!! We will have our 48th Christmas Party at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club on Thursday, December 19. The event will be at 6:00 pm on the second floor. There is an elevator inside the main entrance.

Cost will remain the same, 35\$ per. Appetizers will be followed by a choice of main entrée:

- Crab cake
- Roasted Salmon
- Fillet.

Entrees are accompanied with fingerling potatoes, glazed carrots, cauliflower melody, rolls and butter.

Dessert; Crème Brûlée. Beverages; Soft drinks, Ice Tea, Coffee and Tea

Throughout the evening there will be a cash bar at happy hour prices.

Reservations for dinner choices and tables will be taken at club meetings. We will have tables to seat 8 or 10; please make your reservations as it is never too early to plan for a great evening.

Call Charlie Smith at 410-641-6746 or email at optimistcds@aol.com.

Membership – Roger Pacella

We are currently at 117 members and continuing to grow!

Publicity Roger Pacella

We published an article in the Ocean City Today edition of October 11th featuring the Finger Printing Program held at Showell Elementary school. Another successful event; thanks for all our volunteers and particularly Steve Acton and his family.

Youth ID Program fingerprints 200 Showell students

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Oct. 11, 2019) The Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club recently fingerprinted 200 students at Showell Elementary School as a part of its Youth ID Program.

The program, which was started in 1996 by local club member Steve Acton, has scanned the fingerprints of approximately 75,000 Worcester County students in prekindergarten through eighth grade since its inception.

"We give parents a card they can keep with them and if something happens, like say they were on the Boardwalk in Ocean City and their kid got lost, there would be a description of the child and all the pertinent information the police would need to help recover the child," Roger Pacella, publicity chairman for the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club, said.

In addition to having their fingerprints taken, students also get their picture taken in front of a height chart in order to further help police in the event the child goes missing.

Typically, the procedure is done for students in prekindergarten up to first grade, though transfer students up to eighth grade can also be added to the system.

The program is offered during the school day.

The Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club's Youth ID Program is provided throughout Worcester County in both private and public schools. The group has also brought the program to Phillip Showell Elementary in Sussex County, Delaware.

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Club seeking volunteers, members

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"Optimist Club's motto is 'Friend to youth,'" Pacella said. "We do everything in the community we can to help kids."

The club also provides essay contests, supports local sports clubs and was responsible for furnishing the children's section of the Berlin Library.

It also just hit the \$2 million mark in scholarships for students at Stephen Decatur, Pocomoke and Snow Hill high schools.

The Ocean City-Berlin Optimist

Club is always seeking new volunteers and currently has 117 members.

For more information about the Youth ID Program or to sign up to become a volunteer for the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club, visit <https://ocberlinoptimistclub.org/>, call Pacella at 410-641-8283 or email him at r.pacella@mchsi.com.



PHOTO COURTESY ROGER PACELLA

Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club member Melva Middleton fingerprints Kalin Bouaphakeo, a pre-kindergarten student at Showell Elementary School. The club fingerprinted 200 students at Showell on Sept. 30 as part of its Youth ID Program.

Message from the Editor – Christina Dolomount Brown

We have some many members involved in our volunteer programs and as a fairly new member I am always surprised at how many events our Club has developed, and participate in on a regular basis. The following is the listing of our current Committees, and their Chair. In future we would like to have each of these Committees' provide a monthly update as events are scheduled to occur as this helps keep all our members informed; and allows us to understand just how much effort continues to go on behind the scenes.

Please take time to thank each of these Committee members for all their efforts.

Fund Raising – Annual Seaside Boat Show

Boat Show, Chairman Charlie Dorman-443-880-3602

Provide leadership for the show. Work with vendors. Direct all committees that cover various aspects of the show.

Show Program, Lew Frey-410-641-6361

Work with vendors and other potential advertisers to produce the program. Collect payments. Obtain ads from same. Layout book and coordinate printing and distribution.

Show Advertising, Charles Smith-410-641-6746

Coordinate ads in newspapers, cable, TV stations and radio. Approve ads. Provide advertisers with TV ads and approve scripts with radio stations.

Show Workers, Charles Smith-410-641-6746

Work with club members to provide workers for show entrance, show exit and information table.

Hospitality Room, Melva Middleton-410-641-5242

Purchase room food and drink. Provide manpower to cover room during show.

Credentials Desk, Joe Hammen-410-208-4304

Provide vendors with credentials. Provide patrons with information as requested.

Set Up/Move Out, Jim Flaig 410-250-2262/Steve Acton-443-783-5317

Coordinate layout of hall. Direct setup of hall. Direct break down of show.

Parades, Steve Acton-443-783-5317

Direct preparation of boat show door prize for Christmas parades. Lead members in three parades.

Scholarship Lotto-Rich Dalton-631-278-5644/Larry Campbell-443-664-6585

Set up lotto. Direct mailing. Maintain records as tickets sold. Work booth at show.

Performing Arts/ Sun/Spring Fests Ushers, Lew Frey/Steve Acton

Direct ticket takers, ushers and other workers for shows at the Convention Center and other Community events.

Golf Tournament, Charles Smith

Arrange for course. Set up lunch. Contact potential donors, Schedule golfers. Direct volunteers for day of tournament.

Membership, Roger Pacella-410-641-8283

Encourage potential members to join. Assist in helping new members to get involved. Assist treasurer in retention of members. Develop programs to keep all involved.

Bulletin, Christina Dolomount Brown-561-289-6801

Assist President to provide a monthly bulletin. Contact committee leads for input, Email and mail to all members. Update website.

Picnic, Charlie and Carol Dorman

Plan, direct and encourage attendance at picnic. Assist chairman as needed.

Crab Feast, Charlie Smith

Plan direct and encourage attendance. Assist as needed.

Call Committee, Carol Dorman

Call members to obtain potential attendees for dinner meetings and other club activities. Report to chairman. Follow-up with non-responders

Christmas Party, Charles Smith/Bill Hickey 410-641-5948

Plan party with restaurant, set up tables for attendees, Encourage attendance. Provide tickets, collect fees. Provide music.

Publicity, Roger Pacella

Work with committees and board to provide publicity to cover club programs and activities.

Sunshine, Doug Juckett-410-208-1018

Respond to reports of good and not so good news of members and families. Send cards, flowers, or other items as needed.

Community Programs

Youth ID, Steve Acton

Coordinate with schools for kids, visit schools to fingerprint, and take pictures of kids.

Art Contest, Anna Mullis-410-629-1201

Plan, direct and assist to conduct Worcester County High School Art Contest. Work with teachers, Display art work. Provide judge or judges. Assist in awarding kids at club meeting.

Essay Contest, Fran Pilarski-410-641-6910

Plan, direct and conduct essay contest. Visit schools to meet with teachers. Provide judges for contest. Send winning essay to district. Assist in awarding kids at club meeting

Oratorical Contest, Sharon Sorrentino-410-208-4707

Assist with all aspects of the contest. Visit schools to meet with teachers. Set up facilities and dates for contest. Help obtain judges, time keepers and Sargent at Arms for contest. Provides refreshments. Assist as winners attend zone and district contest and attend club dinner meeting.

Scholarships, Rich Dalton

Evaluate SD students. Prepare award packages. Present awards at three schools. Notify county and provide winners with instructions as to action needed to receive scholarships.

Please contact a chair if you wish to get involved. We can always use more help.

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 7th, Thursday, Dinner at the Legion. Social at 6pm, Dinner 7pm
- Nov. 14th, Thursday Board Meeting at Ocean Pines Library 6 pm

- Dec. 5th, Thursday Dinner at America; Social at 6pm, Dinner 7pm
- Dec. 12th, Thursday Board Meeting at Ocean Pines Library 6 pm
- Dec. 19th, Thursday, Christmas Party at OP Yacht Club 6pm

- Jan 2nd, Thursday, Dinner at the Legion. Social at 6pm, Dinner 7pm
- Jan 9th, Thursday Board Meeting at Ocean Pines Library 6 pm

- Feb. 6th, Thursday, Dinner at the Legion. Social at 6pm, Dinner 7pm
 - Essay Contest Winner Presentation following Dinner
- Feb. 14th thru 16th, 38th Annual Seaside Boat Show
- Feb. 20th, Thursday Board Meeting at Ocean Pines Library 6 pm

- Mar, 5th, Thursday, Dinner at the Legion. Social at 6pm, Dinner 7pm
 - Art Winner Presentation following Dinner
- Mar, 12th , Thursday Board Meeting at Ocean Pines Library 6 pm

- Apr. 2nd, Thursday, Dinner at the Legion. Social at 6pm, Dinner 7pm
 - Election following dinner
- Apr, 9th , Thursday Board Meeting at Ocean Pines Library 6 pm
 - STAR Breakfast

- May 7th Thursday, Dinner at the Legion. Social at 6pm, Dinner 7pm
 - Oratorical Contest winners presentation following dinner
- May 14th, Thursday Board Meeting at Ocean Pines Library 6 pm
 - WeXL Banquet

- June 4th, Thursday, Dinner at the Legion. Social at 6pm, Dinner 7pm
- June 11th, Thursday Board Meeting at Ocean Pines Library 6 pm

- July Annual Picnic, date/location tbd

- Sept. 3rd, Thursday, Dinner at the Legion. Social at 6pm, Dinner 7pm
- Sept, 10th Thursday Board Meeting at Ocean Pines Library 6 pm
- Annual Fall Crab Feast, date/location tbd

Ocean Berlin Optimist Club WEBSITE

Please visit our site. Suggestions for updates and corrections are always welcome.

<https://ocberlinoptimistclub.org>



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.