

THE OK BROWSER

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**As we face the Year ahead Optimist see
Hope, expectations and possibilities.
"Start from wherever you are and with
whatever you've got." – Jim Rohn**

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GREAT CONFERENCE!!!!!!

Thanks to all who made our First Quarter Conference such a success. We had over 40 attendees who worked to make a difference. Bob Fuller, our Regional Vice President, from Vista, CA, commented that we had one of the best conferences and would be happy to come back again. Terri, his wife, said she would be ready to return to Oklahoma, maybe in the Spring. Terri, was the life of our party at the Friday evening Hockey Game at the Ford Center.

I want to thank all of the Executive Board Members for their hard work on Friday night. We didn't finish our work 'till after 1:00 AM on Saturday. Some important By-law changes had to be made to comply with Optimist International By-laws. We now have to have a quorum of the Board of Directors (**CLUB PRESIDENTS**) at our General Session to approve business passed by the Executive Board. Right now that would mean we would need 16 Club Presidents or their appointed representative attending future conferences before any business could be conducted.

A Big Thanks to the 5 Lt. Governors and 13 Club Presidents or Representatives that attended the Conference. We had great presentations on "How to Build Sports Clubs" made by Lt. Governor Ray Meier and assisted by Lt. Governor Shelly Cherry.

At the Conference, Judy Osborn, Foundation Representative, was telling us about ways our clubs could raise money for Foundation, when in walks a gorilla named Sunshine! Needless to say some of our members had a shocking surprise when Sunshine slipped up behind them and gave them a hug!! Judy and Sunshine collected donations for little gorilla's to raise money for Foundation. Teri Hill, Childhood Cancer Chairperson, had a Duck Pond, make a donation and receive a Duck and a chance to win an Optimist Calendar, or an Optimist plate, or A Ducky Basket of Goodies or 2nd Quarter Free Registration. With our members buying Fine Insurance, Gorillas, Ducks and other donations, last count I heard was over \$650.00 collected for Foundation. Remember all money collected for Childhood Cancer Campaign is reported under Foundation, you just note your checks in the memo "Childhood Cancer" if you want it to be used for Childhood Cancer Research specifically.

Our **Next Conference** will be held in **Broken Arrow February 2nd & 3rd 2007**. The Conference and Luncheon will be held at the **Bass Pro** on the 3rd. This promises to be another great event as we will have **DISTRICT AWARDS** being presented. Registration Forms and Agenda will be here on the web-site and mailed out to all Club Presidents the first week of January 2007.

I Look Forward to Seeing You at Bass Pro,

Leonard Casey
Oklahoma District Governor

A BIT OF THIS AND A BIT OF THAT

We received a Thank You from the Fullers for the gifts the District gave them and for the good Oklahoma hospitality. They both commented on how well the Optimist of Oklahoma work and play together.....The highlight of our 2nd Quarter Conference will be the presentation of the 2005 – 2006 Awards.....Now is the time to start working on 2006 – 2007 Awards. Here is a Message from Ronnie Dunn, President, Optimist International on Recognition and Incentives.

Do you ever stop to think about what motivates you to serve as an Optimist? Why do you strive to “Bring Out the Best in Kids”? I believe the answer is *Love*. Awards reveal how we recognize those who show their love for children by increasing our outreach efforts through growth, which ultimately leads to more service. The greatest reward we get is the satisfaction that we are truly making a difference in our world.

Thank you for sharing your *Love!*

District, Club and Member Recognition can be found on-line under Optimist International “Clubs and Districts” Recognition for 2006-2007 www.optimist.org I have not found the 2006-2007 requirements on CPA (Community Project Awards Program) Yet. I have contacted the Programs Coordinator at OI to obtain this information. However, now is the time to make plans to turn in one or more CPA’s in different categories. Save Publication, Club-generated Publicity, Pictures and Project Story on your club Community Service and Fundraising Projects. I will be giving information on awards to your Lt. Governors and Club Presidents at the 2nd Quarter Conference. **START NOW COLLECTING YOUR CLUB NEWSLETTER!!** You must turn in 12 newsletters to receive recognition. Have you contacted the Schools, Boys & Girls Clubs, Youth Groups Etc. to enter the Optimist Essay Contest? Essay Topic: **“I Want To Make A Difference Because”** Club entry fee: \$30.00. 1 entry per Club. Mail Entry Form, Birth Record and Check payable to Oklahoma District Essay Contest to reach Teri Hill 3691 N 4327 Rd Pryor, OK 74361 by February 28, 2007. Call: (800) 500-8130, ext. 235 or e-mail: programs@optimst.org to obtain contest application and official rules. The Oklahoma District Oratorical Contest will be held at the 3rd Quarter Conference in Guthrie, OK. May 5, 2007 Oratorical Topic: **“My Biggest Challenge Is”**. This contest is for Boys & Girls who have *not* attained the age of 16 years prior to or on January 1 of the current school year and are educated in the U.S, Canada or the Caribbean are eligible to enter. Have you applied for your **Passports? Merci bocoup, Our rev waugh (Thank You, See You Later)**

It’s a busy, busy time, but I wouldn’t want it any other way! Have a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Laugh, Love, Encourage Others and Promise Yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind



Make Your Optimism Come True,
Jo Anne

