

# The OptiNews

Del Mar/Solana Beach Optimist Club

## Meetings and Events

May 15- Dinner Meeting at Lomas Santa Fe CC 6 PM

Speaker is Joe Kellejian

May 18 – Miracle League “Volunteer Day” for the Club

9:30 until 3:30 at San Dieguito Park

May 22- Children’s Challenge – Lomas Santa Fe CC

7 AM Please show support and sign up

May 29 - Breakfast at Denny’s 7 AM

June 6– Breakfast at Denny’s 7 AM

June 12 – Breakfast at Denny’s 7 AM

June 19 – Dinner meeting at Lomas Santa Fe CC – 6 PM

Speaker Joe Harper – Del Mar Thoroughbred Club

Meeting Places: Denny’s 7 a.m.

2203 Via de la Valle

Del Mar 92014

Lomas Santa Fe Country Club 6 p.m.

1505 Lomas Santa Fe

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## Where Has May Gone?



Club Members at Farewell for the Pease’s

Charlie and Penny left last Saturday, for a new home, in Lyons, Colorado. The report was that on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, there was snow in Lyons. Additionally, they have a resident Bear in their area, so cover all garbage and leave nothing on the grill. In reflecting on the footprints they left on our Club and on our Optimist District, Penny has been our Club President, Zone Lt. Gov. and our Club and District Oratorical Chairperson. Charlie has been our Club President, a Zone Lt. Governor for our Zone, and served as a Distinguished Governor of our SOCAL District. They have both made numerous contributions to our optimist Club and all of us wish them the best in the future. Just do not let them know how beautiful it has been here the past several days.



Charlie saying, “Do we know what we are doing, Honey”?

## It Was a Fiesta

Hello Fellow Optimists:

We had a busy April, and continue to fill the calendar with events in May. Two of our Optimist Club Essay Contest Winners read their Essay's at our Morning Breakfast Meetings on April 3rd, and April 10th - Thank You Jon Vance for an excellent job in Chairing the Essay Contest, and arranging for the young girls to be at our Meetings. On April 19th we enjoyed a "Fiesta" held at Lomas Santa Fe Country Club as a Fundraiser to benefit the CALSO 41 Optimist District Childhood Cancer Fund Covers with Love Program - Thank You Audrey Eller for Chairing this event along with your Committee - JoAnn Carlton, Emy Schneider, Kurt Snodgrass, Kris Valentino, and Dorothy Baker. Audrey earned her "Oscar" for her outstanding performance! Then, on April 27th we attended a "Farewell Party" for Penny and Charlie hosted by Grace and Sam Junk at their home - Sam barbequed some great cheese burgers, and Grace prepared all the "trimmings" while we all expressed our appreciation to Penny and Charlie for their many contributions to our Optimist Club.

Our Dinner Meeting will be on May 15th at Lomas Santa Fe Country Club, and will feature Joe Kellejian as our Guest Speaker on his years of service to our Community. On Saturday, May 18th, we are "volunteering" at the Miracle League Ball Park at San Dieguito Park in Solana Beach to work the Snack Shop and Grill during the Ballgames from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm - you are welcome to come out and show your support even if you are not scheduled in a time slot as a volunteer worker. Be sure to mark your Calendar for Wednesday, May 22nd, for our Annual Children's Challenge Awards Program Chaired by Susan Pfleeger. The program starts at 7:00 am at Lomas Santa Fe Country Club, and all Optimist Club Members are encouraged to attend to show support for the Children, Teachers, and Parents that will be the event. This Program was started by Vic Kops nearly 30 years ago, and is unique to our Club in the service to Youth in Our Community.

The Del Mar-Solana Beach Optimist Club continues to grow, and provide you with opportunities to become involved. I hope that many of you will attend the Children's Challenge Awards Program, and other events planned for this summer. Also, mark your calendars for the Dinner Meeting on June 19th when Joe Harper of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club will be our Speaker.

Thank You for your support. David B. Eller. Pres



Lomas Santa Fe Country Club was the location for the CALSO District fundraiser "Fiesta" for Childhood Cancer. This event, Chaired by Audrey Eller and her committee of JoAnn Carlton, Emy Schneider, Kurt Snodgrass, Kris Valentino, and Dorothy Baker. It proved to be a great success with everyone joining in on the fun, and raising money for a worthy cause.

## JOOI Club

Dates that are important to remember:

**Saturday, May 18** is the Club's "Volunteer Day" at **Miracle League**. Here we will manage the snack shack by cooking hot dogs and selling other items in the store. All members are invited, some have scheduled times, but even if you are not scheduled, please plan on coming to see what type of "Miracles" happen on Saturday at Miracle League

**Wednesday, May 22** is the morning for the **31<sup>st</sup> Vic Kops Children's Challenge**. This event which takes place at the Lomas Santa Fe Country Club at 7 AM is our club's way of awarding children in the 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade for outstanding things they do in their lives. Awards will be given for; Community Service, Science, Arts, Fellowship, Humanities/Writing, and Courage. Judging was done on April 30<sup>th</sup>, by Susan Pfleeger, JoAnn Carlton, former Superintendent Gary Wilson and Sam Junk. This is an event you do not wish to miss, and if you have not already signed up to be there, please call Jim Parrotte at 858 755-6224, or email Jim at [jimparrotte@hotmail.com](mailto:jimparrotte@hotmail.com).

Dinner meeting for May and June have some very interesting speakers. May will feature Joe Kellejian who has been on the Solana Beach City Council for many years and has served as Mayor of Solana Beach. Joe will tell us about his 30 years of service to the community.

Another Joe will speak to us on June 19<sup>th</sup>. This is Joe Harper of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club. In addition to Joe's time with our all important horse racing in Del Mar, he is the grandson of a famous Hollywood producer and has some interesting insight into growing up in the movie industry

Thanks to our new Club Secretary, Jim Parrotte, an Optimist Junior JOOI Club was formed at Canyon Crest Academy. Special thanks to Jim for all his work with kids, and to all the things he does for our Club. Jim has sent a note on the JOOI Club which you will find attached.

The CCA JOOI Club was formed by a group of Canyon Crest Academy's students who shared the interest of helping the community and making their 4 years of high school purposeful and memorable. Recently, four of the club's members, Arthi Haripriyan, Adrienne Rozells, Kara Nepomuceno and Kira Sedayo, organized and participated the St. Vincent De Paul event of making sandwiches for the homeless.

With donated funds, they had a sandwich making production line last Sunday at 9am! How many peanut butter jars does one need to make 250 sandwiches? The team of 4 cranked out 250 sandwiches in three hours amidst good music, fun conversations and a movie trivia. Besides being an important experience, it was also fun. It was a good bonding opportunity for the club.

Since Children's Challenge is named after Vic Kops, let us take a moment and remember what Vic meant to our Club, and to introduce him to some of the new members.

Who was Vic Kops? Vic was a clinical psychologist who believed that children in the 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade need to be recognized for their accomplishments. He was a member of the Del Mar/Solana Beach Optimist Club, and encouraged the Club to underwrite this program. Dr. Kops was not feeling well in May of 2007, when he presented the program that year. Vic passed away just two weeks later. It was only fitting that Vic's name should be part of this yearly award. We do miss his wisdom and input to Children's Challenge.

Welcome back Gene Schwartz. Gene was a member several year ago and left San Diego for the East, but has now returned. We all look forward to seeing Gene at our meetings.



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*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 expect only the best.*

*To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you about your own.*

*To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to greater achievements of the future.*

*To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.*

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Except on the 3rd Wednesday of the month is a dinner meeting starting at 6 p.m.

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