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President's Message



As unbelievable as it may seem, but—September 12th is Football Opening Day and that is just around the corner. Is EVERYONE READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL??? John and his committee are working to make this Football season one to remember. Coaches are strategizing, the scales are getting dusted off and checked, Ramonda is busy getting the concessions in order, Bill and the gate crew are ready, and everyone is waiting for practices to begin. To help out in any capacity, please call John Palmarchuk, his number is on the back of this newsletter.

I have some members that I neglected to THANK in the last newsletter for their help with the 4th of July Parade float. As I said last time—anyone I left out was not intentional, but I do think that everyone deserves to be mentioned, because without each and everyone that helped to work on the float we would not have finished, nor would we have won the prize that we did. Monica Decker, Cecil Sanford, Terri Sanford and Angie Arcos—Thank you very much for your hard

work, your support and dedication to the float.

As we get ready to begin a new Optimist year, with a new President and a new board of directors, I want to reiterate to our membership how important it is for each and every one of you to help out and volunteer. Take an active part in the Optimist Club of Arlington. Keep your membership in this club year 'round, get involved with the other programs we have to offer the children of our communities.

The Arlington Club is an Optimist Club that does Football and Baseball projects very well. HOWEVER, WE ARE A YEAR-AROUND-OPTIMIST CLUB! Some of you don't know that we do so much more for the children than sports. We have many, many opportunities for the kids of Arlington and the surrounding communities to take part in besides our sports programs, and opportunities for you, as a member to help with. It is up to us to promote and keep those other programs alive. To do this, we need to retain our membership throughout the year and have more participation from our membership in those other programs. We need YOU to help make the Oratorical Contest, the CCDHH (communication contest for deaf and hard of hearing), Scholarships, Childhood Cancer, Heritage Day Cemetery Cleanup, 4th of July Parade Float, Youth Appreciation, and Junior Olympics a success. It takes YOU the volunteer members of the club to make these projects and committees happen.

Your help and assistance are always appreciated and needed. What we do as volunteers is fun, challenging and rewarding. HELP OUT whenever you can and wherever you can, EACH OF YOU, is an important and viable part of the Optimist Club of Arlington.

Until next time.....

Mike Cheves • President OCA • mcheves@att.net

Installation Banquet

7:00 p.m. Friday, October 2, 2009

Pantego Lions Club's Odis Pharr Community Center
3535 Marathon

Pantego TX 76013

RSVP: Kerry Gonzalez 817-375-3999
or apkri@sbcglobal.net

Meetings on Second and Fourth Wednesdays - 6:30 PM
LOCATION: J. GILLIGAN'S BAR & GRILL
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minutes of the **board of directors'** meeting

AUG 3, 2009

Called to order: 7:00pm

Meeting called to order.

Lonnie Harris moved the minutes of the prior Board meeting be approved as published. Second: John Palmarchuk. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Kevin Ailara

Kevin read the register report and reported that the club is in good shape.

Membership: Dan Koegler

Dan went over the cash flow report for the membership account. He read the names of 6 new applicants and made a motion they be accepted. Second: Chuck Lawrence. Motion passed. He also reported that Orientation will be held directly following the coaches meeting on Saturday, August 8th at the Library.

YAC: Charlie McNutt

Charlie read the YAC report which is published within this bulletin. He made a motion to approve the football referees' one year contract. Second: John Palmarchuk. Motion passed. Charlie also made a motion to accept the bid from Arlington Police Department for security at the fields. Second: Gerald Casey. Motion passed. Charlie mentioned a coach's application was turned down at the YAC meeting but after much discussion with the coach and other members of the club, he made a motion to accept that application. Second: Greg Peeples. Motion passed.

Community Service: Mike Cheves

Mike reported that the Junior League of Arlington is hosting a Back to School opportunity and is partnering with AISD. School supplies will be provided for those in need. A motion was made

by Dan to donate \$200 to help with the function. Second: Gerald Casey. Motion passed.

Concessions: Ramonda Casey

Ramonda gave the final report on how concessions did during baseball. She also reported the drink cooler went out and made a motion that she be allowed to purchase 2 – double door coolers – to be used at Senter Park and Harold Patterson. Second: Monica Decker. Motion passed.

Mike Cheves reported that after much discussion with Ramonda regarding her resignation from concessions, it was determined that she will keep concessions on the consensus that she will have help during the upcoming seasons. She is working overtime at work and also has an elementary school age child. Those two things require a lot of her time and she can not be at the baseball fields especially every night. Mike suggested that once the baseball season starts, that a schedule be made up where she isn't at the hut all the time.

John Palmarchuk reported that he had received bids for the EMT help at the fields. Randy Fulton submitted one for \$35.00 per hour and Phoenix Medical submitted one for \$40.00 for 2 EMTs. Gurvin Lee made a motion that we accept the bid with Phoenix Medical Group for the 2 EMT's at \$40.00 per hour for both. Second: Don Strother. Motion passed.

Chuck Lawrence reported that our webmaster had resigned and he will be speaking to different people to see what kind of help we can get with our website.

8:10pm – Meeting adjourned!

