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## President's Message



I can't believe the 2009 football season is underway. The rain came; the opening day ceremonies & first day games were cancelled. Thanks to all who helped and our special guests from the City of Arlington, council members Mel LeBlanc, Jimmy Bennett and Sheri Capehart. High School football coaches Travis Pride from Summit, Kenny Perry from Bowie and Scott Peach from Arlington were set to fire up the crowd about the great game of Texas football. Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders and Rowdy would have been there to kick off the season in style. Better luck next time, we will try again next year.

The sky finally cleared and play is underway for our kids. The Arlington Parks and Recreation Department has worked hard to get Harold Patterson in great shape for our season. A big thanks to them and to all the coaches, parents, volunteers and ACA Optimist Cheerleaders who make Optimist Club of Arlington Football the longest running and best program around. Please take time to give John Palmarchuk, football chairman, and all of his administrators a hand. There is always a need to have extra help with games. Without our volunteers, the 1,400 kids in our program would not be able to play. Also, buy a coke & some nachos while

you're here! Proceeds from the concession stand and cart support our kids. The stand is faithfully manned by Ramonda Casey and her band of dedicated volunteers. Sign up for a shift sometime, your help is always needed.

I wish to give special recognition and congratulations Mike Cheves for the great job he did as president last year. Awesome job! I appreciate the club members for electing me President and I will work hard to make this a great year. I hope to "connect the dots" so that we can work more efficiently with the city and other organizations so that we can strengthen the great work that we do.

Thanks so much to all of the people who make our club work. You have put many years of hard work, dedication, sweat and love into making The Optimist Club of Arlington a great organization. If you are new to our organization, as I was only a few years ago, get involved. Arlington's kids need you.

You do make a difference.

**Raul Gonzalez**

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## 64th Installation Banquet

7:00 PM Friday, October 2, 2009

Pantego Lions Club's Odis Pharr Community Center

3535 Marathon

Pantego, Texas 76013

RSVP Kerry Gonzalez (817)375-3999

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**suggested dress: sport or business casual**

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

**SEPT 7, 2009**

**Called to order: 7:00pm**

7:00 pm – meeting called to order by Mike Cheves.

Sharon Ives and Earl & Natalie Morris spoke about Bingo as a fund raising event for the club and would like OCA to become a partner. Mike Cheves named a committee of himself, Kevin Ailara, David Bayless, Mike Gibson, and Randy Rude to look into this venture.

Motion by John Palmarchuk to accept the minutes to the previous meeting as published. Second: Greg Peeples. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Kevin Ailara  
Kevin covered the cash flow report for the previous month.

Membership: Kevin Ailara for Dan Kogler  
Kevin read the names of 60 applicants. Motion to accept by John Palmarchuk. Second Mike Gibson. Motion passed.  
He also explained the cash flow report with great care in Dan's absence.

YAC: Charlie McNutt

Charlie read the YAC report which is published within this bulletin. He also reported that they will be needing help with football weigh-ins.

Concessions will still be needing help in football!!

OI Foundation: Motion by Gurvin Lee, second by Mike Gibson, to instruct Dan to withdraw our application for 501C3 status. Motion passed.  
Motion by Kevin Ailara, second by Greg Peeples, to allow Mike Cheves to ask AYEAF for direction in forming a new 501C3 foundation. Motion passed.

Mike Cheves asked the Board for \$150 to purchase a historical marker. Motion by Kevin Ailara, second by Mike Gibson. Motion approved.

Motion by Lonnie Harris, second by Rob Veness to replace the 3 chairs at the head table which was amended by Greg Peeples to include the price to not exceed \$200. Motion passed.

Mike Cheves rang the bell for the last time at 8:50pm as President barring any special meetings.

**Meeting adjourned.**



# HAPPY



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