

New Optimists Now!

THE AV-OP NEWS

A Newsletter Produced by and for Members of the Optimist Club of Avon, Indiana
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February 2, 2012

Oratorical Contest Saturday February 25th

The Club Oratorical Contest will be held at the Avon Washington Township Library at 9:15 a.m. Contest Chair Jeff would like a few Optimists help him to get the room set up on the Friday evening before the contest. Please meet him there at 4:30 pm on Friday the 24th. If you can let him know you will be there beforehand, or if you have any questions, just give him a call. And be sure to come out on Saturday morning to hear some really amazing young people talk about "How my Optimism helps me Overcome Obstacles." Everyone is welcome – bring a friend, you won't be disappointed. --thanks to Jeff B.

Essay Contest

Get the word out...the Avon Club Contest deadline is February 15, coming up quickly! The 2011-12 topic is "How my Positive Outlook Benefits my Community." The Essay Contest is open to students under the age of 18 as of December 31st, 2011 who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent. More information and links to the official contest rules and application can be found on our website, www.avonoptimist.org. --thanks to Bob T.

Pancakes and Jazz on Valentine's Day

February 14th is the annual "Pancakes & Jazz" night at Avon Christian Church. This is a fund raiser for Habitat for Humanity of Hendricks County. Bring your sweetie for pancakes and jazz or stop by after your dinner out and have dessert. Hours are from 6 – 8 pm. --thanks to Paul G.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY February 7th: Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm at the Avon IHOP
Speaker: Jeff Van Paris, Hendricks Civic Theater

TUESDAY February 14th: Pancakes and Jazz Meeting, Avon Christian Church
See Above for More Info

WEDNESDAY February 15th: Club Essay Contest deadline

TUESDAY February 21st: Dinner Meeting, 6:30 pm at the Avon IHOP
Board meeting follows, all members welcome!

SATURDAY February 25th: Oratorical Contest, 9:15 am at the Avon Library
Everyone Welcome!

Member News

Something else for fun this winter: sign up for the Avon-Washington Township Library Winter Reading Program. Read books and enter to win prizes...open to library patrons high school age and up.

Location Change for February 28th Meeting

The IHOP has an event scheduled for the 28th of February, so that evening we will be meeting at the Avon Library in the upstairs Conference Room.

Optimist Outing Set for Sunday, March 4th

We had a GREAT time at the last outing to the Hendricks Civic Theater. Now it's time for the follow-up. You can still join us on Sunday, March 4th at 2:30 for "Wrinkled Reels," written by the same author as "The Wrinkled Rebellion" (the play we saw last time). It should be hilarious, and may well sell out like the earlier show. Paul has made the group reservation, but you can make your own if you decide to go; call the Civic Theater voicemail at 317-252-9626 and leave a message with your name, the date of the show, how many tickets you need, and a phone number. See their website at www.hendrickscivic.com for more info. --thanks to Paul G.

Promise yourself... To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

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