



“Friends of Youth – Bringing out the Best in Kids

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Hello Hello Everyone.

I'm trying to get back into the swing of things by putting out this bulletin.

Tuesday July 17, 2018

Rick Peterson led us in the Pledge of allegiance and Steve Oliver said the Invocation.

Our speaker this evening was Gene Peacock who is the director Zoo Boise. As our area is growing, so is Zoo Boise. Gene said that when completed the zoo will be 25% larger. Gene has been all over the country working in this capacity. He will put out a call for a position at the zoo and will get about 200 responses.

SUNSHINE DOLLARS: Mike Fowler and Stub Clarkson and others will be Hayes House this Sunday to serve breakfast. President Paul Messersmith will be 60 on June 27th. (Ahhh to be 60 again!) Lisa Peterson's granddaughter will soon be 5. (I was 5 during the Lincoln administration!)

MSTI Picnic August 18.
Jamboree August 25
OYF starts September 8
Christmas Auction December 9

Gene Peacock

The Olivers

I don't know what they were singing, but it was great!

Stub Clarkson presenting a with a copy of the Optimist Creed.

Walt Callahan led us in the saying of that Creed.

MEETING SCHEDULE

1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH - NOON AT IDAHO PIZZA

3rd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH - 6:30 AT CASA MEXICO

Activities of the Boise Noon Optimist Club

Optimist Youth Football and Cheer Program

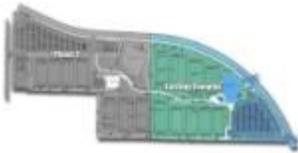


A nationally recognized, premier, youth sports program, begun in 1949 by the Boise Noon Optimist Club. This Flag and Tackle football program encompasses teams from throughout the Treasure Valley, including Boise, Meridian, Eagle, Nampa, Emmett, Mtn. Home, McCall, Wood River, Kuna, Glens Ferry, Marsing, Horseshoe Bend, and Garden Valley. In 2004, we expanded to include Cheerleading. In 2006, we anticipate over 4000 kids, ages 7-12, participating in this outstanding youth sports program.

The Boise Optimist Youth Football & Cheer Program steadfastly adheres to a rather "unique" philosophy. There is no goal of sending a team to any Little League World Series. There are no traveling teams with paid coaching staffs. There are no All-Star Teams. Participants do not "try out" and they are not categorized as "major" and "minor." Instead, Optimist teams and cheer squads are formed by neighborhoods according to where the participant lives. Teams are composed of players of different skill levels and abilities. They learn how to combine all these different abilities to form a team. In football, once a player is on a tackle team (usually age 9), they will stay with that team for the entire four years they are in the program. They not only

grow up together, but they also form lifelong friendships. When a coach starts with a team, he also moves up with the same team for the full four years. A lot of youth programs talk about teaching teamwork, sportsmanship, commitment, and developing relationships. Optimist Youth Football & Cheer actually does it. It is truly a "unique experience."

Optimist Youth Sports Complex



The Boise Noon Optimist Club, in collaboration with the City of Boise, has established a permanent home for the Optimist Youth Football and Cheer Program. With generous donations from corporate sponsors, Phase I of the Optimist Youth Sports Complex, located on Hill Road, was completed. Phase II of the park is currently under construction and we are actively seeking funds to complete this outstanding youth sports park. Other youth sports groups benefit from this city park, including recreational soccer and lacrosse teams. When complete, the 52 acre park will have 16 football fields, 950+ parking spaces, 2 catch-and-release ponds, 2 tennis courts, 2 covered patios, and a playground. For more information contact Jerron Moore at jerronm@msn.com.

Childhood Cancer Campaign



In December 2001, the Optimist International Board of Directors established the CCC as the organization's primary focus program for the next five years. We also give financial support to the St. Luke's Hospital school for children undergoing extensive and prolonged treatments. The benefits of this school can best be summed up in the words of one of its students, "*I figured if they were going to go to the trouble to teach me math, that must mean that I wasn't going to die.*"

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Picnic



During the month of June, Boise hosts the annual Hugh O'Brian Leadership Conference. Every high school in Idaho selects one sophomore student to attend this dynamic and life-changing event. The Boise Noon Optimist Club puts together a great bar-b-que in the park and feeds lunch to all of these young people and the HOBY staff. These future leaders are motivated,

enthusiastic, appreciative, and hungry! To learn more about the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation, go to <http://www.hoby.org/About/>.

Rake-Up Boise

Each year the Boise Noon Optimist club participates in "Rake-Up Boise," a city-wide effort to rake the leaves of the elderly, handicapped, or feeble members of our community.

Annual Holiday Auction & Dinner

This has become a highly anticipated holiday event for Boise Noon Optimist club members. Our dinner and silent and live auctions net thousands of dollars which are then distributed to needy kids and their families. Each year we purchase gifts for kids at the Hays Shelter Home and the Emancipation House. Other groups who have benefited from our auctions include the Ronald McDonald House, Fairmont Junior High School Holiday gift-giving and individual families in Boise.

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The Optimist Creed

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 to expect only the best.

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

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future. To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile. To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble

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