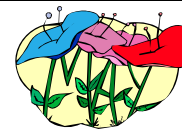


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## President's Message

They say that "*April showers bring May Flowers.*" Well then there certainly should be tons of flowers blooming all over the area!!

The showers stayed away from HOYB's Opening Day Ceremonies along with the dedication of the field at Haley Smith Park for past member Raleigh Emory II.

The joint meeting with *Friday Night Live!* and the Optimist Club for the ABC and Marshal training was a huge success. There were over 75 volunteers in attendance.

The Oratorical Contest was held, scholarship recipients selected and names are being submitted from the Herndon area schools for their key people to be honored at our May meeting. Plans are well under way for the Festival and All Night Graduation Celebration.

The Task Force presented their recommendations to the board on May 5. This information will be emailed to all members, mailed to members without email addresses and all the sports programs will also be supplied a copy.

The May meeting is the club's last formal meeting until September. That by no means there won't be emails or other correspondence during the summer months!!



Laura

## May Meeting

In past years, our May meeting has been focused around education or schools.

George Price has been working with the Herndon Pyramid Schools for the annual Partner in Educations Awards. Jan Umphrey and the scholarship committee will be presenting the scholarships to the recipients, while Mary Burger has completed the Oratorical Contest. The winners of the Local Oratorical Contest will be presenting their speeches at the meeting.

The meeting will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Wednesday, May 21. The evening will start off with the social from 6:00 to 6:30, dinner at 6:30, and the program will follow dinner around 7:30.

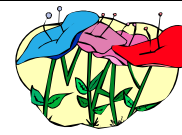
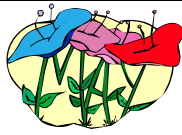
Cost for the event is \$15.00. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Debbie Hill at [Debbie.hill@hillcoinc.net](mailto:Debbie.hill@hillcoinc.net) or at 703-471-0333.

## Friday Night Live!



While we are only one week into *Friday Night Live!*, volunteers are needed and wanted. We provide the entrance gate marshals for the Chamber's summer concert series *Friday Night Live!* The hours are from 6:00 to 10:00 every Friday night, except for Friday night festival weekend. George has two shifts, 5:45 to 8 PM and from 7:45 to 10:15. Hope you will consider volunteering for several of the Friday's during the summer.

George can be reached at 703-435-1668-H, 703-969-6414-C or you can email him at [ljpri@com](mailto:ljpri@com).



## BOARD ACTIONS MEETING OR THROUGH EMAILS

The Board voted by email to send \$175.00 to sponsor a HOBY participant for 2008.

The Board held a special board meeting on May 5 for a Task Force presentation, and followed it with a meeting. The Board met again on Thursday evening. Once the Board determines what will be presented to the HOC membership, everyone will be notified. A separate email will be sent or mailed to the membership with the Task Force's final report to the Board.

The Board agreed to purchase name tags for all our members.

## Calendar at a Glance

**May 21<sup>st</sup> – General Club Meeting  
Partners in Education, Scholarships  
Awarded & Oratorical Speeches  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
6 PM**

**May 29 to June 1 – Herndon Festival**

**June 16<sup>th</sup> – All Night Grad Celebration  
Herndon Community Center**

**Marshals needed every Friday  
throughout the summer  
for Friday Night Live!**

## Herndon Festival

The Festival is right around the corner! Terry & Jasmine need members to help with the booth as well as to marshal for the entrance gates.

We have been informed that the Knights of Columbus have elected not to participate this year. The Rotary Club of Herndon has stepped up to the plate to fill their place at the festival. Based upon this development, our club will now be in the middle slot rather than the space beside Dairy Queen.

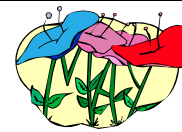
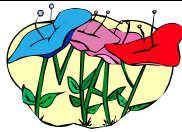
Terry and Jasmine will need a minimum of 10-12 people to help man the booth during most shifts, not to mention the required number of people to help with the entrance gates. Below is the required number of people for the entrance gates, and the times needed along with hours.

<b>Optimists</b>	Time	Slots	Hours
Friday	5-11PM	1	6
Saturday	6AM-10:30PM	2	33
Sunday	7:30AM-7PM	2	23

The Festival has always proven to be a fun event where HOC members get to know other HOC members better in addition to other people to help the club's visibility.

Please plan to volunteer to help during the Festival to continue this worthwhile project that our club participates in.

To sign up to help, please contact: Terry Petty at: [boltpetty@msn.com](mailto:boltpetty@msn.com), Jasmine Faubert at: [Faubert@comcast.net](mailto:Faubert@comcast.net) or Laura Price at: [ljjprice@aol.com](mailto:ljjprice@aol.com).



## Leadership for 2007-08

It's hard to believe that the club's year is almost over!! Now is the time for members to consider taking on a leadership role with the club by stepping up to serve in an officer position for the upcoming year.

Positions that will need to be filled are: President, President-Elect, VP Club, VP Sports, Secretary-Treasurer – Club, Treasurer – Sports, and two directors.

Please keep in mind that, as of this newsletter, the Board hasn't digested and come to any recommendations that the Task Force suggested. We are however seeking members with a willingness to serve to volunteer in the various positions.

If you are interested in helping in a leadership role for the club, please contact Laura Price at [ljpprice@aol.com](mailto:ljpprice@aol.com) or at 703-435-1668.

The Optimist Club of Winchester has invited Optimist members around the area to attend their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on May 31, 2008 at 6:00 PM.

The Celebration will take place at the Travelodge at 160 Front Royal Pike in Winchester, VA and the cost is \$25.00 per person.

Any member wishing to attend should RSVP to Vickie Wilkins at 3244 Front Royal Pike, Winchester, VA 22602 or via phone at 540-869-2980 or email at: [sareen@comcast.net](mailto:sareen@comcast.net).

## Cal Ripken Opening Day & Raleigh Emory Dedication

The rain held off, and the activities began. It has been too many years since I have attended the opening day for Cal Ripken baseball!! It was great to speak with and catch up with the many people I used to work with on the Bat-a-thon<sup>®</sup> fundraiser.

Introductions were made; leagues and teams introduced. Vice Mayor Dennis Husch made remarks with regard to the dedication of the field, which was named after long time Optimist member Raleigh Emory.

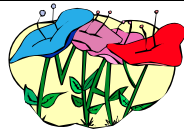
Dennis's remarks were jovial, heartwarming and truly reflected Raleigh Emory and all he did for the Club and for sports. As Dennis stated, "The Herndon Optimist Youth Baseball Program would not be where it is today without the extraordinary visions, dedication and hard work of Raleigh Emory."

## Oratorical Contest Winners

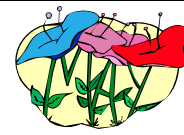
On April 25, 2008, our club Oratorical Contest was held. Once again, the only participants were from St. Joseph's School in Herndon.

The first place winner of the girls' competition is Sarah Betti and for the boys Ryan McNulty. Second place winners are Sydney Speetjens (girls) and Tyler Ernstmann (boys). The third place winners are Katie Brough (girls) and Thomas Fergus (boys).

The two first place winners will compete at the zone level on Saturday, May 10 and should either of them win that competition he or she will then represent our club at the district meeting on May 18 in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.



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## Scholarships to be Awarded

I am happy to announce that two students have been selected to receive the 2008 Herndon Optimist Club scholarship.

Roger Raymond (RJ) Hill Jr. and Brian Thompson—who have both participated in and contributed to HOC programs for more than 10 years—will each receive a \$3,000 scholarship.

Although it was their involvement playing, coaching, and officiating in the Optimist sports programs that clinched their selection, that alone was not enough. Moving to the top of a strong field of 22 candidates required a solid combination of academic achievement, activities and community involvement, and recommendations from teachers, coaches, and other adults who knew their strengths. Please join us at the May 21st meeting to congratulate these winners.

Jan Umphrey  
Scholarship Committee Chair



## Another Year of Optimism

This year we Optimists taught Herndon's youth to Respect the Law, we gave them the stage for the Oratorical Contest, and we awarded scholarships to the best and brightest.

We taught them basketball, football, lacrosse, baseball, softball, and cheerleading. They learned, competed, won, lost, and most important of all, had a whole lot of fun.

It will soon be time for our last contribution of the year, the last helping hand, the last opportunity to educate our kids before they enter college or the working world. It is our responsibility to teach them how to **stay up all night and gamble.**



Yes, it's the All Night Grad Party, featuring the ever-popular Herndon Optimist Casino. This year the party is on Monday (yes, Monday), June 16. Please pencil the date on your calendars because you don't want to miss this event! It's always a great time (and the kids enjoy it, too!). The party is moving back to the Herndon Community Center this year, and we need dealers, cashiers, pit bosses, and muscle (oops, scratch that last one) to run the casino from 10pm to 2am.

I will ask you to sign up in a couple weeks; this note is just to let you know the date and location of the event so you can clear your schedule. Seriously, the kids love this night and it gives us a chance to share in it. If there is anything that strengthens our optimism it's seeing the caliber of young men and women we help ready for the future.

Thanks in advance for your continued support!!!!

Howie Haslbeck