



COWBELL

MEETS FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS NOON AT 4055 INTERNATIONAL PLAZA

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ZONE 5, CLUB # 38170

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Friday, April 19, 2024 – NOON LUNCHEON Program: Presentation of TCC scholarships.
Chairperson Steve McCoy

Board Meeting immediately following the luncheon.

Saturday, April 26 and 27, 2024 – TexHoma District 3rd Quarter Meeting in Oklahoma City, OK.



Friday, May 3, 2024 SSA SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS by Fred Antonini

Friday, May 17, 2024 Outstanding Junior Optimists Presentation by Nick Renteria and Chris Gasca, JOC Coordinators

Board Meeting immediately following the luncheon.

May 20-26, 2024 – Charles Schwab Championship Golf Tournament. Optimists and friends to work concession stand the 23rd through the 26th.

Thursday, May 23, 2024 – Last day of school for FWISD.

COMMENTS FROM THE CAPTAIN

By President Fred Antonini

My fellow Optimists...it is that time of the year when we are on the high seas under full sail in our Optimist annual journey! And we are looking for all hands-on deck at our meetings and activity during the coming month of May.

We have just finished gathering our applicants and the judges have been given a binder with all the information they need to rank the contestants. The judge's dinner will be held on Tuesday April 23 to tally the scores and determine who will be the top recipients of our scholarships. The luncheon honoring all the schools that applied will be on May 3rd.

And there is more. In early May interviews will be held by Optimist volunteers to meet the candidates from each of the elementary schools participating in the Junior Optimist program. The Outstanding Junior Optimist from the North and South areas will be chosen by those volunteers and the luncheon honoring all of them will be on May 17. If you would be willing to be a judge and have further questions, contact Jalen Moore at 252-886-0810. This is a heartwarming experience!

Next is the Colonial golf tournament where we have a stand that serves food and refreshments. This takes place starting on Thursday May 23 and ends on Sunday May 26. I have participated in this for several years and it is a great way to build relationships with other club members as well as help us earn about \$8000 for our club programs. This and the Christmas Tree lot are our only fund raisers. It is a great time for our newer members to see how we work! I hope to see everyone under 50 out there. Get with me or Stephanie Sullivan 817-682-0650 to get our schedule.

And baseball is in full swing. Let me or Steve McCoy 682-304-9290 know if you want to see a game and we will guide you to or through the schedule.

May promises to be an exciting month for our club so be sure to join us.....LET'S CONNECT!

From the Deck,

Fred

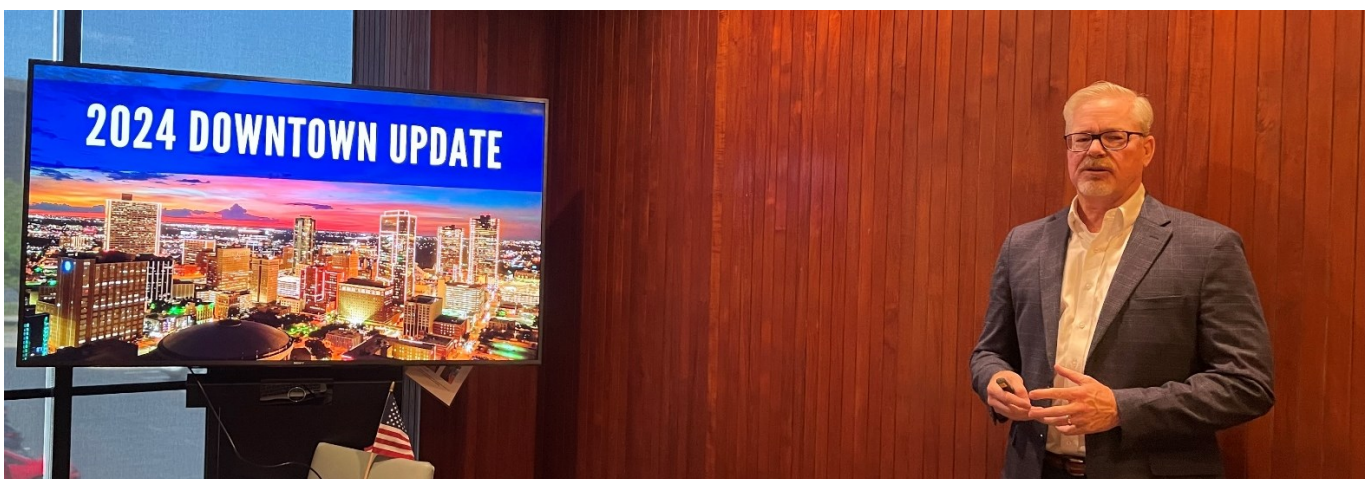
NEWS AND NOTES

Friday, April 5, NOON LUNCHEON: Program chair Neil Hunt brought in a "blockbuster" program for the club. Fifteen members and one guest were in attendance. Neil's guest was his Navy buddy John Etzel. (John was also a teacher at Southwest HS when Judi Janes was on the staff at SHS.)

Tommy Janes and Neil Hunt got the singing started with My Country Tis of Thee and was accompanied by Judi Janes and Stephanie Sullivan in the singing of the Optimist Song.



Neil introduced Andy Taft, President of Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. Andy is a walking guidebook to what is going on in downtown Fort Worth. As the 13th largest city in the nation, there is a lot to brag about. City Hall is moving to the old Pier One building; Butler Place is now empty and ready for redevelopment; Heritage Park and the surrounding area is being upgraded with walking paths, landscaping, and historical information; the Convention Center is being renovated with a new hotel being constructed in close proximity and of course, the Texas A&M Law School is being constructed just to name a few things. The Main Street Arts Festival begins Thursday, April 18 in Downtown Fort Worth. More to brag about!



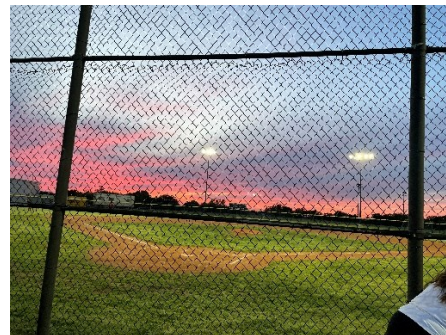
SAVE THE DATE – CHARLES SCHWAB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Charles Schwab Championship Golf Tournament (aka Colonial Invitational Golf Tournament) begins May 20. Once again, Optimist members and friends of Optimists will be working at a concession stand during the tournament. Concession workers are scheduled to work the 23rd through the 26th. Mark your calendars! **Signup Genius** has been sent to members interested in working the tournament. Check your email.



FWO BASEBALL

Optimist baseball is well underway. Steve McCoy and Terry Headrick are doing a great job supervising. And they are getting to see some great and not-so-great baseball games. But you can usually see a great sunset at the YMCA facility.



SPRING INTO OPTIMISM



Are you ready to welcome new members? If so, you will love our new incentive program:

Spring into Optimism! New members will have their OI \$15 registration fee waived through the end of May. Now is a good time to invite guests to lunch or to a baseball game to see Optimists in action.

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 of 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, 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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