



# COWBELL

MEETS FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS NOON AT 4055 INTERNATIONAL PLAZA

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ZONE 5, CLUB # 38170

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**Friday, May 2, 2025 – NOON LUNCHEON**, International Plaza, Program: **SSA Scholarship Presentation**. One senior scholar/athlete from each FWISD high school received a scholarship.



**2025 FWISD SSA WINNERS**

May 2 – May 3, 2025 – **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter District Conference**, Glen Rose, TX. Included in the conference was the CCDHH and Oratorical Contests and the District Essay Contest winner.

*The TexHoma District service project was the collection of non-perishable food items, games, cards, activity books, etc to feed and engage low socio-economic students and their families over the summer. Approximately 65 totes were filled for children who are in dire need of food, activities and opportunities for growth and learning during the summer. Five members of the OCFW club attended including Stephanie Sullivan, Steve McCoy, Jeff Norman, Ron Gamill, and Judi Janes.*



*TexHoma Zone 5 members with 2025-2026 Lt. Governor Carolyn Riddell     Steve won the paper airplane contest!*



**TIGER TOTES**




**CCDHH CHAIRPERSON STEPHANIE SULLIVAN with CCDHH WINNERS**

**Sunday, May 11, 2025** **Happy Mother's Day!**

**Friday, May 16, 2025 – NOON LUNCHEON** International Plaza, Program: Mark Campbell, coach of the TCU Lady Frogs; Board meeting immediately following the luncheon


**Saturday, May 17, 2025 – JOC Girls' Softball Playoffs**, See schedule and location below. Let's support our coaches, players and parents in this final JOC sports activity of the 2024-2025 school year.









# OPTIMIST CLUB

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# 2025

## PLAYOFF TOURNAMENT

### MAY 17


**9:00 AM**



NANCE


N#3

**10:15 AM**




SOUTH HILLS

S#2



WESTCLIFF


S#3



DIAMOND HILL

N#2


SEMIFINALS



GLEN PARK

N#1

11:30 PM



GEORGE CLARKE

S#1

12:45 PM

SEMIFINALS

**2:00 PM**

FINALS

**LOCATION: DIAMOND HILL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**1411 MAYDELL ST, 76106**

May 25-28, 2025 Optimists and friends to work a **concession stand** at **Charles Schwab Challenge** Golf Tournament at Colonial Country Club. This is a fund raiser for our youth programs. Stephanie Sullivan reports that there is a desperate need for workers Thursday, May 22 from 1-6 for 1 person and Saturday, May 24 from 1:30 – 5 for 2 people. Contact Stephanie Sullivan at: 817-682-0650 or [stephanie.sullivan57@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.sullivan57@gmail.com) For volunteers, there is a Volunteer Meeting at 10:00 am, Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Gate 3 Registration.



# JUNE



**Friday, June 6, 2025 NOON LUNCHEON** International Plaza, Program: Kelvin Delks aka "Amon Carter" from the play Amon Carter

**Saturday, June 14, 2025 – JOC COACH'S DINNER**

**Sunday, June 15, 2025 FATHER'S DAY**

**Friday, June 20, 2025 – NOON LUNCHEON** International Plaza , Program: TBD, Board meeting immediately following luncheon

## CELEBRATING A SEASON OF IMPACT

*By President Jimmy Henderson*

*As the summer sun begins to rise over Fort Worth, I can't help but reflect on what an incredible sports year we've had! From baseball and softball diamonds to soccer fields and flag football sidelines, our young athletes have grown stronger, learned valuable lessons, and—most importantly—had a blast. And none of this would be possible without the dedicated, selfless men and women who step up to coach them.*

*That's why I'm especially excited to announce our very first Coach's Appreciation Banquet, taking place the evening of June 14. This special event is all about honoring the folks who pour their time, heart, and energy into mentoring and shaping our kids both on and off the field. We'll be recognizing one extraordinary individual with our Coach of the Year award—a small way to say a big "thank you".*

*Due to space constraints, this event will be limited to coaches and their families. While we'd love to open it up to everyone, we simply wouldn't have enough room. That said, I hope all our members understand just how meaningful this night will be—not just for the coaches, but for the future of our club and the kids we serve.*

*Let's keep the momentum going into the summer months, remembering that our mission to be a positive force in the lives of young people never takes a vacation.*

*With gratitude,*

*Jimmy Henderson*

*President, Optimist Club of Fort Worth*

# **75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary - SSA Presentation**

## **SCHOLASTICS, SPORTSMANSHIP & ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIP**

**May 2, 2025**

**HISTORY and PURPOSE:** These scholarships recognize a senior student/athlete from each of the 14 FWISD high schools who is well rounded and has excelled in all three areas during their high school career. This scholarship has been awarded annually, beginning in 1951. There were 8 FWISD high schools then and only one scholarship in the amount of \$250 was awarded. Today we will award \$30,000 in scholarships to these 14 outstanding student athletes. First place: \$10,000, second place: \$6,000, third place: \$3000. All finalists #11-14 receive a \$1000 scholarship.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY:**

To qualify for the scholarship, the winner must:

1. Have completed all four (4) years in a Fort Worth ISD high school and be in the top 15% academically of their graduating class,
2. Have maintained an unblemished record for sportsmanship on the athletic field and in contact with coaches, game officials and opposing players and teammates, and
3. Have been engaged in athletics for at least two of the last three years.

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Abby Moilan, Western Hills, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Amelia Robbins, Paschal, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Adrian Cardenas, Benbrook, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place





*Steve McCoy with Jack Henley, Arlington Hts.*



*Liaison Steve McCoy with Adrian Cardenas, Benbrook*



*Liaison Rashad Alston with Viviana Reta, Diamond Hill/Jarvis*



*Liaison Tommy Janes with Jaqueline Vindel, Northside*

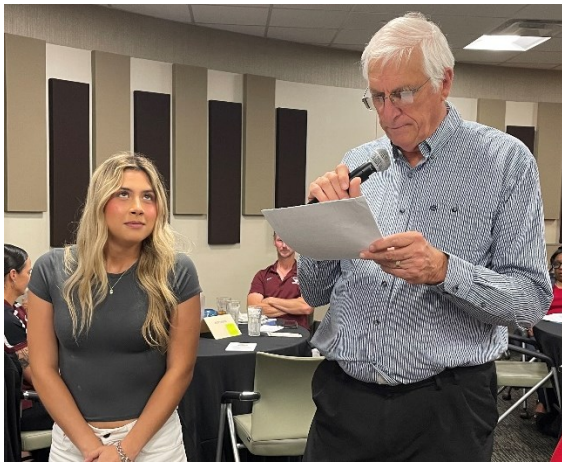


*Neil Hunt with Amelia Robbins, Paschal*



*Liaison Ron Traver with Lyn'Dell McCurin, O.D. Wyatt*





*Liaison Craig Verwers with Sara Morfin, Polytechnic*



*Liaison Karen Moser with Luis Sancen, South Hills*



*Liaison Jimmy Henderson with Jose Hernandez, Trimble Tech*



*Stephanie Sullivan with Abby Moilan*



*Zachary Ouattara, Southwest, with Mother and Grandparents*

*Not pictured: Celeste Alvarez, Carter/Riverside; Kalani Lawson, Dunbar; Jordan Talley, Eastern Hills*

## 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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