

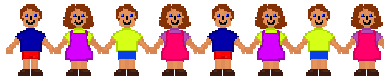
# On The Sunny Side



## Sawnee-Cumming OPTIMIST CLUB



CLUB #21546 \* P.O Box 945, Cumming, Georgia 30028 \* Georgia District \* Zone 4  
[www.sawneeothers.org](http://www.sawneeothers.org)



"Bringing Out the Best in Kids"

January, 2008

Good Ol' Days \* 419 Atlanta Rd, Cumming, Georgia \* 770-205-5493 \* 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays \* 7:00 p.m.

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### Date of next meetings:

Mark your calendar and bring a guest. We're doing great things in our community so let's share!

**01/17/08** – Our speaker for the meeting will be Amy Wilson. Amy is a senior professor at DeVry University and a member of the Institute for Electrical & Electronics Engineers (IEEE). She will be explaining Family Science Night and discussing what volunteers will be doing.

**02/07/08** – Program to be announced

### Report on last meeting:

Michelle Edwards, Executive Director of Forsyth County Advocacy Center, was our guest speaker. She created Legacy of Hope, Inc., a support and coordinating non-profit foundation to help families in crisis.

### Calendar of upcoming events:

**Zone Meeting – Monday 1/21 – 6:30 P.M. - Ma Gooch's Restaurant – Cleveland, GA**

**Family Science Night – Tuesday, January 29 - Vickery Creek Elementary School 5:00-7:00 P.M.**

**GA District Q2 Conference – Athens, GA – Feb 1-3. Registration forms on-line at [www.georgiaoptimists.org](http://www.georgiaoptimists.org).**

### News of club projects:



Family Science Night -The Institute for Electrical & Electronics Engineers (IEEE) is partnering with the Sawnee Cumming Optimist Club to present this project to the students of Vickery Creek Elementary School. The students, parents, and club members will be interacting to explore the many facets of science. A t-shirt contest was held at the school and the winning image will be printed on t-shirts that will be given to all volunteers. Please send Melody your shirt size if you are volunteering. A sign-up sheet will be at the 1/17 meeting.



The Essay contest is underway. The contestant that will represent our Club will be selected by the end of January. He/she will then have the opportunity to compete in the Zone, Area, and finally at District level where scholarship money is at stake. The Club's winning essay contestant will be invited to one of our meetings to read the essay and a \$500 savings bond will be presented to the winner.



Mark your calendars. . . . It that time again! The schools in Forsyth County are working on their Oratorical contests. The competitions will be held at the Forsyth County Board of Education Building at 6:30 P.M. with workers arriving earlier. The dates for the county contest are as follows:

**Elementary Schools:**  
**Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Semi-Finals**  
**Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – Finals**

**Middle/High Schools:**  
**Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – Semi-Finals**  
**Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – Finals**

**Personal News:**

Dan Parson fell on 12/26 and broke 5 ribs, punctured his lung, and dislocated his shoulder. Keep him in your prayers. He has been in much pain.

Perry Downen was taken to the hospital while at his mother-in-law's funeral in Abilene, TX in the middle of December. It was first thought that he had a stroke, but after several days in the hospital and many tests, they determined that he has bells palsy. Perry and Marilyn are home now and he is doing fine.

**Don't forget to send your quarterly Optimist dues, \$30 per member, to: Sawnee Optimist Club, P.O. Box 945, Cumming, GA 30028. You may also give them directly to our treasurer, Hines Richardson, at the regular meetings.**

**COOKBOOKS! We have a few cookbooks left. If anyone needs a gift for a bridal shower birthday gift, house-warming gift, etc. remember our cookbooks makes a great gift.**

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

**"If we did all the things we were capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves."**

**— Thomas Edison**

**Dear Lord,**

So far today, I'm - doing all right.



I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card.

But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then.

**Optimist Mission Statement:**

**By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids**

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**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, and too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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