

The Breakfast Optimist Club of St. Petersburg

The Rise and Shiner



Our Motto: Bringing out the Best in Kids ~ Together Everyone Achieves More



Our club meets 7:30 A.M. Every Thursday at Kissin Cuzzins Restaurant, located at 951 34th St. N. St. Petersburg, FL

Date: December 7, 2009 Next meeting: December 10, 2009 **Bring a guest ** 1st time guests get a complimentary breakfast **

Recap of 12/3/09 meeting – We welcomed our guests **Diane Smith** and **Sue (spot) Peterson** who were invited by **Frank Rodriguez**. Thank you for joining us, we hope you decide to join the Breakfast Optimist Club!! Thank you to **Dorothy Cox** she sponsored **Terry Miller** who sent in her application. Welcome back **Karen Margolis & Sue Cursio!!** We missed you guys.

!!!Important Announcements!!!

Kissin Cuzzins will not be open early (at 7:30 am) on **December 24th** and **December 31st** therefore we will meet at the **Tick Tock Restaurant located at 8123 4th Street North in St. Petersburg for those meetings.**

The Ronald McDonald house informed us that they already have dinner taken care of on December 10th, so we will not be volunteering on that date. **Please mark your calendar this event has been cancelled.** The next time we volunteer will be on St. Patrick's Day.

Karen Margolis was the lucky one with the get out of jail card – immunity to say what ever she pleased during the meeting. We also found out that her husband Steve would need to be inducted into the club today via long distance phone call.

We received a Thank you letter from the Christmas Toy Shop for our \$500 donation and allowing them to participate at First Friday. They collected \$1,000 in tips which will be used for a good cause this Christmas.

Collin the gentlemen in the army who we sent a care package to sent a Thank you letter. He shared his care package with his whole battalion.

Jean received her new member pin from Optimist International for sponsoring **Ida Schneider**. **Frank Rodriguez** received one as well for sponsoring **Soledad Benevidez** but he was missing in action at the meeting.

Sandi McGhan would like to host a 50's party in the spring. **Mel** will be the DJ for the event. Sandi will give us more details when it gets closer.

BACCHANALIAN BREAKFAST is on December 17th 7am at Kissin Cuzzins– let the other members know if you see them to come out and join us. Everett Rice will be the speaker and we will have a great time. It will be 9\$ for the breakfast but also bring extra cash for Kathy.

The Downtown Optimist club is having their Christmas Party on December 15th at GiGi's in the Pasadena Shopping Center. They will also be collecting gifts for the Brookwood girls house, which has approximately 60 girls in the house.

We all sang Happy Birthday to Sue Cursio and Walt Swan !!

Leon Atkinson sent in a check for \$50 donating towards the postage for the Bulletin as well as paying for his Bacchanalian breakfast. Thank you for your donation Leon.

Chuck Hayworth let us know that with the help of a donor who will match what we collect for the dime a day program we are doing exceptionally well with the proceeds for the scholarships.

Harold Ferris needed one more spot to be filled for the Salvation Army bell ringing on December 17th and **Sue Cursio** stepped up to the plate to fill that time slot.

Harold anticipates that the supplies for Citizen of the month will arrive very soon. He needs help disbursing them to the representatives for each school.

The **St. Petersburg College** gives a free lunch every month- Lunch with a genius. This month it will be on December 10th if interested please contact Jean.

Rick Rutan let us know that he and Jean will be participating in the Santa's Calling on Wednesday, December 16th but they need volunteers on December 15th and December 17th as well. If interested call the recreation department at 727-893-7918 let them know you are with the Optimist Club. They also feed you so while you are making the kids happy- "your stomach" will be happy too!!

Ann McIntyre wants us to come out and enjoy the Christmas Cantata at the Palladium on December 20th at 7pm. It's great entertainment and free - what more could you ask for?

Lee Warnock received a plaque for our sponsorship to the softball team "The Bandits". He also let us know that the CCDHH speech contest will be on January 29th a Friday at Pinellas Park High.

Jean got to perform the induction ceremony for **Steve Margolis** who was in South Carolina via cell phone and **Karen Margolis** was pinned on his behalf.

Dennis Barth let us know we may not have a First Friday due to the weather. First Friday was canceled due to the rain. The next First Friday will be in February 2010.

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December Calendar of Events	
Date	Event
December 10th (CANCELLED)	***THIS RONALD MCDONALD EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED***
December 15th Tuesday 6PM	Downtown Optimist Christmas Party at GiGi's in Pasadena Shopping Center
December 15th, 16th, 17th (Wed, Thurs, Fri) 5:30 -8 PM	Santa's Calling- for more info call 727-893-7918- please let them know you are with the Optimist Club
December 17th Thursday 7:00AM	Bacchanalian Breakfast – Steak, Eggs and Bloody Mary at Kissin Cuzzins
December 17th Thursday 9am-3pm	Salvation Army Bell Ringing- Northeast Publix (Original Store)
December 20th Sunday 7pm	Christmas Cantata at Palladium-Free
December 24th Thursday 7:30 am	Crazy gift exchange-bring a wrapped \$2 gift to meeting. at Tick Tock Restaurant located at 8123 4th Street North in St. Petersburg
December 31th Thursday 7:30 am	Meeting at Tick Tock Restaurant located at 8123 4th Street North in St. Petersburg