



# Optimist Club of Reno



Pacific Central District, Zone 8

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

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## President's Message

By: Linda Woodland

We have come to the close of a wonderful year, and I can honestly say that I have enjoyed every minute of it!

Our Reno Club has the greatest group of people anywhere!

There are so many people to thank that we would run out of ink and paper if I listed them all.

Where do I begin? I am sad that my year is ending! I have been blessed with good people, good projects, and fun, fun, fun!

I started my year with the excitement of working with you all and I am ending my year with the same excitement! You have made this year easy, fun and memorable!

For those of you who will attend our Installation Dinner, please check out my scrapbook!

I love all of you and look forward to being your Lt. Governor for 2006-2007! That will be a true challenge for me, but with your support I know that it will be a good year as well!

Again, **THANK YOU ALL**, for making this year successful, fun, and rewarding!



District Governor Herb & Louise Sullivan with their "31 Chevy!"

## Fun Sunday

Fun Sunday in Sun Valley 2006 was very successful, and with your help 2007 will be even better!

This was a Show-N-Shine, with vendors, a live band, and all kinds of fun. The proceeds benefited all four elementary schools in Sun Valley. All of the community leaders were behind this project and we want to especially thank the following: The Sun Valley Citizens Advisory Board, The Sun Valley General Improvement District, and Hobey's Restaurant and Casino.

"Seal" Neroda took over as chairperson and did an absolutely wonderful job. Her nickname became "Don't Worry Seal"! She said she felt like she became a car show groupie. She attended many car shows and passed out tons of flyers. She wants to

thank all those who participated and helped make this event so successful!

One way Seal earned her new nickname was because we started with 8 pre-registered vehicles for the Show-N-Shine. Our promoter, Steve Maitland kept saying "Don't Worry Seal", and we ended up with 62 beautiful cars! All of them were happy with the show and promised to be back next year, and even better, they are going to bring more people with them! Our very own District Governor, Herb Sullivan and his lovely wife Louise also attended and brought their 1931 Chevy which won a prize! (No, it was not fixed! The car guys did all the voting.)

We will be starting to work on next year in October. We will be looking for sponsors and entrants, so everyone one of us can be a part of this event! Sponsorships start at only \$50.00, so they should not be hard to sell.



2006 Best of Show Winner!

## Essay/Oratorical Contests

By: Charles Woodland

This year I am the District Essay and Oratorical Chair, so I will need help with our Club contests. I really need a Chair for this and I will help in any way I can.

The Essay contest is kicking off with a deadline of February 1, 2007, so we need to get busy!

Next year's District Oratorical finals will be held here in Reno in May. The first female President of Optimist International, Ronnie Dunn will be attending along with her husband, Wayne! This is a good chance for us to put the Optimist of Reno and our surrounding clubs back on the map! We are looking forward to a District meeting being held in Reno again!

**2006-2007 Essay topic is "I Want to Make a Difference Because..."**, and the **Oratorical topic is "My Biggest Challenge Is..."**



Thunderbirds

## Reno Air Races

We just finished our major fund raiser of the year. As you know, we take an empty lot with nothing but dirt and within a week we have an RV park for the Air Races.

Although it is a lot of work, it is also a lot of fun! It is great to renew old friendships and make new ones every year!

Some of the land we use every year was sold, but that didn't stop progress! We plunged on and made the best of it. No matter how tired we got or how cold we got, we always came through with a smile because we know how many kids we help with the money we make on this project!



This year was a banner year! We cut a lot of expenses and the spaces we had were almost completely filled. The empty spaces were filled with day parkers which were manned by the teachers from Sun Valley Elementary.

It went so smoothly with RARA on the spaces they had this year and that was due to the hard pre-work of Sil Petricianni, Paul Ferrari, and Dave Diezel. Thank you, Guys!

Thank you to Joe Shields, Chair and Charles Woodland, Co-Chair for "piloting" this year! A huge thank you to the awesome morning crew, Robert Esperance, Frank Shields and Ron Errico! Thank you to our Troop 585 Asst. Scoutmaster Jim Castleberry and his wife Ellen, for being our night watchers! Many thanks to all of our afternoon and evening people which included me, Linda

Woodland, Dale Howard, Sherry Stinnett, Charles Woodland, Joe Shields, and Jim Reynolds. Thank you to Ron and Adria Errico, Lance and Lori Taylor-Warren, Dale and Ginger Howard for filling in on Saturday.

Also, thank you to all of you who helped set up and tear down the lot! I could go on and on thanking people, but we would be here forever, so I guess I had better stop! If I missed anyone, please forgive me, just know that you are thanked and appreciated as well.

## New Members!!!

Welcome to our 3 new members! Joan Ackley, Sun Valley Elementary teacher sponsored by Seal Neroda, Cary Gohlke, Cub Master for Pack 585, sponsored by Jim Reynolds, and Concepcion "Cion" Tucker, sponsored by Phil Kalustian. We look forward to working with all three of you, and if you have not been installed, please come to our annual dinner for installation.

## Installation/Scholarship Dinner

Charles S. Woodland will be our 2006-2007 President and he has chosen October 13, 2006 for his Installation Dinner. It will be held at the Gold-N-Silver Inn at 790 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Reno, NV at 6:00 p.m. Members will be \$20.00, guests are free. You will be receiving an invitation in the mail, but you can R.S.V.P. by attending a meeting or calling Linda @ 673-9225.

## Phil & Zee Kalustian

One of our most beloved members and his lovely wife has moved away. Phil and Zee Kalustian moved to be closer to their children and they will be missed so much. Phil is a true Optimist in every sense of the word and he will always be a member of our club. We wish them health and happiness!

They would love to hear from you. You can contact them at the following address:

Brookdale Place of San Marcos  
1590 W. San Marcos Blvd. #105  
San Marcos, CA 92078  
(760) 744-3011

## Frank Modestini

Frank has had some health problems and is in Manor Care Rehab Center. Although he needs his rest he would love to have cards from us. The address is: HCR-Manor Care, 3101 Plumas St., Rm 95A, Reno, NV 89509.

Hurry up and get well Frank. We miss you so much!

## Annual Picnic

Due to the lack of participation in the past few years, the Board voted to cancel next year's picnic. We will offer something like a Mystery Trip instead. Suggestions are welcome!

## Pacific Central District Meeting

The first quarterly PCD Meeting will be held in Newark, CA October 20-22, 2006. If you have not planned to attend, I would encourage you to do so!

## Boss's Birthday



Harold "Boss" Curran turned 96 years young on August 10, 2006. We held a surprise birthday party for him at our August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Boss was really surprised and although he grumbled about the attention, we know that he loved every minute of it!

**This will be the last newsletter for 2005-2006!**

## Meetings

Our meetings are held every Tuesday @ Noon in the meeting room at Heidi's Restaurant. Heidi's is located at 2450 S. Virginia, Reno, NV. Come and bring a friend!



## Board Meetings for 2006-2007

Our Board Meetings will be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, but the October meeting will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, due to the fact that we need to discuss the upcoming scholarship

candidates for this year, and the budget for next year.

**The new board members need to be in attendance for this meeting, and they are as follows:**

**President Charles Woodland**  
**1<sup>st</sup> VP Linda Woodland**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Frank Shields**  
**Sec/Tres Jim Reynolds**

### 1<sup>st</sup> year Board

**Joe Shields**  
**Dale Howard**  
**Ginger Rogers-Howard**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> year Board

**Robert Esperance**  
**Sherry Stinnett**

## Outgoing Board!

A big, hearty Optimist thank you to all of the 2006-2007 Board Members (listed below) for all of their hard work and dedication to the youth of our community!

**The kids are what it is all about!**

### Board of Directors:

Linda Woodland- President  
Charles Woodland- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Frank Shields-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Jim Reynolds -- Secretary/Treasurer  
Chris Rowan – Past President

#### 1st-Year Board:

Ken Rowan  
Robert Esperance  
Sherry Stinnett

#### 2nd-Year Board:

Lance Taylor-Warren  
Ron Errico  
Dave Diezel

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