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MEETS FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS NOON AT 4055 INTERNATIONAL PLAZA

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Saturday, January 4, 2025 – On-line **PONY baseball registration** began for ages 6-14. Baseball president Anthony Munoz has the energy, excitement, enthusiasm and high aspirations for our 2025 season. The 2025 season will be the 71st consecutive year for the Optimist youth baseball. Anthony reports that in one week 50 players signed up to play. **PLAY BALL!**

Friday, January 6, 2025 – **NOON LUNCHEON** International Plaza, Program: Rodeo Announcer **Bob Tallman**, The Voice of Professional Rodeo – 50+ years announcing rodeos including the Fort Worth rodeo

Friday, January 17, 2025 – **NOON LUNCHEON** International Plaza, Program: **Chef Tim Love**, owner and executive chef of several Fort Worth restaurants including Lonesome Dove, the Woodshed and White Elephant Saloon.

Board Meeting immediately following luncheon

Monday, January 20, 2025 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Sunday, February 2, 2025 – Groundhog Day!

Friday, February 7, 2025 – NOON LUNCHEON, International Plaza, Program: TBD

Friday, February 14, 2025 – Happy Valentine's Day!

Monday, February 17, 2025 – President's Day

Friday, February 21, 2025 – NOON LUNCHEON, International Plaza, Program: TBD; Board meeting immediately following the luncheon.

Friday, February 21 - Saturday, February 22, 2025 – TexHoma District 2nd Quarter Meeting, Duncan, Oklahoma (Registration information attached.)

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

By President Jimmy Henderson

Dear Optimist Club of Fort Worth Members,

Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, I am filled with excitement and optimism about what this year holds for our club and the youth of Fort Worth. The beginning of a new year is always a time for reflection and anticipation, and I believe we have much to look forward to. Our recent Christmas tree sales lot was a resounding success, and I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you who volunteered your time and energy to make it happen. Your dedication is what drives our mission forward, and together we are making a difference!

Reflecting on our achievements, I am proud of how our club came together to support our community during the holiday season. This event not only raised funds for our scholarships and initiatives but also brought joy to many families in Fort Worth. The enthusiasm and teamwork demonstrated by our volunteers were truly inspiring, and it's a reminder of the incredible impact we can have when we unite for a common cause. Thank you for your hard work and commitment!

As we embrace the new year, I want to share my personal resolution as the president of our club. My goal is to be an effective leader and visionary who confidently guides our organization towards greater success. I am committed to enhancing our recruitment efforts to bring in new members who share our passion for community service and youth development. Together, we can expand our reach and influence, ensuring that more young people in Fort Worth benefit from our programs

Additionally, I believe we have an opportunity to deepen our impact in the high schools we sponsor. By fostering stronger relationships with these institutions, we can better understand their needs and tailor our efforts to support their students. This year, I am particularly excited about growing our Junior Optimist sports division, as well as our PONY baseball sports program. Engaging more youth in sports not only promotes physical activity but also teaches valuable life skills such as teamwork and perseverance.

In conclusion, I am thrilled about the possibilities that await us in 2025. With your continued support and dedication, I am confident that we will achieve our goals and make this year one of the best yet for the Optimist Club of Fort Worth. Let's work together to create a brighter future for our youth and our community. Thank you for being a vital part of our incredible journey, and for helping to "Bring out the Best in Youth!"

Warm wishes,

Jimmy Henderson

President, Optimist Club of Fort Worth

NEWS AND NOTES

OCFW NOON LUNCHEON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024 Program: **HOLIDAY CELEBRATION** The celebration began with an Optimist sing along and a challenge to name Christmas carols based on strange descriptions. Where do you find these things Jimmy? The fun began when numbers were drawn, and the gift auction started. Lots of stealing of gifts and finagling took place. Tommy Janes is still eating pecans, but he didn't manage to get Paul's peach preserves. Paper goods were collected for Ronald McDonald House (RMH). Neil Hunt and Tommy Janes delivered the paper goods to RMH. RMH was very appreciative. Teddy bears were collected for Cook Children's Hospital to be delivered at a later date.



Linda Henderson, Tommy Janes, Tracy Allen, Neil Hunt





Tommy and Neil deliver to RMH



Plaza Café ladies receive Christmas gifts from OCFW members

A good time was had by all!

OCFW NOON LUNCHEON, FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025 Program: Bob Tallman, The Voice of Professional Rodeo with 50 plus years announcing rodeos including the Fort Worth Rodeo. Optimist members and guests Tanner Bell, Jeff Miley, Ben Hunt (Neil and Harriet's grandson) and Debbie McCoy were entertained with stories of Bob Tallman's youth and experiences as a rodeo announcer. Many of you will recognize his signature statement: "This thing is legendary!" if you have ever attended the Fort Worth Rodeo. He is most proud of the scholarship programs and prize money that is now available for rodeo participants. "Ag Mechanics" is another program providing scholarships. Bob could have entertained us for another 45 minutes. Great program. Another blockbuster even without the popcorn.

Bob Tallman now lives in Poolville in North Texas raising cattle with plans to retire in 2026.

It was great to have some of our members present who don't get to come regularly, like Ed Meinen, Nathan Moser, Anthony Munoz and Kris Thompson. Don't be strangers. We would love to have you come more regularly if possible.



Bob Tallman



Neil Hunt, Anthony Munoz, Tommy Janes, Kris Thompson



Alex Clarke, Rashad Alston, Debbie McCoy, Steve McCoy, Larry Lewis, Ron Gamill, Don Stegall, Ed Meinen



Tanner Bell, Carson Meinen, Nathan Moser, Terry Headrick, Jeff Miley

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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 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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