



# ***The Helping Hand***

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## ***Words from the Editor***

**March 29th, 2018**

Happy March everyone. It again gives me great pleasure to send another installment of this august publication hoping to pass on the information you are looking for. Your editor last week discovered one of the mysteries of life, that when you drop your phone in the oval throne it makes really pretty colors but it does not do much for conversational capabilities. I apologize for the tardiness of this newsletter discovering another life lesson, that at 39,000 ft. I can't breathe well, so into awaiting ambulance at PDX and off to VA Hospital for 4 days. The only info I have received is from one Club and one District Officer so I will do my best to "please ya" The Gresham Optimist Club will be doing our Annual Easter parking on the 31<sup>st</sup> at Alpenrose Dairy on Shattuck starting at 8.00 AM sharp if anybody wants to help.

## **Here are some upcoming goings on for The Optimist club of Hillsboro**

- May 19 Saturday. PNW Hillsboro Optimist Junior Golf Qualifier. At Forest Hills Golf Course near Cornelius. Tee time is at 12. \$50 entry fee. See Al Young for more.
- Jul 8-10 Optimist International 100th Annual Convention, Ottawa, Ontario. Online registration is live at [www.optimist.org/convention](http://www.optimist.org/convention) . Learn about Ottawa at <https://www.ottawatourism.ca/>. See Bill French for more.
- Sep 21 Friday. Hillsboro Optimist Open. The tournament will be at Forest Hills Golf Course outside of Cornelius. Funding target is 15k. See Monte Akers and get involved.

**From Mike Gray**

**Where do Foster Kids go when they age out? Here's a great idea from the Twin Falls Optimist club.**

**Barry Knoblich to Twin Falls Optimist Youth House**

**March 6 at 3:37pm**

**Shae Mayner and the rainguard roofing crews donating a new roof for the Youth House. Thanks to all the management Team of rainguard and Tony Johnson at L&W supplies for all the materials. Wow!**



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**Groaners** Sorry this one is a little long, but good.

**Jack wakes up with a huge hangover after attending his company's party. He is not normally a drinker, but the drinks didn't taste like alcohol at all. He didn't even remember how he got home from the party. As bad as he was feeling, he wondered if he did something wrong. He forced himself to open his eyes, and the first thing he sees is a couple of aspirins next to a glass of water on the side table. And, next to them, a single red rose!! He sits up and sees his clothing in front of him, all cleaned and pressed! He looks around the room and sees that it is in perfect order, spotlessly clean. So is the rest of the house. He takes the aspirins, cringes when he sees a huge black eye staring back at him in the bathroom mirror. Then he notices a note hanging on the corner of the mirror written in red with little hearts on it and a kiss mark from his wife in lipstick: 'Honey, breakfast is on the stove, I left early to get groceries to make you your favorite dinner tonight. I love you, darling! Love, Jillian'**

**He stumbles to the kitchen and sure enough, there is hot breakfast, steaming hot coffee and the morning newspaper. His 16 year old son is also at the table, eating. Jack asks, 'Son, what happened last night?' 'Well, you came home after 3 A.M., drunk and out of your mind you fell over the coffee table and broke it, and then you puked in the hallway, and got that black eye when you ran into the door.' Confused, he asked his son, 'So, why is everything in such perfect order and so clean? I have a rose, and breakfast is on the table waiting for me??'**

**His son replies, 'Oh THAT... Mom dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take your pants off, you screamed, 'Leave me alone, I'm married!!'**

**That's all you get for now folks!**

