



The Helping Hand



Words from the Editor

December 12, 2017

Merry Merry Christmas everyone From The Wallace Household and also a very very wonderful wish to All that may Celebrate in a different fashion and may it be wonderful to you.

December has been extremely busy thus far with being back to work full time and Many Santa Gigs. So hopefully you will forgive my Tardiness of this publication. Thank you in advance.

DO NOT FORGET SUBMISSIONS FOR OPTIMIST CLUB OF THE YEAR MUST BE IN BY DECEMBER 30 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS GO TO leadership@optimist.org

Wow many of the clubs in the District have been busy Lil Beavers. Here are some Highlights:

- The Optimist Club of Hillsboro had Their Awesome Christmas Party at Knights Barn and was well attended also supported by the 141st Brig. Sup. Battalion ORNG. In addition The Pacific Ear Clinic represented by Abbye Callender provided an excellent program on the Cost of Hearing Issues.



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- Last month the Vancouver USA Optimist Club gained a New Member in Dannette (Danni) Cara, a former Oratorical Judge. Danni is going to Chair the club oratorical contest, as well as having joined the club board of directors. Welcome Welcome Danni.

- The Twin Falls Optimist Club distributed approximately 530 Coats for Kids in the Magic Valley and surrounding area after receiving over \$15,000 in donations from SEAGRAVES and MAGIC VALLEY SNOWMOBILERS. Thanks all. The Club Optimist Foundation also received almost \$400.00 from Idaho Power. Holy Cow Twin Falls does so many things to benefit the Community we can all take note.

I think every Club's activities should be in the District Bulletin so, please send me the info!

A good time was had by all on Clover Island in the Tri Cities area for the first Conference of the 2017/ 2018 year. It was noted that our esteemed Governor made an excellent house guest at the Brodie's and even helped butter Rose's buns, so if the occasion arises invite the Gilbertsons to your home. Our international Guests were Esther Marie Hillman, OI Certified Trainer and Jim Pekny, V.P. for the West Coast Region. They both reside in Arizona.



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Bruce has unveiled many great plans for this year. Please pay attention to this publication and conferences, in order to make your year as Honor Club easier.

The 2nd qtr. Regionals will be:

- Burnaby BC at Simon Fraser University on Sat Feb. 17 2018.**
- Meridian, Idaho at Big Als on Sat March 3rd, 2018.**
- Portland, Or at St Ignatius School 3330 SE 43rd. on Sat March 24th.**

It is with great sadness that I report the loss of our good friend, Mentor, Past Governor, and Past OI/VP, Bob Folsom in Spokane on Dec. 22nd. Bob was a good friend to me and made my first term as Lt. Governor much easier. We will all miss Bob. *Safe Journey Home Bob.* Don't know about services yet, but Bob wanted any donations to go to OI Foundation.

Michael Gray is *Fixin* to send out the updated District info so be sure and check the Website and make sure YOURS Is correct.

WELL THAT'S ALL THE DOINS FOR TODAY MOUSEKETEERS. KEEP THE RUBBERSIDE DOWN AND THE SUNNYSIDE UP

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