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Good morning everyone! Happy May Day!

By the way, did you know that, by Presidential decree, May is Respect for Law Month, or at least the first week, and there are many, many, respect for law programs in the individual clubs coming up. So make sure you attend one. Now, the two I've been notified about are the Northeast Club on the 16th of May at noon at Spaghetti Factory in Clackamas.

Also The Optimist Club of Gresham Respect for Law Banquet will be on May 22nd at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Clackamas Oregon with the time being 6 p.m. no host and 7 p.m. dinner. If there are any other clubs out there having Respect For Law programs, make sure you attend one of them. This is without a doubt one of the greatest programs we have.

Next I have good news, pre-registration for 3rd quarter is extended until the 4th of May. Also the hotel is holding the registration cost until the 2nd and quite possibly the 4<sup>th</sup>, so if you've got it done thank you very, very, much. If not "git her done".

Make sure that you participate in the online voting for the Optimist International Board of Directors. Go online and vote for your favorite.



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Also International Convention is coming so go online at [optimist.org/convention](http://optimist.org/convention) and register.

Also, for the past recipients of the Roy Proctor award, it's now time to vote. Details can be found at <http://www.pnwoptimist.org/roy-proctor-award>

Back to Club doin's:

Optimist Club of Hillsboro will be having the Pacific Northwest Junior Golf qualifier on May 19th at Forest Hills. Tee time is 12:00 noon.

If you have an oratorical contestant please fill out the form at <http://www.pnwdoptimist.org/meetingregistration/2018511-vancouverwa-contest> Wow that's a long one, but important.

Meridian Optimist Club has a club Oratorical winner, although I don't see her name, but congratulations to the young lady and to the club for participating in this awesome contest.

Lots of cool things going on with the Albany Optimist Club so if you're headed south, or north as the case may be, on their meeting day make sure you stop in. They love to see you.



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Which reminds me, somehow we've gotten out of the habit of visitations to other clubs. It is an awesome thing to do, to see what other people are doing in our district. So make your plans. Put a group together. It doesn't have to be a large group, it can be just one. Visit the other clubs in the district. Sometimes you're going right by on your way to work, or on the way home, or out for lunch. So stop at your local Optimist Club and say hi, and let me know so I can say thanks in the Bulletin.

Here's a groaner for this month from the Albany Optimist Club. What would you name your dog if it was named after the last food you ate. Wow! Some folks eat strange things for breakfast, like Eggo, cornflakes, or oatmeal. If you're not happy if you don't have breakfast, how about Bushmill. Thanks Ray.

We have some bad news. Michael Sorters of the NE Portland club passed away suddenly of a heart attack. We will miss him very much.

Well everybody that's all for this go-round. Thank you very much for caring, and sending me your information. Love you all, see you at third quarter, somewhere on the road, or here next month. Have an awesome day!

