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**FRIEND OF YOUTH**

**BREAKFAST OPTIMIST CLUB  
SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA  
S.C. DISTRICT #4**



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**CALENDAR:**

Mar. 13 ... Reg. Bkfst Mtg. – 9:00 am Scott Duke Speaker  
 \*Mar. 18... N.O.W. Mtg. @ O.A. – invite prospective Members  
 Mar. 27... Reg. Bkfst Mtg – 9:00 am at O.A.  
 Apr. 1... Easter Baskets for Families in need – call Felix  
 Apr. 8... CCDHH @ SC School for Deaf & Blind @  
 SCSDB – Time: 1:00pm  
 Apr. 15... Oratorical Contest @ Morningside Baptist  
 Church Youth Center – 6:30 pm

**BIRTHDAYS IN March:**

Mar. 6... Jake Smith  
 Mar. 14... Pepper Graham  
 Mar. 16... Walt Hopokins  
 Mar. 17... Wade Dobbins, Jr.  
 Mar. 23... Moe Salmon  
 Mar. 24... Todd Young

**ANNIVERSARIES IN March:**

None

Guest at our Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Breakfast meeting were: Jack Strickland, Johnny's father and Clegg Taylor, both guest of Johnny. Also Larry Lancaster, guest of Ted Wilson and Dr. Stephen Hines, guest of Troy Bridges. Dan was careful to see that each of these had application forms – hope to see each again soon. Other guests were families and teachers of our Essay Contest winners: Chuck Gordon, Principal of Boiling Springs High School (BHS), Michelle Young, English teacher at BHS. Anastasia's mother, Julia Dreher and brother Uri and Katrina's father, Armando Hedrick.

\*Ted reports that the menu for our March 10, N.O.W. dinner will be: Shrimp & Grits, Smoked Sausage, Asparagus Tips and Klondike Bars for dessert – see you there!

Date	School	Name of student
3/1/10	Park Hills Elem.	Tavian Feaster
3/2/10	Fair Forest Elem.	Chandler Tate
3/3/10	Lone Oaks Elem.	Donnie Jackson
3/4/10	Arcadia Elem.	Christopher Martinez

Each month OK, with other Club members, visit 10 area schools and presents the Boy or Girl Club Member, chosen by Club leaders, a gift – usually a wrist watch or small clock. During the presentation a brief message on Optimism and having a positive outlook is given, encouraging the students to do and be the best they can be.

**Time for Optimism Schedule  
Schedule for Boys & Girls Club Visits:**

Date	School	Time	Contact Info
3/15/10	Jesse Bobo Elem.	2:30 pm	Tara Maurer – 864-285-1086
3/16/10	Cleveland Elem.	2:30 pm	Valerie Foster – 864-809-1085
3/17/10	Mary H. Wright	3:00 pm	Tamika Oden – 864-809-2642
3/17/10	Carver Jr. High	3:30 pm	Rick Ferguson - 864-285-1084
3/18/10	Chapman Elem.	2:45 pm	Shanetra Holaday – 285-1090
3/19/10	Chesnee Elem.	2:30 pm	Latasha Carter – 864-809-0211
3/22/10	Park Hills Elem.	2:30 pm	Paris Barle – 864-285-1082
3/23/10	Fairforest Elem.	2:30 pm	Ryan Grace – 864-285-1082
3/24/10	Lone Oak Elem.	2:30 pm	Deviano Burnside – 809-4614
3/25/10	Arcadia Elem.	2:30 pm	Kaya Ellis – 864-285-1837

Student Essay Winners were our guest at the Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> breakfast. Essays were read by Anastasia and Katrina – Kelsey was not present. Photos of the presentation of

certificates of participation and club awards are shown below.

First Place.....Anastasia Kolesnitchenko  
 Second Place.....Kelsey Mankins  
 Third Place .....Katrina Hedrick



Ted makes presentations



Essay winners with parents and Principal of BHS, Chuck Gordon

*Many thanks to Johnny & Taylor Strickland for treating the lake with fertilizer and more recently the lime*

Tom introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Doug Raynor who had met him, Mike and Ed at 7:30 before the breakfast meeting to check out the widening of the trail around the lake to enable a go-cart to be used to transport children attending Camp Victory in June. Camp Victory is held for children in the "Security Blanket Program". These are children in Spartanburg County with Childhood Cancer and other life threatening illnesses. Doug was very complimentary of the facility here and the opportunity to work with the children attending Camp Victory. Being a Botanist he enjoys teaching about the out-of-doors. Especially to these children. Doug's message had to do

with his experiences in Nature and how being outside is essential to good health. Today's children do not spend enough time outside – he termed it 'Nature Deficit Disorder'. Spending time in Nature lowers anxiety and he thinks of it as a Sanctuary where he mediates and communes with God our Creator. *Thank You Doug for being a huge part of Camp Victory and for all you do and are doing for the Youth of our Community!*

Meeting began at 9:00 AM at the Russell's home. Board Members Present: Dan Holloway, Johnny Strickland, Ed Lully, Francis Tremege, Lucy Russell, Moe Salmon. Other members present—Ted Wilson, Tom Russell.

- Minutes from February 6, 2010 Board meeting were read and approved by the Board as written.
- Jack Strickland's membership application was approved by the Board.
- Our next NOW dinner date is Thursday evening March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Felix Bulsa will head up the annual Easter Basket effort again this year. Food purchases and basket distribution will be April 1<sup>st</sup> - several volunteers needed.
- Ed Lully reported on the recent meeting 2/27 to discuss the club's role to prepare for Camp Victory day camp operated by the Children's Security Blanket. Details later.
- Breakfast Optimist Club has the opportunity to work with Mark Wilson and his Church in setting up a camp for children & youth called Cross Roads Ranch on his property.
- Proposal for offering "Honorary Lifetime Memberships" to club members in special situations – details later at the meeting.
- The club web page is under development. It should be up shortly. Todd Young is Web Master.
- The annual Respect for Law breakfast was set for Tuesday morning, May 18, at Mary Black cafeteria. This will be in lieu of the May 22 Breakfast meeting.
- Ed raised a question about an article on Dan Integrity and suggested a study should be considered regarding our lake dam.

Respectfully Submitted, Dan Holloway, Club Sec- Treas.