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June 7 Bike Safety Fair teaches kids importance of safe biking

This year the Auburn Optimist Club is holding its 18th Bicycle Safety Fair on Saturday, June 7 to help children in the community understand the value of proper and safe bicycling.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Auburn Eagle's parking lot where the safety course will be mapped out so kids can learn bicycle rules-of-the-road. Each one is given a certificate of completion.

They will also learn about correct helmet fitting and proper bicycle care. Our seasoned bike expert, **Mike Hassen** is co-chairing with **Katie Coty**, a new member from the YMCA. The entire club supports them and welcomes volunteers to help put on this great event for kids.

The fair is being held on the same day as the Issaquah Optimist Club's to tie-in with area-wide radio advertising and publicity on KWJZ-FM. The Auburn event has been publicized in the Auburn Reporter and other community media and to the school district. **Mayor Pete Lewis** is issuing a proclamation naming June 7 as "Bicycle Safety Day."

As in the past, the Eagles will serve free hot dogs and pop. Children will also be included in a raffle for free bicycles, helmets and bike accessories. Auburn firefighters, police and other citizen volunteers will be on hand to assist with bike and helmet inspections. Children will be offered free souvenirs, face-painting and kid's I.D. programs. Sponsors include Verity Credit Union, State Farm Insurance and Fred Meyer.



Mike Hassen



Katie Coty



- **Free Kids Helmets** (while supplies last)
- **Drawings for Free Bikes & Accessories**
- **Bicycle Safety Inspection, Tune-Ups**
- **Obstacle Course Challenge**
- **Free Hot Dogs & Pop, Face-painting, My ID Cards, Freddy-the-Teddy Bear!**



Thirteen CCDHH Students Compete in Optimist's Communication Contest

On May 6, **Frank Smith** and **Joe Jenkins** attended the annual communications contest for the deaf and hard of hearing (CCDHH) at the *Northwest School for Hearing Impaired Children* in north Seattle. Thirteen students from 6th grade to 8th grade competed by signing and reading their entries. Three won top honors, but all students received a framed certificate while their proud parents and families watched. Frank presented School Director, **Judy Callahan**, with a \$300 check from the Auburn Optimist Club, as he has for many years. The school is now in its 26th year. (Frank is pictured with 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners: *Aaliyah Cheatham, Connor Brown and Kaylie Whitmore.*)

Club Officers:

President: Michele Cox
 Vice-Pres: Kayla Sargent
 Secty/Treas: Frank Smith
 Sarah Jepson, Recording Sectry.

Board Members:

Gordy Stringham
 Jim Fletcher*
 Dwayne Goodrow*
 Frank Nelson*
 Roger Thordarson*
 Rosie Johanns

Lt. Governor: Joe Jenkins

*Charter & Lifetime Members



**We meet
 every 2nd & 4th
 Wed. noon, at
 the Auburn Elks
 2402 Auburn
 Way N.**

The Optimist Creed *Promise Yourself. . .*

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
 To talk health happiness & prosperity to every person you meet.
 To make all 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, to 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.

Five Local Scholarships Awarded

Jim Fletcher, our hard-working and dependable Scholarship Chairman -- with assistance from the Scholarship Committee -- has selected 5 local high school students for \$500 scholarships.

They are: **Joe Wiley**, West Auburn High; **Whitney Cullum**, Mt. View High; **Kealsye Fahey**, Riverside High; **Veronica Pratt**, Auburn High and hearing/sight impaired **Lucas C. Garrison**, Auburn Riverside High.

The students were luncheon guests at the club's meeting on May 28, with some of their parents.

Six New Members Added

These six new members have recently joined the Auburn Optimist Club (some from our NOW event).

Becky Kalmbach, sponsor Gloria King
Alfred Lewis, sponsor Joe Jenkins
Katie Coty, sponsor Michele Cox
Katie Yost, sponsor Michele Cox
E.J. Jennings, sponsor Kayla Sargent
Timmy McCoy, sponsor Kayla Sargent

Coming Events to Remember

- Pet-Palooza, 10 - 2pm, Game Farm Pk, May 31
- Bicycle Safety Fair, 10-2pm, Eagles Park Lot, June 7
- Pioneer Queen Contest, 5 pm, Senior Ctr, June 12
- Kids Day, 11 - 4pm, Game Farm Park, June 20
- Optimists Big Yard Sale, 9am-2 pm, YMCA, July 26
- Auburn Good Ol' Days, downtown, Aug. 8, 9, 10

Officers-Elect Named for 2008-09

The life of an Optimist organization depends on its success of leadership continuation. Toward that end, on May 20 our club filed officer-elects for the next fiscal year starting in Oct. 2008.

Pamela Schmidt has been named President-Elect succeeding **Michele Cox**. Again, Secretary/Treasurer-Elect is **Frank Smith** and continuing as Vice President is **Kayla Sargent**. Also serving next year as Lt. Governor for Zone 2 will be **Pam Vandenberg** from the West Tacoma Club. Congratulations to all!

Members in the News

Some of our Optimists had a lulu-hulu time at the Auburn Senior Center's "Senior Volunteer Luncheon" on April 20. **Dwayne Goodrow, Bob Carney, Gloria King, Kayla Sargent** and **Joe Jenkins** teamed up to sing "Optimists In The USA" and they were Hot-Hot-Hot!

Pamela Schmidt has been a busy planning her son's wedding on May 23 which included sewing, remodeling, painting, managing the general contractor and trying to get a little work done for Green River CC where she is an Occupational Therapy Marketing Assistant.

Speaking of weddings -- **Roger Thordarsen** has a big grin on his mug these days - he recently became engaged to **Marcia Hoover** from Valley Cities Counselling. (*now Roger that's a real Happy Buck!*)

Past member and Pacific councilman, **Josh Putnam** recently "Walked For Leukemia" with his wife and daughter (*get this*) up 69 stories of the Columbia Tower in 17 minutes!

Speaking of walking, the annual "Relay for Life" saw many of our Auburn Optimists walk for cancer victims/survivors and light luminaries on May 16. The event brought in \$132,209 per **J.D. Drollinger**, chair.

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