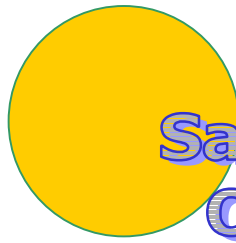


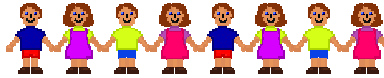
# On The Sunny Side



## Sawnee-Cumming OPTIMIST CLUB



CLUB #21546 \* P.O Box 945, Cumming, Georgia 30028 \* Georgia District \* Zone 4  
[www.sawneeothers.org](http://www.sawneeothers.org)



"Bringing Out the Best in Kids"

February, 2008

Good Ol' Days \* 419 Atlanta Rd, Cumming, Georgia \* 770-205-9453 \* 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays \* 7:00 p.m.

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### Date of next meetings:

Mark you calendar and bring a guest. We're doing great things in our community so let's share!

**02/07/08** - Mary Lamond Executive Director, CASA of Forsyth County

**02/21/08** - Essay winner, Madison Thornton will read her essay. Hops for Hope baskets will be made.

### Report on last meeting:

Mary Lamond, Executive Director of Forsyth County CASA, was our guest speaker. She spoke about the role of CASA in advocating for abused and neglected children in the community.

### Calendar of upcoming events:

**Oratorical: Elementary Semi-Finals - March 3**

**Mid/High Semi-Finals - March 4**

**Oratorical: Elementary Finals - March 10**

**Mid/High Finals - March 11**

### News of club projects:



Family Science Night was a great success. Many good comments came from the kids, parents, PTA members and the school. The Forsyth County News had a big write-up on the front page of the paper about the project. The Herald also had a write-up, so we got some good press. Thanks to all who participated.



The Club has a winner in our Essay contest. Madison Thornton won and will be at the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to read her essay and collect her scholarship money and medal. Thanks to Perry Downen for chairing this project.



Mark your calendars.....It that time again! The schools in Forsyth County are working on their Oratorical contests. The competitions will be held at the Forsyth County Board of Education Building at 6:30 P.M. with **workers arriving at 6:00 P.M.** The dates for the county contest are as follows:

#### Elementary Schools:

**Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Semi-Finals**

**Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> - Finals**

#### Middle/High Schools:

**Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - Semi-Finals**

**Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> - Finals**



At the meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be making Easter baskets for "Hops for Hope". We have approximately 40 kids to make baskets for from three area charities, the Place, CASA, and Abba House.

**Personal News:**

Both Dan Parson and Keith Pruitt had a stay in the hospital recently. Dan had ulcer surgery and Keith had a bad case of the flu. Both are back at-it now and getting better every day. This was Dan's second stay in a couple of weeks.

**Miscellaneous:**

Don't forget to bring refreshments for the Oratorical to the next meeting.

Don't forget to send your quarterly Optimist dues, \$30 per member, to: Sawnee Optimist Club, P.O. Box 945, Cumming, GA 30028. You may also give them directly to our treasurer, Hines Richardson, at the regular meetings.

**COOKBOOKS!** We have a few cookbooks left. If anyone needs a gift for a bridal shower birthday gift, house-warming gift, Mother's Day, etc. remember our cookbooks makes a great gift.

**Kids in Church**

'Our Father, Who does art in heaven,  
Harold is His name.  
Amen.'  
3 year old Reese

Family Science Night – Vickery Creek Elementary School  
Stream Insect Identification Class  
Taught by Kevin Wright of Keep Forsyth Beautiful



Parents and students learning how to identify stream insects and how their presence or absence can be an indicator of stream health.

**Optimist Mission Statement:**

**By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids**

**CREED**

**Promise Yourself...**

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. To talk health, happiness and 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, and too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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