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## Dates to Remember

**June 15, 5:30 PM: Zone Picnic**

**July 6, 7:00 PM: Club meeting, Plaza Diner**

**July 18: Sundae in the Park, New Paltz Town Park**

**August 7: Ulster County Fair**

**August 20-22: District Annual Convention, Corning, NY**

## New York - New England District

Dave Fulmer  
**Governor**

Rob Reid  
**Zone 5 Lt. Governor**



## Highland Kids Day a Success!

On June 5, the Southern Ulster Optimist Club was well represented at the annual Kids Day at the Auerbach Family Chiropractic Center in Highland. Irwin conducted several sessions of an abbreviated Faux Paw Internet safety presentation, mostly for elementary school-aged children and their parents. Gerry and Keith helped guide people into the presentation room.

Thanks to Irwin for finding this opportunity, making the arrangements, and teaching 23 children and 23 adults how to keep safe on the Internet!

## Student Citizens Honored

Congratulations to Frank Bellis, John Fullam, Jessica Herd, Celina Schroer, and Dana Rhodes for their selection as Student Citizens at St. Augustine's School. The honorees received their awards at our May 18 meeting.

## SUOC and Kingston Catholic Observe Earth Day

Special thanks go to Coleen, Gerry, and Patricia for participating in the school fair at Kingston Catholic School on June 11. They read "The Little Seed" to 27 children, and led them in a seed planting activity. We're all looking forward to building a relationship with the Kingston Catholic community.

## President's Minute

With summer upon us and our club activities slowing down for a while, we have a minute to think about what we've accomplished so far this year. As great as our traditional programs are, I'm particularly proud of the new things we've done, like the Highland Kids Day presentations and our new relationship with Kingston Catholic School. I'm optimistic that these new initiatives will help the club grow, prosper, and reach even more children.

Wouldn't it be great if every club member brought one new program idea to the July 6 club meeting? And wouldn't it be great if every club member brought a friend? Even if you can't bring an idea or a friend.... It would be great to see YOU!

## SOUTHERN ULSTER OPTIMIST CLUB MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2010

**Present:** Keith Tilley, Ruth Bean, Geri Nilsen, Tracy Miller, Carol Roper

Keith opened the business meeting at 6:32 p.m. at the New Paltz Town Hall after the quarterly Student Recognition Ceremony, now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year. The winner of the Club and Zone Oratorical Contest winner, Samantha Mazzella, did not attend.

**Minutes:** Geri moved, Ruth seconded that the minutes of the April meeting be approved as distributed. **All ayes.**

**Treasurer's Report:** None.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Clean-Sweep: Thanks to the New Paltz Youth Program for their work on cleaning the highway.
- Food Drive: Ruth suggested waiting until fall, as the need is not so great at the moment.
- Beanie Bingo: Geri reported that a good time was had although the crowd was small. The prizes were good. She suggested contacting local hospitals for the dolls rather than taking them to Albany. Keith suggested getting publicity out earlier next year. He stated that he had been contacted by a person who would like to donate her collection to the cause.
- Geri reported on Earth Day activities at Kingston Catholic School. She, Coleen Macaluso, Pat Dingman, and Coleen's assistant helped children plant seeds, etc.
- Sundaes in the Park: Sue Kloepping has told Keith that she ordered the ice cream from Stewart's. The date is Sunday July 18.
- Carol noted that the last Student Recital of the year will be held May 21.

**Election of Officers:** Geri moved, Tracy seconded that the Secretary cast one vote for the slate presented:

President: Keith Tilley

Vice-President for Youth: Tracy Miller

Vice-President for Publicity: Geri Nilsen

Secretary: Carol Roper

Treasurer: Shelia Keenan

Board Members: Ruth Bean and Coleen Macaluso

**All ayes.**

### **New Business:**

- The possibility of holding Student Recognition Ceremonies at St. Augustine's next year was discussed.
- Keith will notify members about the annual Zone Picnic.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- April 25, Food Drive at Stop and Shop: Ruth is fine-tuning the schedule
- April 30, Beanie Bingo: There are sufficient prizes and gift certificates—Irwin picked up several in
- May 21, Student Recital at the New Paltz United Methodist Church

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05. **Next meeting June 15 at the New Paltz Diner at 7:00.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Roper  
Secretary