

# THE LAPEER OPTIMIST BULLETIN

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Don't look over your shoulder cuz Lapeer Days is just around the corner. In preparation for this magnificent display of The Lapeer Optimist Club's work ethic our leadership took a few days to rest up for the big event. Butter turned our trainee Pres Michael Compton loose to run Thursday's lunch & board meetings.....and he did. Lunch was wonderful with another full house to hear Scotty continue our run of great programs. Our split programs were Nita Payne(Chamber of Commerce) & Dave Frisch (Lapeer City Police). Nita filled us on the Lapeer Days Activities which include great shows (which we don't get to see), the parade, 100% sold out craft tents and vendors on Nepessing Street, a big Lapeer Fire Dept display with real fire and live video showing how it spreads, a Family Feud Game, a Soap Box Derby(Wilton is entering a vending machine), the Carnival, a possibility of helicopter rides, and BEER,CHICKEN, A VEGAS TENT, AND A CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT. Dave talked to us about the Golf Outing they hold each year which will be on August 27<sup>th</sup> at Metamora...signs and tee times are still available. The money they raise goes right back to the community.....last year they bought 165 car seats and gave them away to the needy, hosted a graduation party for Schlickler Elementary, and over the 7 years of this outing they have raised over \$120,000. Some of the money also goes to the Shop With A cop program we have helped before and did again Thursday nite with a \$500 donation. I had 2 guests: neighbor and soon to be new member Doug Pender and step-son Sean and Engleman won &lost the money.

Thursday night's board meeting started with the need of a cleaning crew(Butter didn't clean it since last month) Maybe that's why the 1<sup>st</sup> attendee was a mouse(a well fed one). Reports are Nick was the only "chairman" there to report and that there were several prospective new members also in attendance but no names were given..???? Nick did report that there will be no water sold by the "beer tent" ----why???----IT'S A BEER TENT!!! Tony will have water in the Vegas Tent.

Now for Lapeer Days:

Butters "dad" (Drysdale) is requesting that anyone that has sold his tickets and has the loot please turn his proceeds before Friday Night....It will make his job a lot easier & Butter would like that. It's important that WE ALL turn our ticket money and any unsold tickets in Friday night----that's so we'll know what we can sell on Saturday. We all know the drill, sell, sell, sell!!! Everyone is a customer: friends, neighbors, co-workers, ex

wives, yourself, and the world. It's the World's Greatest Chicken Dinner!! If you need extra BBQ tickets call Drysdale and he'll deliver them to you. Call him at 810-441-2937.

Red Optimist shirts are required for everyone as you all know. So, check the shrinking closet and order new ones that fit for 2016. Tony is standing by to take your orders. If you have a helper joining us, get him a shirt too.. call Tony at 810-441-2388 or 721-1000

Nick is reminding us that we have to have "mugs" to drink from on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday. Now that's a coffee type mug boys....not a 32 or 64 ounce mug like some have tried in the past. Optimist's drink at ½ price as usual and the drinks we buy for others are at full price----remember??? The Beer Tent closes at 12:30 AM and it's important everyone be there to "walk" our patrons out.

There have been a couple of Scramlin sightings recently and that means the Cornhole Tournament is ON! Sundays big event will start at noon and it's \$50/team to enter. We've got a 48 team max and prizes are \$500 for first/\$200 second/\$100 third. That's based on a 48 team field. Tell everyone!!!

Our famous Vegas Tent opens Friday at 5:30 PM and Tony needs your support not bitching and dodging him, so .....do your part and be where you are assigned to be.

As usual, Saturday is a "all hands on deck day" and that means everyone.....Al & Jo have been calling for BBQ help and would appreciate a call-back if you haven't spoken to them yet. Call 245-2270 & if grumpy answers, ask for Jo.....

Word is we raise more money and work harder than anyone in our community and it's time to prove it once more...The only we can do that is as a team with everyone doing their job. We need a big crew:

Wed at 6 Pm at the Higley Hotel to move downtown---beer is ok at the board room, but not downtown-----water only there!!!

Thursday right after Danny's Feast we need every able bodied person on hand for set up(no Beer-water only)---the bigger the crew the easier it gets.

Friday-Saturday-Sunday is all about being where we are assigned to be----so do it!!!

Billy B

P S---99 programs in a row with JK up Thursday 8-11, and Shaffer on Set up Thursday(he's giving up theThanksgiving program for this one), and Shango is on for 8-25.