



# The Optigram

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## The Optimist 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, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

**Luncheon meetings are held Wednesdays at Noon in MCL Cafeteria, West Lafayette.**



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## Oratorical Contest February 24, 2016



Boys and girls, under the age of 18, speak to the topic "How My Best Brings Out The Best in Others". Boys and Girls compete separately. Parents and guests are invited to attend.

Ralph Green, Program Chair

## Noon Optimists choose Purdue Science Fair award winners March 4th

The 2016 Purdue Science Fair will be Friday and Saturday March 4th & 5th at Stewart Center, Purdue University. Optimist members will judge exhibits Friday evening and present \$40 cash awards to students in the Junior Division in four specific categories.



## Robert Ryder Award Luncheon May 11th

May 11th, noon the Robert Ryder Citizenship Awards will be held at the Holiday Inn City Centre in downtown Lafayette. This is an annual award luncheon celebrating the achievements

of local students selected as best representing citizenship. Both students and parents will attend. Noon Optimist and community leaders will present awards at this exciting event.

# Bringing out the best in kids

## December Speakers:

December 2nd - Nick Schenkle, presented memory-testing parlor games

December 9th - Kitty Campbell, director, Leadership Lafayette

December 16th - Evening Meeting - We shared a delicious meal and favorite Christmas memories at MCL Birthdays -Michael Bucy and Jim Oliver. **Michael Bucy - Optimist of the Year!!!**

**December 23rd & Dec. 30th no meeting**



## November Speakers:

Nov 4th - Tom Speaker, author of the book *Here Come The Pennsylvania Dutch*

Nov 11th, Melissa McAtee with Matrix Pregnancy Resource Center

Nov 18th - No speaker this meeting.

Nov 25th - Randy Williams and Dana Vann, Honor Flights, no photo of speaker available



Tom Speaker and spouse, right



Melissa McAtee, right

## October Speakers:

October 7th - Joe White, Magician and balloon artist from Top of the Morning Toastmaster Club

October 14th - Charlie Short, Lions Club. The club gives eye exams to students unable to see an eye doctor.

October 21 - Mary Jo Turley spoke on her life as a military wife.

October 28, Becky Chapman spoke on trip to Holland.



10.7, Joe White, left



10.14, Charlie Short, middle

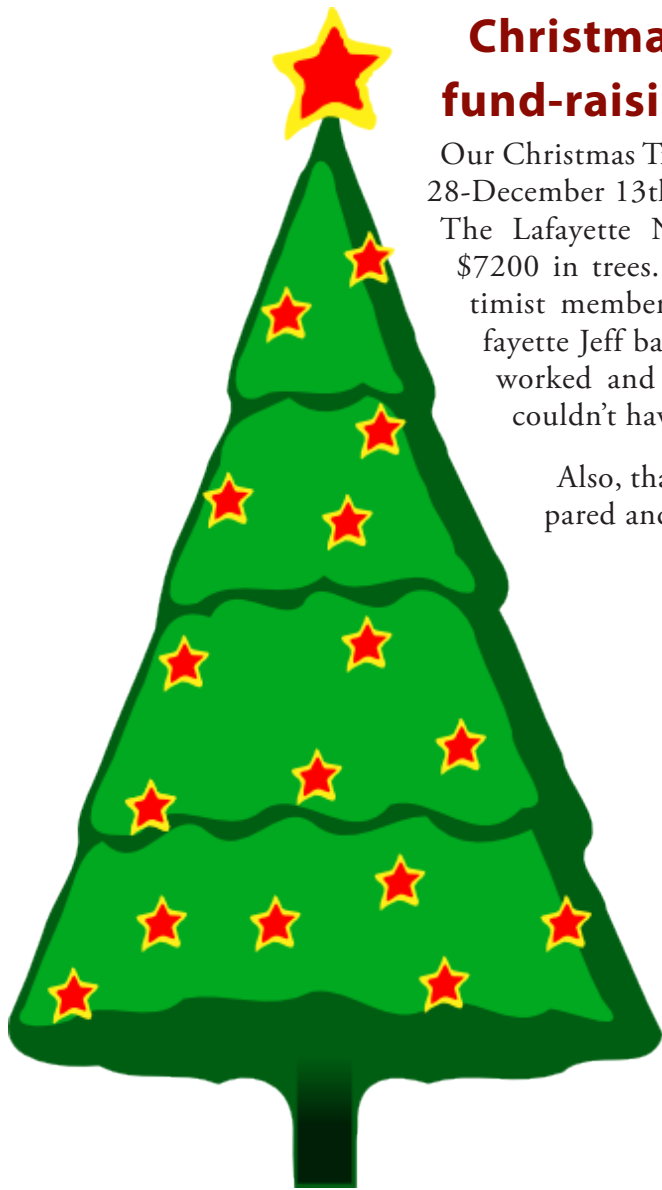


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10.28, Becky Chapman, middle





## Christmas Tree Sales fund-raising news

Our Christmas Tree Sales were held November 28-December 13th, and did very well this year. The Lafayette Noon Optimists sold about \$7200 in trees. We must thank all the Optimist members who worked, and the Lafayette Jeff band students and parents who worked and assisted with tree sales. We couldn't have done it without their help.

Also, thanks to Ralph Green who prepared and organized the trees for sale.



Members Jim and Dinah Tudor with customers at Christmas Tree Sales

## Channel 18 News Aired Announcement of the Christmas Tree Sales

On Sunday, November 24th Lafayette Noon Optimist president Michael Bucy stopped by News 18 to tell how proceeds from the sale help the community.

Bucy said the funds will be dispersed among several organizations and events, including the Community Christmas Day Dinner, Lafayette Urban Ministries and Camp WACK.

There were three different kinds of trees sold: Fraser Fir, Canaan Fir and Scotch Pine.

The sale ran from Saturday, Nov. 28 to Sunday, Dec. 13. The trees were sold in the parking lot of the Frozen Custard at 2319 Wallace Ave. in Lafayette.

### January Speakers:

January 6th - Ron Shipley - Tax Strategies.

January 13th - Meeting cancelled due to the weather.

January 20th -Mark Brandyberry the magician. It should be a lot of fun. You don't want to miss it!

January 27th - Kris Dehahn, speaks on the past Christmas Day dinner & shoe giveaway, held at Lafayette Jeff HS.



Michael Bucy on News 18 morning news announcing the Christmas Tree Sales.

## Upcoming February Programs

February 3rd - Mr. Don Rudolph - Job coordinator - The Crossing. This is an alternative program for struggling students to be successful through academics, job training and faith-based mentoring.

February 10th - Dr. Janna Beckerman, Dept. of Botany & Plant Pathology, Purdue. Hemp, a fiber producing plant has great potential for use in numerous domestic products. However it is a relative to marijuana and research is under supervision by federal agencies.

February 17th - Westminster Village - a local retirement facility. A representative from Westminster Village will present a brief history of this facility and discuss current expansion now underway, and future plans to serve the growing population of retirees.

February 24th - Annual Optimist Oratorical Contests. Boys and girls, under the age of 18, speak to the topic "How My Best Brings Out The Best in Others". Boys and girls compete separately. Parents and guests are invited to attend.


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