

March

		1 Reminder: Report Souper Bowl of Caring results	2 Inform everyone of Internet Safety Program	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Ash Wednesday	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Starts	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 Final notices of unpaid dues are mailed!	19
20 First Day of Spring	21 Start looking at the Honor and Distinguished Honor Club Qualifications	22	23	24	25	26
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Notes:

*If you are running for International Office at Convention, start gathering necessary paperwork.

Internet Safety Month!

Internet Safety



Internet Safety

The Internet Safety program was established in December 2008 with the focus of providing Clubs with resources to educate both young people and their parents about potential dangers on the internet and offering information about safe practices while online.

In order to receive a certificate and lapel pin, the JOOI Club needs to present the Adult Internet Safety Education Program to either school faculty members or their Sponsoring Adult Optimist Club or the Faux Paw program to a youth group.

Please contact Optimist International to obtain an informational kit.

*JOOI Clubs must submit the verification form to OI after the presentation.

Joint Projects

Joint projects are an excellent way to allow Optimist and JOOI Members to get to know one another. Joint projects allow both Clubs a chance to do a project that the Club could not or would not do on its own. Try to plan a joint project in conjunction with an officer from each Club. One-day events work well for joint projects. Optimist International Programs such as Bike Safety Rodeos, Respect for Law Rallies or essay or speech contests make excellent joint projects. Successful past joint projects include spaghetti dinners before school events, tree planting, holiday decorating and food drives. Encourage as much participation as possible from both Clubs by carefully selecting the event, location and time. Excellent publicity will help ensure the project's success.

- Clean up school grounds
- Toys for Tots
- Conduct a recycling project
- Plant trees
- Sponsor a book drive
- Food baskets for the underprivileged
- Collect school supplies for schools in other countries
- Answer phones at a telethon
- Usher at school plays
- Sponsor a \$50 scholarship

Choosing a project:

Ask your sponsoring Club's President to see the *International Programs Planning Guide*, available at www.optimist.org. The Programs Department at Optimist International can provide you with a list of past Community Projects Awards winners, which you can repeat. Call (800) 500-8130 for more information.

- Brainstorm for project ideas in which many of the Club Members are interested.
- Identify specific needs in your community.
- Determine how many people your project will benefit.
- Determine if the project is reasonable – can the Club accomplish the project with the Members and resources it has?

The Wonderful World of Activities

- Mentor younger youth by reading to them
- Environmental clean-up
- Christmas caroling
- Organize a teacher appreciation day
- Start a pen pal program
- Peer tutoring
- Visit nursing homes
- Help with Special Olympics
- Donate clothes for the needy
- Hold a Halloween party

Honor Club Award/Distinguished Honor Club Award

Every year this award recognizes hundreds of JOOI Clubs that recruit new Members, keep good records and conduct great volunteer projects. All Alpha, Junior Optimist and Octagon Clubs in good standing can earn the Honor Club Award. To qualify for the Distinguished Honor Club Award, your Club must also help build a new JOOI Club.

The JOOI Clubs Department must receive this application and your support materials at the International Office no later than **September 30**. **Please do not submit duplicate copies of your membership roster or election report.**

Prize:

Honor Club: Banner Patch and President's Certificate

Distinguished Honor Club: Banner Patch, President's Certificate and a President's Wrist Watch with the JOOI logo.

Honor Club Award/Distinguished Honor Club Award Application and Checklist (Please print or type)

JOOI Club Name: _____ Club # _____

JOOI Club President: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Has your Club earned the Honor Club in the past? _____

1. Membership/Growth — Your Club must add at least one Member to its roster during the year. If your Club has 75 members or more, you will just need to maintain your October 1 membership.
Members as of October 1: _____ Members as of September 30: _____
 2. Club Roster & Election Report — Your Club must submit a Club roster for the current year as well as an election report for the following year.
Date current roster sent: ____/____/____
Date following year's election report sent: ____/____/____
 3. Annual Fees — Your Club must submit its annual registration fee and membership fee (dues) to the International Office.
Date annual registration fee paid: ____/____/____
Date membership fee (dues) paid: ____/____/____
 4. Club Projects — Your Club must complete at least one project in each of these categories during the current year: Community Service, Fundraising, Joint Project with Sponsoring Optimist Club.
Number of Service Projects completed: _____
Number of Fundraising Projects completed: _____
Number of Club Building Projects completed: _____
Total number of service hours spent on the projects listed above: _____
 5. Your Club must complete and submit the Annual JOOI Club Report Form by September 30.
 6. Your Club must have a minimum of 8 members.
- *In order to receive the Distinguished Honor Club Award, one member of the Club must reach the Bronze level of the PGI program as well as one of the following:**
- 7a. New JOOI Club — Your Club must assist with the building of a new JOOI Club. (NOTE: This requirement is for the Distinguished Honor Club Award only.)
New Club Name: _____ Date Chartered: ____/____/____
New Sponsoring Optimist Club: _____ Club #: _____
- Or
- 7b. Have 2 delegates attend the International JOOI Convention (attendance verified by OI Staff).

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