



President Don Campbell  
President-Elect Lonnie Freeman



## From the President

I hope everyone had a fabulous 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Thanks to everyone who helped with football sign ups and in getting the NWFL off and running.

We'll be fitting players with their equipment (helmets - weekend of August 1<sup>st</sup> and shoulder pads - weekend of August 8<sup>th</sup>) and could use your assistance there as well. If you're able to donate some extra time please contact our Equipment Manager, Dave Nuccetelli at [davenucc@columbus.rr.com](mailto:davenucc@columbus.rr.com)

It is great to be associated with so many people that like to give of themselves to help bring out the best in the kids of our community.

Yours in Optimism,

*Don Campbell, Jr.*

*"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."*

- Winston Churchill

## Kids Say the Funniest Things!

One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?" The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear," she said. "I have to sleep in Daddy's room."

A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy."

## Committees Being Formed for 2009-2010

Did you know that the Hilliard Optimist Club has 200+ members? This number might surprise you if you've attended a social meeting or other club gathering in the past year.

One of the best ways to get the most out of your membership to the Club is to become an active member. You can serve the community by coaching or serving as a commissioner during the basketball or football seasons, or you can join a committee and help out in other ways throughout the year.

President-Elect, Lonnie Freeman is in the process of forming Committees now for the upcoming 2009-2010 term.

If you're interested in volunteering for a committee opening, or would like to get more involved please contact Lonnie at [ljfp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ljfp@sbcglobal.net)

## Newsletter Ideas

Have something to share? Please send newsletter content to Stacie Ferrell at [sferrell@columbus.rr.com](mailto:sferrell@columbus.rr.com).



Catch "J. Freeman" as he pays tribute to the King at the Franklin County Fair on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

2:00 pm - Senior Citizen's Tent  
&  
5:00 pm - Historical Park Gazebo



Thanks!



The Franklin County Fair will run from July 18<sup>th</sup> thru July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Hilliard.

## Thanks Volunteers!

This year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration was a huge success. We couldn't have done it without the help of our dedicated members!

Special thanks go out to the following members that graciously gave their time during the Holiday to help coordinate the parade...

Jerry Baum (Committee Chair), Cheryl Davis, Chuck Davis, Jim Davis, Todd Ferrell, Joan Furman, Joe Furman, Lonnie Freeman, Tony Gray and Deb Parker.

## Around the Town

Looking for something to do with the family with your downtime from Optimist activities? Below is a list of just some of the activities going on around town in the next month.

**Music on the Lawn** - Tuesdays from 7:30 - 8:30 pm through August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Grandview Heights Public Library. ([www.ghpl.org](http://www.ghpl.org))

**Dive-in Movies** - At Zoombezi Bay, Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm. Wild Tides Wavepool. ([www.zoombezibay.com](http://www.zoombezibay.com))

**Jazz and Rib Fest** - July 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> in downtown Columbus' Arena District. ([www.hotribscooljazz.org](http://www.hotribscooljazz.org))

**Dublin Irish Festival** - July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Coffman Park - admission \$5 - \$23. ([www.dublinirishfestival.org](http://www.dublinirishfestival.org))

**Rahal Racing Day at COSI** - July 28<sup>th</sup> - 11 am - 2 pm. Check out a live pit stop with an actual IndyCar race car, then get the inside scoop on racing innovation, and the science behind going fast with real engineers from Rahal Letterman Racing. ([www.cosi.org](http://www.cosi.org)).

**OSU Day at the Zoo** - August 9<sup>th</sup>. Special activities include sports-themed inflatables, autographs from student athletes, musical presentations by members of the OSU marching band and appearances by OSU cheerleaders and Brutus the Buckeye! ([www.columbuszoo.org](http://www.columbuszoo.org))

## Board Meeting Minutes - July 15, 2009

Members Present: Jerry Baum, Don Campbell, Chuck Davis, Jim Davis, Stacie Ferrell, Lonnie Freeman, Joan Furman, Joe Furman, Tom Panknin and Deb Parker.

Meeting Minutes and Financial Report Accepted.

**Meeting Location:** Board meeting held at American Legion Hall to assess the location for future board and social meetings as well as storage for Optimist assets and equipment.

**Background Checks:** It was approved that all active Optimist Club members (coaches, board members and officers and any other members that would have direct access to children when volunteering) must be screened prior to approval. (<http://www.sportssignup.com/Northwest-Football-League-Online-Registration.start>).

**Insurance:** Summary of Coverage posted on Optimist International website seems to contradict itself. Stacie

requested a complete copy of policy to determine coverage and to ascertain if additional coverage for youth sports programs is required.

**Increased Charges from Schools:** Discussed Hilliard City Schools' new policy regarding facilities usage fees. Lonnie to follow-up with Tim Hamilton.

**Building Committee:** New Committee formed to evaluate office / American Legion options. Members include Jerry Baum, Jim Davis (Chair) and Tom Panknin.

**Donation** of \$500 made to Cook Family to assist with their medical bills.

**Next Meeting:** August 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm at American Legion Hall.

Complete copy of Meeting Minutes available via email from Secretary, Deb Parker ([debsdodads54@yahoo.com](mailto:debsdodads54@yahoo.com)).



Congratulations are in order for **Chuck Davis**, Board Member and current Optimist Lieutenant Governor for the State of Ohio. Chuck was recognized at the Optimist International Convention this month in Orlando for his excellent service to the youth of Ohio!