

THE OHIO JOOI *NEWSLETTER*



Ohio JOOI members at the 2010 International Convention in Denver, CO

Optimist Club of the Month

Kettering Middle School Junior Optimists

Hi. My name is Riley Smith, and I am the president of the KMS Junior Optimist Club. We meet every second Wednesday from 3:45 to 5:00 PM in Room 114-North Unit. Junior Optimist normally starts sometime in September and goes almost all the way through May. We are sponsored by the Kettering Noon Optimist Club, and our awesome advisor is Mrs. Joan Lyle. Every year we host parties for Indian Riffle students, pass out valentines to senior citizens, and help out whenever and wherever we can. Even if we are limited by the student council, we still find things to keep us busy. Below are just a few of the things we do here at KMS.

One of the main things we do here at KMS is that we host a party for the kids at Indian Riffle. They have an after school program there for kids in K-5th grade. We host three parties for them around the year. We have a Halloween party in October, which was very recent. We also host the Winter Fest party, and the Spring Fling party. At each party, we help them ice cookies, make a craft, and usually we have a game of some sort for them to play. After our first meeting is over and we have all the new members recorded, we usually only have two more meetings until the party. During the first meeting, we brainstorm ideas and decide what we want to do at the party. Then we have until the party to prepare everything. On the day of the party, we gather the stuff and walk it over to Indian Riffle. For the Halloween party, we had cookies, of course, and our craft was a macaroni skeleton that they had to glue together. Our game was a game that's called Pacman. Basically, you are only allowed to walk on the lines painted on the floor. If you are tagged by Pacman, you have to sit down and you become a roadblock. While they played, they had to do the Monster Mash. We even got the song so they could hear it, too. And of course, being Halloween, we came in our costumes. Some of the outfits were a witch, a vampire, a Big Mac with Ketchup and Mustard, and a few others. It was so much fun. Another thing we do is give valentines to senior citizens. This does not happen on the holiday but is in February. What we do is we make a bunch of valentines and then we get in our cars and take them to the nursing home. Last year we were not able to do this because the nursing home did not want to. But we will find a way to do it this year.

Other miscellaneous things we do include helping run the recycling program at our school. In almost every classroom there is a recycling box. On a weekly basis, any students who aren't in band, orchestra, or chorus take those recycling bins and dump them in the recycling dumpster. And when Fairmont needs us, we answer the call. Each year Optimists who want to attend will head to the high school for an Octagon Club meeting, the Junior Optimists at the high school. Or we sometimes join them in Reading Around the Campus, which is where you bring your favorite book from when you were little. And finally, we help the Noon Optimists at the Town and Country Mall's Halloween Night, where we help run their booths with them.

2010 Ohio JOOI Officer's Training

This year's officer's training was once again a huge success. With guests such as JOOI President Kayleigh White, the kids were given a real view of what they can strive to achieve in JOOI. Twenty-seven JOOI members attended, including the district officers. The trainees were taught by Governor Leslie Mamula, Treasurer Daniel Von Der Vellen, and Secretary Bryan Von Der Vellen. Topics discussed included the newsletter, fundraiser ideas, and the International Convention. This year, the district hopes to double attendance at all conventions and work on strengthening the clubs that we already have. Also, some new awards were made in honor of Margaret Barclay and Steve Fisher. All in all, the training was a huge success.

-Bryan Von Der Vellen, Ohio District Secretary

Governor's Corner



Financial Report

I have the financial report and right now the Ohio JOOI District is sitting somewhere over \$1,000. We are currently transferring banks and don't know the exact amount but we will soon. Last year's International Convention cost us around \$11,000 total. This coming convention we are hoping to double the number of people attending and our estimate of the cost is a little less than \$15,000. We are going to do the usual bowl-a-thon as a fundraiser but we can't rely on that. We are hoping for donations not only from adult clubs but from octagon and junior clubs as well. We have a little over seven months to the convention and around \$14,000 more to go.

Dear Ohio JOOI District,

Hi I'm Leslie Mamula and I'm the 2010-2011 JOOI Governor. I have been involved in JOOI for a long time and Love it! My goal this year is to strengthen and build our district. I'm hoping to get the clubs and district more involved. I would love to hear about the events happening in your club. On October 30 we had our Officer training and it was a success. Thanks to everyone who came. Hopefully I'll meet more members at our Convention in February. If you're interested in getting more involved in the district you can email me at leslie.mamula@gmail.com.

Yours in Optimism
Leslie Mamula

Note From the Editor

Hello, my name is Peter Von Der Vellen. I am a past Ohio JOOI District Governor, a Past International Board member and now I am in charge of the Newsletter for this year. I hope you enjoy these each month and all of the clubs get a chance to participate in it. I just wanted to let you know that if you have any comments or suggestions on the Newsletter or anything going on in the Ohio JOOI District, please feel free to email me. My email is pfvdv8@woh.rr.com and I hope to hear from you.

-Peter Von Der Vellen

