



President's Message

May was a busy and interesting month. Scholarships, grilling in the snow and attendance awards presentations were done by our club members. I thank all who participated. Summer is coming and June will also be a busy month. I urge all members to attend meetings and bring your calendars. We have two, possibly three, major fundraisers coming up (Shoot Out, Circus and Disk Golf) and will need everyone's participation to make the most of these opportunities to continue the work we do for the youth of our community. I hope to see you at the coming meetings.

Lorraine

Hello Fellow Optimist - Dogwood recognized PERFECT attendance. I gave the medals we had in stock. We discontinued tee shirts but had a few left and were able to give shirts from the remaining stock. They scheduled in two segments: May 20 @ 9:30 to pre-schoolers and May 23 @ 8:30 for the remaining students. Hawthorn had two assemblies on May 20, 9:00 and 1:30. They had students stand to be recognized but the pencils were actually given to the teachers to hand out once they returned to class. — Laura Wright



At the reopening ceremony of Camden Walmart Store, Camden Optimist Club members received a \$2,500 donation presented by Co-Manager Roger Fleman. Walmart Stores have aided our club greatly, in addition, by providing the parking lot space for Optimist's Christmas tree sales, which provide funds to aid local youth.

A **big thanks** to everyone who volunteered to grill burgers and hot dogs to benefit the Camden Robotics Teams and special recognition to Wayne and Dale for grilling during the first shift snow blizzard! John Albright organized everything and helpers included: Wayne DeVries, Dennis Greenway, Dale Fowler, Ed Ritner, Richard Luelf, Cliff Shirk and Tom Reth.

Great news! The Sakelaris Ford Drive One 4UR School test rides surpassed the maximum 300, so the Ford donation will be **\$6,000!!** Not only did our club cook and feed burgers and hot dogs to all the Robotics Team members and mentors present in the CHS Commons for free, while they exhibited their robots and wonderful enthusiastic spirit, but we were successful in making a \$193 profit for the Robotics Teams by selling to the public!

Here's another opportunity to further help the Robotic Teams: go to www.facebook.com/midwestforddealers and vote for Camden R-III Schools to help make our kids eligible for doubling their \$6,000 earnings!!! This money will be used to cover the competition fees for the 2013/2014 school year for JrFLL, FLL, FTC, and FRC FIRST Robotics!!

