

# The Nooner

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Determined people crunched their way through melting muck to the cheerful doorways of the Yankee Trace Meeting Place in order to be present at the March first (spring's around the corner) meeting of the State of Ohio's largest group of Optimistic people.

Smiling greeters shook hands and hugged entrants (Walmart has something to learn from this fine group of well-wishers). Members and guests were assigned to random tables in an attempt to evenly disperse both the characters and the miscreants.

**President Mike** dinged the donger at the crack of twelve to an enthusiastic crowd.

Mike welcomed Gail and Gary Aiken back from their yearly foray in Hawaii.

And a good-to-see-you-again to Melissa Tilley. Her baby girl is now 6 months old.



The club's thoughts and prayers from last week must have paid off. **John Ali-Rogers** is not only out of the hospital, but in attendance at our meeting!

**Phather Phil** shared his wisdom of the word with the following invocation:

Heavenly Father, Who has not said, "Boy! if I knew then what I know now." Who hasn't wished to know the future at one time or another? It has given rise to fortune tellers, stock brokers and belief in Nostradamus. Fortunately, You gave no one such a talent. Proof, I never ever heard of a fortune teller, a broker or even Nostradamus winning a lottery. So thank you Lord for making us just the way we are. Otherwise, there would be no need for an Optimist and the excitement of life would not exist and we would be poorer for it. AMEN!

(Now let's get that "thought and prayer" thing going for Phil's wife Eileen.)

Lunch was a big belly filling plate of:

- Juice-on-your-chin inch thick pork chops
- Baked Tater with delightful dollops of sour cream
- Green Beany Thingy's
- Rolls and butter

**The Centervillian Country Club Choir** sang Happy Birthday to, **Arrg! Pirate Tim Clemmer**. For once the tone was extremely pleasant. This fact forces us to conclude that the person who has been singing off key for all these years is .....Pirate Tim Clemmer!



### **Our Gaggles of Gregarious Guests Included:**

Scott Langer brought buddy **Steve Stone**

Betsy Westhafer brought her husband's good friend **Bill Ehrhart**

Running Ray Olfky brought his better half **Betty** (who coincidentally lives at the same house as Ray)

Marilyn Miller brought fellow Scout leader **Sherri Ray**  
(who was a charter member of an Optimist Club in Georgia! Get her signed up, Marilyn!)

Melissa Spangler brought **Maila Rhodus**

John Ali Rogers brought his close compadre **Chris Flohre**

Tim Cemmer brought "worked at Lexis Nexis since dirt" **Ann Thomson**

Tom Novak brought neighbor Dan Samiec  
(And Dan turned in an application to join already!)

### **Readings:**

Tom for **Dan Samiec**

Brian Kest for **Kristy Matheson**  
(Kristy has 2 children and lives in Germantown. She is a social worker at Heartland)

### **Inductions:**

**Michael Manes** (sponsored by Brian Kest) - who said he was happy to be associated with such a cantancorously optimistic group of people (hmmm, what did he mean by that?)

**Officer Mark Casey** (sponsored by Ray Olfky) - promised he would have respect for "the law", and said since he attended the membership orientation meeting last Thursday he now feels 'valuable' to the club; only because he owns a pickup truck.



New Member Sponsor pins are here for **Ron Tinnerman, Mike Kistler, Ray Olfky, Kelly Eggers, Bill Deries, Maha Kashani, Chuck Dickerson, Gary Smiga, Sue Brubaker, and Prez. Mike.**



**Committee Reports:**

Avenue of Flags kickoff meeting is tonight at Tom Novak's home

Bellbrook start up Club meeting is Thursday at 7:30 at Amelia's Note: now postponed – Kelly will let us know.

Sof T Ball meeting is Friday at lunch (somewhere) per Mark Sarver

Junior Optimist Convention at Christ United Methodist Church this weekend. Nancy Lehren needs chaperones and hosts for Friday night

### The Sleuthy Sargeant at Arms Report:

**Sargeant Bob Duffy** said something about when he was the club president he found that it was sometimes necessary to use flatulence to get people's attention. (just reporting what we thought we heard)

**Tim Clemmer** was fined for using words too big to understand while performing his job as the club news editor. Such as the word 'ascetic', which apparently means someone who spends more than the necessary amount of time sitting around thinking up big words to say.

**Tom Cunningham** was fined for not being able to find his name badge.

**Wayne Botkin** was fined for being early for a presentation he was making at Sam's Club. (7 days early)

**Gail Aiken** was fined for something about keeping Don Kelly's raffle ticket

**Ron T.** and **Scott L.** got the 'early bird' fine for being fractions of a second late for the meeting today.

**Phather Phil** lost his sacred prayer book and it cost him a dollar to buy it back.

**Harry Bosey** was fined for placing a political flyer for his upcoming candidacy in Phather Phil's prayer book. (Harry will need all the prayers he can get to win the election, according to Joe)

**Pseudo Sargeant at Arms - Dennis Fisher** said the club was a 'target-rich environment' for fines, such as:

**Scott Langer**, again, for punctuality

**Mike Bevis** for overprotection of the bell and gavel.

**Tim Clemmer** for miss-spelling our president's name B E A V I S, as in the Beavis and Butthead cartoon

**Judy Demarco** for convincing Ken Peacock to force Dennis to fill in for him as a Sargeant at Arms



### Happy Bucks:

**Myron Rheam** was happy he didn't spill his drink when he fell and split his kneecap wide open; and that this event got Ken Blum out of the house to transport him to the meeting. (p.s. Myron's surgery is tomorrow - speedy recovery good friend!)

**Julie Walling** was happy that John Ali Rogers was back from the hospital

**Maha (Happy Tuesday) Kashini** is happy that her sister (that really wasn't your Mom!) had a good time at the meeting last week, and so is going to join the club.

**Steve Campbell** is happy that his kids Kyle and Abbie ran away with most of the ribbons at last week's trampoline and tumbling competition.

**Molly Pesch** is happy that Joe and Mary Madden helped her get into her locked car a few weeks ago

**Chris Dwenger** is happy to celebrate his 9th wedding anniversary this week

**John Ali Rogers** is happy to have such great support from family, friends, and Opti-family during his illness.

**Special Membership Raffle for a \$25 Opti-sweatshirt:**

won by **Jerry Stahley**

**50/50 raffle winner:**

**Bob** (haven't won in 4 years) **Vogt**

**Optimist Pledge:** Everyone promised themselves, among other things, to be sooooo amazingly strong that nothing, no nuttin', will disturb their "peace of mind". How fulfilling.

Respectfully submitted,

mike fanelli  
(Tim, will you pleeeze take your job back?)

Reminder for the March birthday people - Mary Madden and her festive crew will have a special table for you to sit at next week.