

# *Santa Clarita Valley Newhall Optimist Club*



*Look at the sunny side of everything and make your Optimism come true!* (From the Optimist Creed)

*The S.C.V - Newhall Optimist Club was Chartered with Optimist International on June 24, 1987.*

*The Club meets every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm at La Rumba Latin Mix Restaurant located at 27600 Bouquet Canyon Road in Saugus, across from the Albertson's Shopping Center. You can expect an evening of Friendship, Fellowship and Programs of Interest. Count on Fun too!*



*Making a paper hat for Childhood Cancer victim (2007)*

## *Projects that we are involved with include:*

### ***Kid Print***

*We have fingerprinted several thousand children, providing parents with an important form of identification.*

### ***Oratorical and Essay Contests***

*Youth in the community speak or write on specified topics. Their work is judged by independent panelists. Winners compete at higher levels for the first prize of a \$1500.00 scholarship (Oratorical) or \$6,000.00 (Essay).*

### ***Campaign Against Childhood Cancer***

*We are privileged to join with the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (Celebrate Life With Hope), and a number of Santa Clarita based activities in the battle to eliminate the scourge of Childhood Cancer. Our support is 'hands on' whenever possible (see photo on preceding page) and financial whenever and wherever we can.*

### ***Junior Blind Olympics***

*Each year hundreds of visually impaired youth come together at the facilities of **Junior Blind of America** and compete in various track & field events. The SCV-Newhall Optimist Club is honored to host a number of the athletes for 2-3 days of fun and happiness. Fun for the kids, happy (and wonderful) memories for us!*

### ***Santa's Magic***

*Santa's Magic is a program conducted jointly by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the SCV-Newhall Optimist Club. We provide Santa and the toys for children of inmates at the Peter J. Pitchess Detention Center. For some children, these toys may be their only Holiday gifts.*



## ***Other Programs and Projects include:***

### ***Food and Toy Drive***

### ***Teacher and Youth Appreciation***

***Support for various youth organizations throughout the Santa Clarita Valley***

### ***Respect For Law***

### ***Santa Clarita Valley Emergency Expo***

## ***Junior Optimist Clubs (JOOI Clubs)***

*Junior Optimist Clubs fall into three divisions, ranging from first level, grades 1-3, second level, grades 4-8 and final level grades 9-12.*

*Through these clubs, students have the opportunity to perform community service, and are given the opportunity to become leaders among their peers. The club members elect their own Officers and Board of Directors and the club as a whole makes decisions under the guidance of local school officials and teachers.*

*Members also have fun by going on different outings and socials. Parents and/or teachers help supervise the meetings and events. Each JOOI Club is sponsored by a Chartered Optimist club.*

## ***Optimist Youth Home And Family Services***

*Many Optimist Clubs are affiliated with Optimist Youth and Family Services (OYHFS), serving youth throughout southern California. Founded in 1906 in the Highland Park community of Los Angeles, it is one of the largest non-profit child welfare organizations in California.*

*OYHFS provides the following programs and facilities for at-risk*



*children ages 12-18. Residential and Behavioral Care, Independent Living, Community Group Homes, Non Public High Schools, Youth Learning Centers and Cultural Arts, Community & Mental Health Services, Transitional Day Treatment, Foster Care & Adoption Services and After Care Services.*

*The SCV-Newhall Optimist Club is proud to be involved with OYHFS. Two of our members serve on the Board of Directors while others attend the bi-monthly Corporation Meeting.*

*Our Club is much like a Family; our goals are to help as many children as possible and to support each other in these efforts. Our social events are great fun, especially our pot luck nights; our ranks include the best cooks in the Santa Clarita Valley. We **do** make a difference and we invite you to inquire about membership..*

*The Santa Clarita Valley - Newhall Optimist Club is a member of:*

- The Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce
- The Valley Industrial Center (VIA)
- The Volunteer Resource Center of Santa Clarita
- Santa Clarita Valley Council PTA (Allied Agency)

*For more information, please call (661) 252-7313 or visit our website at [www.scv-optimist.org](http://www.scv-optimist.org).*

*For tax reporting purposes, we are a 501 (c)(4) corporation, incorporated under the laws of California ((c)(3) pending)*