

JOOI Projects 2010- 2011

Sashabaw Middle School – Junior Optimists

We had fun helping out at the Friendly Forest in the fall.

On Veteran's Day the Jr. Optimists Club baked cookies and made cards for people in the military.

We began our 2nd annual sock collection for needy kids. These socks were donated to the Rotary Club to distribute with their annual Boot and Shoe distribution in December.

At the end of November we had our third annual trip to Meijer's to shop for needy families at Sashabaw Middle School and to purchase gifts for teens to donate to Lighthouse North. We spent over \$300 and were able to assist several families at Sashabaw Middle School over the holidays.

Some of our club members have been helping out at the North Sashabaw Elementary Alpha Club meetings.

The kids participated in the Holiday Lights Parade and a good time was had by all!

We had our 2nd annual "Souper Bowl to of Caring" and we donated the canned goods we collected to Lighthouse North.

For the JOOI of reading we collected books for needy families at Pine Knob Elementary.

We will be going to North Sashabaw to read books to the kindergartners there at the end of March.

We recently had several members participate in the annual Optimist Bowling Party.

In April, the Clarkston Elementary Alpha Club will be coming over to visit our school and we will be answering questions that they sent to us and giving them a tour.

In May we are going to Grace Center of Hope to work at the Soup Kitchen and the Daycare.

This past month we collected treats, toys and other puppy necessities for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

We had a discussion about bullying and being a "Hero in the Hallway" by not standing by when someone is being bullied. We talked about how easy Cyber bullying is when you don't have to look at the person you are talking about.

Thank you to Jim Evans, Joan Patterson & Gina and Gerry Schmidt for coming and doing presentations for our club. Thank you to Hope Mason for being so helpful with our meetings and scheduling our presentations!

Clarkston Elementary Alpha Club (5th grade)

Raked the lawn at an assisted living facility within walking distance of the school.

Collected GREEN food items for St. Patick's Day and donated to Lighthouse

Sponsored the third annual book swap in the spring. The Book Switch-A-Roo was a success.

Springfield Plains Elementary Alpha Club (5th grade)

Made cards for Meals on Wheels recipients

Created birthday cards for a woman who was celebrating her 100th birthday.

Made cards for Joey's uncle Chuck who is serving in the military

Made cards for Principal, K. C. Leh Retirement

Holiday packages for Meals on Wheels (created cards and ornaments)

Holiday cards and wooden ornaments for the military. (Collected by Springfield Twp. Library)

Valentine's breakfast for SPE staff

Created a Valentine booklet for the 65 staff members at SPE

Collected socks for the Rotary's shoe and boot distribution

Participated in the Optimist Family Bowling Event

Walked in the Holiday Lights Parade with the Optimists

Other activities:

balloon volleyball

drawing a moose game

designing a neighborhood (group activity)

Paul Van Klavern spoke on setting goals and his recent marathon at Disney

Gina Schmidt and Major explained the Leader Dog Program

Clarkston High School Octagon Club:

Participated in the Friendly Forest

Handled registration at the Optimist's Family Bowling Event

Sponsored the spring Red Cross Blood drive at their school