

# Youth Appreciation Week - Optimist Club of Apple Valley

## November 14-20, 2005

Since 1957, Optimist Clubs have recognized youth for their talents in the arts, athletics, academics, and for contributions to community. This is the most popular Optimist International program with more than 2,000 Clubs participating each year.

### Honor Event and Ceremony at Lil'Bit Country Café in Victorville.

The Optimist Club of Apple Valley recognized and honored Apple Valley Elementary and Middle School students who made a difference with their positive contributions to society on Wednesday evening November 16, 2005. Honorees were nominated by school administrators and teachers based upon one or more of the following criteria:

- Significant achievements of mentally or physically challenged students.
- Young people who participate in a volunteer program at area nursing homes, hospitals, day care centers or institutions.
- 'Unsung Heroes' who are outstanding achievers that have not received sufficient recognition for their efforts through existing channels.

Seven students, accompanied by their sponsors and families gathered with members of the Optimist Club for dinner and the Youth Appreciation Program.



Pictured from left to right; Optimist Club of Apple Valley Youth Appreciation Week Chairperson, Fritz Durfee, and President, Tina Olsen; representing Rio Vista Elementary School - Ms. Jane Matthews, Mrs. Mary Pat Jenkins and Janet Sweeney; representing Yucca Loma Elementary School - Mrs. Joanne Grier and Rene Solano; Mrs. Valerie Woodward and Mason McCurry; Mrs. Shellie Callaway-Garlick and DaQuan Strawder; representing Mariana Elementary School - Ms. Julie Reed and Mariana Serrano; Mrs. Dani Spencer and Zachary Sanchez; representing the Academy for Academic Excellence - Mr. Gordon Soholt and Adrienne Nunley. Photos by Chuck Mills.

Each sponsor introduced his/her student and told the assembled group why he/she was being honored. Individual students are shown with their sponsor and Optimist Club President Tina Olsen.



## **DaQuan Strawder**

Mrs. Shellie Callaway-Garlick  
Yucca Loma Elementary School, 760 247-2623



## **Rene Solano**

Mrs. Joanne Grier  
Yucca Loma Elementary School, 760 247-2623



## **Mason McCurry**

Mrs. Valerie Woodward  
Yucca Loma Elementary School, 760 247-2623



## **Janet Sweeney**

Ms. Jane Mathews and Mrs. Mary Pat Jenkins  
Rio Vista Elementary School, 760 240-0280



## Mariana Serrano

Ms. Julie Reed  
Mariana Elementary School, 760 247-7258



## Zachary Sanchez

Mrs. Dani Spencer  
Mariana Elementary School, 760 247-7258



## Adrienne Nunley

Mr. Gordon Sohlt  
Academy for Academic Excellence, 760 946-5414

Additional information about the positive contributions to society of individual students is available from their sponsor/teacher at their school and phone number listed.

For more information about this and other Optimist Club activities contact Tina Olsen.

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