



# Twin City Area Optimist Club

P.O. Box 475  
Festus, MO 63028

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*Do It For The Kids!*

## October 2018

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2018 - 2019

PRISIDENT

Mary McDowell

PRESIDENT ELECT

Phyllis Neff

PAST PRESIDENT

Jean Naeger

SECRETARY

Peggy Scott

SECRETARY ELECT

Gertie O'Leary

TREASURER

Leisa Spiker

TREASURER ELECT

Debbie Kettler

BOARD MEMBERS

2017 - 2019

Marsha Greenstreet

Sandy Mouser

Carol Schanz

2018 - 20208

Shirley Coile

Caryl Harness

Janet Mace

## TOOT YOUR HORN!

Happy Optimist New Year!!!! October 1 marks the start of a new fiscal year for the Optimist Club. So, toot **YOUR** horn in celebration of the accomplishments of this past year and the **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Optimist International**. Going forward, here are the goals that were presented to the board for the coming year:

- First and foremost, remember our mission. It's about the youth of the community that are impacted by club projects and activities.
- Continue to do the club's current projects well and improve where needed.
- Consider new opportunities. New projects currently in the planning stages:
  - Tea Party (mother / daughter) possibly in May. Using the tea set received from Mercy Hospital for a small donation.
  - The School Lunch Investigative Committee is still considering how the club can provide assistance with the school lunch debt.
- Maintain and grow our current membership.
  - As of September 30, 2018, there were 108 members on the club roster. One of the criteria to be an Honor Club is to end the year with a net +3 members. For a Distinguished Club, the club has to meet the all the criteria of an Honor Club and add at least 15 new members or build a new club. Considering that members may leave for a variety of reasons, such as, move away, financial, etc., then the club has to add 3 new members just to maintain the net number.
  - Optimist International (OI) has rolled out two recruitment promotions for the 2018-2019 year. One for teachers (or other school-related positions) and one for any new members who are age 30 and under.
- Accountability and transparency to donors. An annual report reflecting how many children are impacted by club projects is being finalized for distribution to donors as well as new members.
- Overall, fundraising efforts should be for the good of all projects that the club has committed to and not specific to one project.
- Increase attendance at quarterly Zone and District meetings and the International Convention in Louisville, KY in July 2019.

More information will be shared about these goals, projects, etc. throughout the year! I am looking forward to working with all you in these endeavors!

Sincerely,

Mary McDowell, President

314-954-4358



# 2017—2018

## Twin City Area Optimist Club Projects Annual Report

### Art Contest

Chair: Janet Mace

Youth Served: 255



### Dictionary Project

Chair: Cheri Phillips

Youth Served: 1,131



### Youth Appreciation

Chair: Barb Schmidt

Youth Served: 8



### Scholarships for Jefferson College

Chair: Sue Boyer

Youth Served: 20



### Childhood Cancer Campaign

Chair: Carroll Metzger

Youth Served: 3



### Essay Contest

Chair: Geralyn Cash

Families Served: 13



### Coats for Kids

Chairs: Judy Williams

& Cindy Cherry

Youth Served: 350



### Food Baskets

Chair: Tracy Anderson

Families Served: 10



### HeadStart Christmas

Chairs: Martha DeMent

& Kitty Ebersoldt

Youth Served: 350



## Junior Optimist International (JOI) Club

The Twin City Area Optimist Club sponsors the JOI Club (ages 8 - 17).  
The JOI Club has worked on 11 projects this year and has 20 members.

Optimist Advisor: Katy Huck

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4th - Sandy Mouser  
4th - Janis Donnell  
7th - Jean Martin  
13th - Carroll Metzger  
21st - Jan Norrick  
21st - Dawn Capstick  
26th - Sandy Todd  
27th - Kim Elbl  
28th - Ellie King

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5th - Laurie Laiben  
8th - Dorothea Kehm  
13th - Deborah McCreary  
19th - Amber Nelson  
20th - Pat Parsons  
24th - Kitty Ebersoldt  
25th - Arlene DeGonia  
28th - Jane Kost

## Twin City Area Optimist Club Annual Art Contest



2 - 4 pm, November 3rd  
Quality Inn, Festus



# Junior Optimists Install New Officers



**JOI CLUB OFFICERS  
2018 - 2019**

**PRESIDENT**  
Ayden Eldridge

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Addisen Eldridge

**SECRETARY**  
Olivia Blair

**TREASURER**  
Audrey Staley

**NEXT JOI CLUB MEETING**

**Wednesday, November 1**

**7PM @ Mercy Hospital  
Conference Room B**

**Program:  
Tales with Tails**

The JOI Club will be busy in November and December:

- JOI members will be painting ornaments (recipe available for anyone interested) for residents at Crystal Oaks-TBA
- Katie is working with Dollar General for PJ's for Backpacks for Foster Kids
- Sunday, October 28th is the Halloween Party from 2 - 4pm at West City Park pavilion by the gazebo. Halloween costume and pumpkin contest followed by spooky food and a scavenger hunt.
- At our November meeting, we will discuss and finalize a couple of inside opportunities to sell the glue slime and other articles. I'll keep you in touch
- Saturday, December 1st at 7[, we will be Christmas carolling at Katie's neighbor's home at 408 Deer Crossing Drive in Festus. She is allowing the members to collect donations.
- Thursday, December 6th is Christmas carolling and the JOI Christmas party at Crystal Oaks Nursing Center. We will meet at the Assisting Living Entrance
- December 16th is the deadline for turning in items for the Nurses Crisis Center that we collect. Still working on the details for shopping for items. Lists are available for anyone interested in helping families for Christmas. We can make this a joint project with your help.



Katie Huck  
Adult Adviser for the JOI Club



**FUNDRAISER FOR KIDS!**  
 September 15, 2018  
**Viva Las Vegas**



**FUN &  
 SUCCESSFUL  
 FUNDRAISER  
 FOR THE KIDS!**



# Celebration and Recognition Hidden Hills Bed & Breakfast 4321 State Rd P, Festus September 27 - Final Evening Meeting with President, Jean Naeger

## Most Active New Member Award



**Janice Boyd** (on the left) became a member in March and **Sharon Armstrong** (on the right) became a member in May. Both received recognition for their outstanding service from the very start. They have each helped with at least 2 projects and supported Viva Las Vegas with their attendance and volunteering.

## President's Citation Award



**Phyllis Neff** received the Outstanding Club Member President's Citation Award. President Jean Naeger said, "Phyllis was recognized for her exceptional dedication to the club, her enthusiasm and creative marketing talents. In addition, her commitment to the club by serving on the board, accepting a leadership position with the club, her attendance at district meetings and taking training to better serve the club. WELL DESERVED!!"

## Appreciation Award



**Carol Schanz** was honored with an award of appreciation for her exceptional contribution to the betterment of the Festus-Crystal City (TCA) Optimist Club through her service and financial support.

An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day.  
Irv Kupcnet



# **1st Quarter Conference**

**November 2 - 3, 2018**

**Quality Inn, Festus, Missouri**

**Special Guest and Presenter,  
DANNY RODGERS, Past OI President**

**will be discussing 4 topics:**

**100 Ways to Appreciate Our Members**

**We and Them IS Us**

**Back to Back to Basics - Budgeting Club Activities**

**100 Years! Let's Celebrate**

**Saturday's Luncheon Keynote Address  
will be given by Special Guest, GERRI BARNETT,  
Mid America Regional Vice President**

## **Schedule:**

### **FRIDAY**

5:00 - 7:00 PM Registration

7:00 - 8:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting

8:30 - 11:00 PM HAPPY NEW YEAR Hospitality Room with snacks and adult drinks

### **SATURDAY**

7:00 - 9:00 AM Hot breakfast for registered hotel guests

Pastries will be available for all

Registration & Optimist Supply Table



7:45 - 8:45 AM Board of Director's Meeting

9:00 - 3:30 PM General Conference



# NOVEMBER 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <b>Halloween Party!</b> <b>JOI Meeting Mercy, 7pm</b>	2 <b>EMO District Conference</b>	3 <b>Art Contest 2 - 4 pm</b>
4 	5 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 Hostess: Elsie Williams <b>Laurie Laiben</b>	6	7	8 <b>Update</b> Dorothea Kehm	9	10
11	12	13 Deborah McCreary	14	15 <b>Nikki Ruess "Paying Down the Lunch Debt"</b> <b>Koeze Nut Deadline</b>	16	17
18	19 Thanksgiving Food Basket Shopping <b>Amber Nelson</b>	20 <b>Pat Parsons</b>	21	22 	23	24 Kitty Ebersoldt
25 Arlene DeGonia	26	27	28 Jane Kost	29 <b>Evening Meeting</b>	30 <b>BUNCO</b>	

## GETTING CREDIT FOR YOUR PERFECT ATTENDANCE

**Print your name:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Meetings Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

# Make-Up Credits Used: \_\_\_\_\_

List Make-Up Credit Below:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

When completed give this to Peggy Scott.

INTERESTED IN RECOGNITION FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE?

- Record your attendance on the monthly calendar.
- On the dates of weekly meetings, please mark:
  - ✓ for meeting attended
  - X for meeting missed
  - E for meeting excused, due to illness or out of town
- Make up Credit can be received by:
  - Attending a board meeting
  - Participating in any club activity
- Track your make up credit earned and record it on the monthly calendar when it is used.



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**WEEKLY DAY MEETINGS**

When: Noon - 1pm,  
each Thursday except the last  
Thursday of each month

Where: Poppy's Banquet Center  
2002 N Truman Blvd  
Crystal City, MO 63028

Doors open at 11:00 AM, Close at 2:00 PM  
Room is available for committee meetings  
before or after the Lunch Meeting.

**MONTHLY EVENING MEETING**

When: The last Thursday of each month

Where: Will vary each month

Have an idea for our next evening meeting?  
Let us know.

**Newsletter Deadlines**

Deadline for submitting information or photos for the newsletter is the **Tuesday following a board meeting.**

**Newsletter Editor**

Phyllis Neff

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*The Optimist* **CREED**

***Promise Yourself...***

To be **SO STRONG**

that nothing can disturb your

**PEACE OF MIND.**

To talk **health, happiness and prosperity**

to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel

**that there is something in them.**

To look at the **sunny side of everything**

and make your optimism come true.

To **THINK** only of the best,

to **WORK** only for the best and

to **EXPECT** only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about

**THE SUCCESS OF OTHERS**

as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the

**GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS** of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance **at all times** and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have

**NO TIME to criticize others.**

To be **too large** for worry,

**too noble** for anger,

**too strong** for fear, and

**too happy** to permit the

presence of trouble.

***Optimist International***