



Twin City Area Optimist Club

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May 2022 News Making a Difference For the Kids

CLUB HONORS



Head Start

The TCA Optimist Club was recently nominated by our local Head Start for the Head Start Hero Award for their region. We are pleased to be recognized, along with a private daycare director in Gerald. We came in as runner up, but the real reward is the satisfaction of helping the Head Start kids and their families.

We are happy to continue to support Head Start in their many projects to improve the wellbeing of families and children in our area. These include Easter and Thanksgiving food giveaways as well Christmas parties with gifts for children in Head Start Programs in Hematite and DeSoto.

The club will be inducting six new members in the coming weeks, in large part due to the efforts of NOW Chairperson Marsha Greenstreet and super recruiter Debbie Hogenmiller. We received a NOW/WOW badge for our banner (sponsoring a minimum of three new members as a result of a NOW/WOW meeting).





We will also receive a Youth Appreciation badge thanks to chairperson Barb Schmidt.

April 28, 2022 Get Your Craft On

Members grabbed their paint brushes and went to town repurposing tin cans into decorative buckets at the April 28th evening meeting. Jean Naeger and Patty Meyer presented the program to approximately 30 members.





If you removed her hands, Jean Naeger would be speechless!



Debbie Hogenmiller, Ellie King, and Katie Huck

No Ellie is not in distress, she merely glued her flag upside down. Never fear she was given another napkin for the other side. All is good!

The US Flag Code allows this use of the flag in situations of "dire distress," but the intention was distress as in immediate danger to life and limb, such as your ship is sinking at sea, and SOS signal.



Mary Kay Scott, Pam Cernik, and Pat Parson



Ellen Bridgewater works diligently, placing her napkin just right to decoupage onto can.



Barb Schmidt's bucket on her back door



Mickie Huskey, Peggy McCraith, Karen Huskey, and Beth Vreeland. NOTE: Beth came prepared to fill her bucket!



New member Alicia Cummiskey, Laura Elbl, and Penny Roth



Karen Huskey gifted her finished bucket to her future daughter-in-law.

Not pictured, Mary Hatfield donated her bucket filled with red-white-blue flowers to the EMO District Third Quarter Silent Auction.



Sue Joggerst's bucket



Carroll Metzger's bucket



Peggy Scott's bucket

May 5, 2022 Youth Appreciation

On May 5, 2022, the Twin City Area Optimist Club recognized seven high school students for Youth Appreciation Day. They were selected by their respective schools for being a person of good character, striving to always do their best, and making a positive impact on their community.

Thank you Barb Schmidt for chairing this event.



From left to right: Delaney McCoy, Allison Faerber, Janei Jackson, Royce Haynes, Jefferson County Executive Dennis Gannon, Kyle Lewis, Reagan Kennedy, and Johannah Fels



Allison Faerber
Festus High School



Johannah Fels
Crystal City High School



Delaney McCoy
DeSoto High School



Royce Haynes
Grandview High School



Kyle Lewis
St. Pius High School



Janei Jackson Herculaneum High
School



Reagan Kennedy
Jefferson High School

May 12, 2022
Mother's' Day Celebration

Thanks again to our party committee for helping our club celebrate mothers - daughters - others. Members invited special guests to lunch.



Pat Doenges with her niece Karen Reifsteck



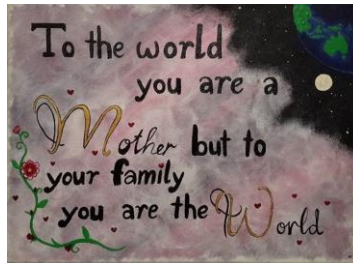
Mother and daughter Carol Schanz and Tabitha Brauch



Jean Naeger with daughter Jennifer Strosahl



Arlene DeGonia with daughter Amy Kausler



Mary McDowell with mother-in-law Betty McDowell

Members shared their mothers' stories from the Optimist 2010 booklet *Memories*. There were stories of mothers who were presidents of everything, of a baby left behind, and a mother's warnings of coming home drunk, a mother's poem, two mothers but only one mom, handmade quilts, and a little red wagon. Teary eyes were seen as members remembered their mothers and the support and care they lovingly gave their families.



Kitty Ebersoldt



Judy Williams



Ellie King



Caryl Harness



Judy Kuhlman



Cindy Cherry



Sue Boyer

May 19, 2022
Angel Williams and Amy Baum
All For Family: local nonprofit helping foster children and families



Optimist member Amy Baum with Angel Williams

Angel Williams, Founder and Director of All For Family was our guest speaker for the May 19, 2022, meeting. Amy Baum is both a volunteer and a board member of the agency.

All For Family provides supervised visits for foster children and their biological families. The agency recognizes how important it is for foster children to maintain family connections. For many bio parents, if they are approved for more than one

hour of supervised visits per week with their children, they often must provide their own supervisor, but may lack the resources to do so. All For Family presently recruits volunteers to meet this need for families. Additional information about this non-profit or to volunteer please click link:

[All For Family Missouri Non-Profit for Foster Children and Families](#)

CLUB PROJECTS

Head Start

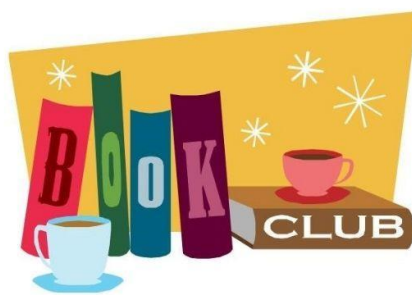
UPDATE



The lending libraries are expected to be built by the end of May with dedication ceremonies in June. The libraries our club is funding will include club logo.

BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet at **5 p.m.** at Poppy's before the evening meeting on **Thursday, May 26** to discuss *This Tender Land*. As always, please send book suggestions to Mary Kay Scott.



Reading List May-August 2022

- May:** *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger
June: *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah
July: *Run Rose Run* by Dolly Parton and James Patterson
August: *Yellow Wife* by Sedeqa Johnson

Book Club meetings will start at 5 p.m., prior to the start of the evening meeting on the last Thursday of the month.

JOI CLUB

The JOI project for May 5th meeting was to choose two wooden ornaments from heart, flower, or star shape and paint them. Members were asked to paint one for mom and another for a stranger, friend, or anyone who might need an act of kindness. Kids will share their act of kindness stories at the June meeting.



Jordan, Marcus, Audrey, Lorelei, and Kristen



Jordan and Addisen



Marcus



Lorelei, Audrey, Kristen, and Marcus

Debbie Schumaker
JOI Adult Advisor

Carol Schanz
JOI Chair



EMO DISTRICT/ZONE 10



Zone 10 Meeting

Zone 10 members enjoyed each other's company at the 3rd quarter Zone meeting, held on April 26th at Pietro's. Lt. Governor Phyllis Neff asked each club to share a project that was near and dear to their hearts.

Kurt Werner from the Arnold-Imperial Club was voted in as Lt. Governor for 2022-2023.



Cheryl Rothe from SouthSide Club was honored as their club's Optimist of the Year.



SouthSide Club



Twin City Area Optimist Club



SouthSide and Arnold-Imperial Clubs





TCA Optimist Club was well represented at the Third Quarter EMO Conference. Attendees: President Gerty O'Leary, Peggy Scott, Mary Kay Scott, Mary Hatfield, Phyllis Neff, Jean Naeger, Barb Schmidt, and first timer Kathy Todd



Olivia Drinen Wins EMO District Oratorical Contest

Olivia Drinen won the East Missouri Optimist Oratorical Contest on May 1, 2022. She received a \$2500 scholarship.

Olivia moves onto the next contest, called the MidAmerica Regional Contest, which will be held on July 21, 2022, at St. Louis University. The winner will receive a scholarship for \$5000.

Each Regional Winner will compete in the World Championship Contest for a

chance to win a first, second, or third place scholarship of \$15,000, \$10,000, or \$5,000 respectively.



East Missouri Optimist District Oratorical Contestants

FUNDRAISERS

Thanks to three generations of Optimist ladies, Carol Schanz, Tabitha Brauch, and Karleh Brauch for bringing back Bunco. Club members and their guests will enjoy a fun filled evening.

Twin City Area Optimist Club **BUNCO'S BACK!**

DATE: Fri. June 17, 2022
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Bunco starts at 7:00 p.m.



Contact: Carol Schanz
314 222 4344

Registration Fee:

\$20

**(In advance/
non-refundable)**

Location:

H W Herrell Distributing Company
1002 White Street, Imperial, MO

**Bring your
own beverage**

**Bring a
snack/dessert
to share**

**Masks
Welcome**

Katie Huck is also selling Mouse Races tickets at club meetings.



MOUSE RACES

Twin City Area
Optimist Club
Fall Fundraiser

DATE: Saturday September 17, 2022

TIME: 7 pm (doors open at 6 pm)

PLACE: Festus VFW
900 VFW Dr., Festus, MO

Non-Refundable Tickets

\$20 in advance

MUST BE 21 OR OLDER

**ATTENDANCE PRIZE:
TABLET COMPUTER**



Purchase tickets by phone: 314 471 7213

Venmo: @TC-Optimist2122

Mail: P.O. Box 475, Festus, MO 63028

Tickets include beer, snacks, & soda

*Thank you for
supporting our kids*

SAVE THE DATES



Note upcoming noon meeting events. To assist with projects, please contact Committee Chair.

Respect for Law - July 14

Chairs: Cindy Cherry and Cheyenne Pratt

Old Bag Lunch - August 18

Chairs: Carol Schanz and Pat Parsons

Honor our Gold and Platinum Sponsors - September 22

Chairs: Jean Naeger and Barb Schmidt

During our May 26th evening meeting, we are very excited to introduce Spotlight Community Theatre to our club. Currently there are three troupes performing small productions to clubs/groups in the area. There are two student troupes and one adult troupe. This is a great benefit to the community and Spotlight Community Theatre welcomes the opportunity to tell you more about what is planned for the future.

Below is the list of adult performers who will be presenting a one act comedy for us. Some of the actors may be your relatives, friends, neighbors. You will not want to miss this performance.

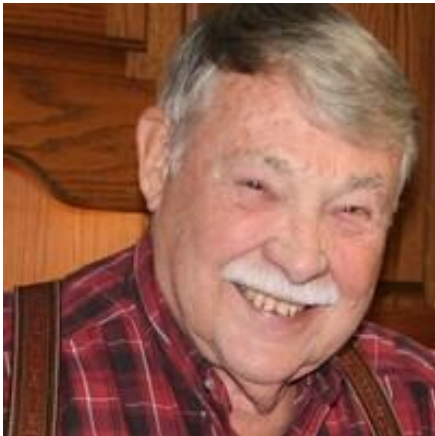


CAST LIST

Casting Director	Eric Haynes
Roger	Charlie Labitska
Melissa	Monica Lee
Coach	Nikki White
Joe	Debra Leland
Josie	Carly Giger
Maria	Marji Peters
Martin	Dan Hewitt
Catherine	Carly Giger
Meg	Haylee Evans
Charlize	Karen LaPlant
Agent	Dawn Blanton
Josh	Nikki White
Edmund	Marji Peters
Amy	Haylee Evans



CONDOLENCES



George "Wayne" Wiley, beloved husband of member Sharon Wiley, passed away on May 9, 2022. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sharon and family for their loss. To view obituary click link:[Obituary | George "Wayne" Wiley of Hillsboro, Missouri | Robert D. Brown Funeral Home, Inc.](#) (brownfuneralhomehillsboro.com)



Members meet every Thursday from Noon - 1 p.m. at Taytro's. Please RSVP by 8:00 a.m. on Monday by contacting Cathy Elliott.

The last Thursday of the month is an evening meeting held at Poppy's Parlor. Meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to order food, please contact Phyllis Neff on Monday prior to meeting.

Our Club will continue looking at the sunny side of everything and being committed to bringing out the best in our area youth.

Our VENMO account, **@TC-Optimist 2122**, can be used to make donations to our projects or Fundraisers.

Please make sure to include your phone number and a memo indicating what the donation is for.

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