



Twin City Area Optimist Club

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November 2022 News Making a Difference For the Kids

Message From President Carroll Metzger



With this being a busy time of year for our families, we also find it to be a busy season for our club. We are adding some new fundraising and fun events for your interest and participation that involve supporting local businesses. These businesses, in turn, support us by sharing a percentage of their proceeds generated by their patrons that day. Kathy Todd has arranged the first event (refer to the flyer in the fundraising section of this newsletter) with Cool Beans in Hillsboro. Stop by for a coffee, have lunch or some delicious bakery treat. Kettlehut's Smokehouse will sponsor a similar time in January. Instead of going out to eat on December 29, we will have a fun dinner program at Poppy's planned by Jennifer Jones. Of course, participation and attendance at the Head Start parties will warm your heart. Once again, Mr. and Mrs.

Claus will visit to share joy and gifts with the children.

A reminder: the next board meeting is December 7, 5:30 p.m. at the home of Sue Boyer. All members are welcome. Please let Sue know if you are planning to attend.

Yours in optimism for a safe and happy season,
Carroll

Welcome New Member Kelly Coker

New member Kelly Coker was inducted into the TCA Optimist Club on the October 27. Pictured with her sponsor Jean Naeger.



Wonderful to meet new members but equally excited to see members returning to meetings.



Beth Vreeland attended the November 10 meeting.



Mary McDowell and Debbie Kettler met up during the November 10 meeting.

All three of these members escaped busy work schedules to attend meeting.

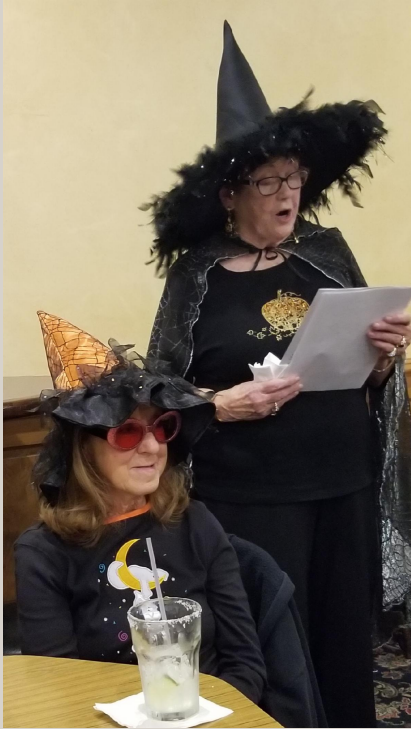


I spy with my little eye Sharon Davis who attended the November 17 meeting. I was out of town this week but spotted Sharon in a photo joining in as a one arm wrapper. Glad she was able to return to help prepare for upcoming Head Start Christmas parties.

Jean Naeger
TCA Newsletter Editor

Halloween Party

Many witches were present to hear Judy Lowe's witches' story. Always fun to celebrate holidays with these fun ladies.



EMO First Quarter Conference October 28-29, 2022



First Quarter EMO Conference

Kathy Todd, Carroll Metzger, Peggy Scott, Mary Hatfield, Jean Naeger, and Phyllis Neff (not pictured) represented the club at the first EMO conference for 2022-2023.

November 3, 2022

Board Meeting Review and Perfect Attendance Awards



On November 3, I had the pleasure of giving out the Perfect Attendance Award for the year October 2021 to September 2022.

The following members qualified during that time frame.

1 year: Pam Cernik, Laura Elbl, Debbie Hogenmiller, Karen Huskey, Kathy Todd

2 years: Cathy Elliott, Mary Kay Scott

3 years: Patty Meyer

4 years: Debbie Schumaker

5 years: Jean Naeger

6 years: Katie Huck, Phyllis Neff, Barb Schmidt

7 years: Ellie King

9 years: Judy Kuhlman

10 years: Mary Hatfield

14 years: Jo Ann Thompson

26 years: Pat Parsons

27 years: Barb Bates

31 years: Sue Boyer

32 years: Caryl Harness

34 years: Pat Doenges

Congratulations to all!

Thank you,

Debbie Hogenmiller, Secretary

November 10, 2022
Comtrea's A Safe Place
Holly Porter, Resident & Volunteer Coordinator



Maria Rupprecht and Speaker Holly Porter



Resident & Volunteer Coordinator, Holly Porter from Comtrea's A Safe Place was our guest speaker on November 10. A Safe Place is a residential shelter and program providing services to meet the immediate needs of domestic violence survivors and their children. Abuse may be physical, sexual, emotional, verbal, psychological, or the destruction of property or pets.

The emergency shelter accommodates six families in a community-living home until they can support themselves or family. For more information: [COMTREA \(Community Treatment, Inc.\)](https://www.comtrea.org/)

November 17, 2022 It's a Wrap!



November 17 meeting drew a large crowd to help wrap gifts for the Head Start Christmas Parties coming up!

We started off with a delicious turkey lunch and then within 30 minutes - the gifts were wrapped and packed up! The ladies had a good time, and we really appreciated the help.

Laura Elbl & Cathy Elliott
Head Start Christmas Party Chairs



It takes a lot of elves to get ready for a Christmas Party!

Head Start Christmas Parties will be held on the following dates and locations:

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Hematite Head Start - 3680 Hillsboro Hematite Rd., Festus, MO

Back-to-back parties starting at 9:30 am

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

De Soto Head Start - 3225 Baisch Dr., De Soto, MO 63020

Back-to-back parties starting at 9:30 am

Members are welcome!

November 24, 2022



CLUB PROJECTS

Parents as Teachers

Before our October 27 club meeting, members

assembled learning boxes for Parents as Teachers affiliate. Forty boxes, along with additional pre-school supplies, were donated. These learning materials help to improve cognitive and gross/fine motor skills. We were fortunate to receive a matching \$300 Childhood Health and Wellness Grant from Optimist International Foundation to help fund this project. This enabled us to provide more boxes and replacement supplies.



Parents as Teachers®

NOW Meeting

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(New Optimist Welcome)
December 1, 2022



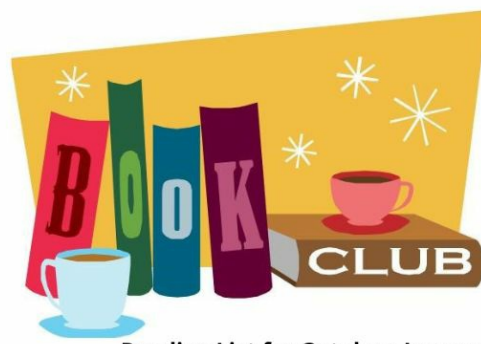
During our regularly scheduled noon meeting

To invite a guest, notify Marsha Greenstreet by
November 23, 2022 at mgreenstreet@sbcglobal.net
Provide the following information for each guest:

NAME
ADDRESS
PHONE
EMAIL ADDRESS

Book Club

NOTE: Due to Thanksgiving holiday, the November book selection will be discussed at 1:00 pm after our weekly meeting on December 1. All are welcome.



Reading List for October -January

October *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate

November *Firefly Lane* by Kristen Hannah

Book Club will not meet in December

January *One More River to Cross* by Jane Kirkpatrick

Please note: Book Club will meet at 5:00 p.m. prior to evening meeting at Poppy's. You do not have to read every book to attend book club. All are welcome.

Art Contest November 6, 2022



TCA Optimist Club held its annual Art Contest on Sunday, November 6 at the Elks Lodge 1721 in Festus. 182 students from 11 southern Jefferson County schools entered over 250 pieces of art for judging.

Best of Show and first, second, and third place winners in each category received gift cards and all student artists present for the award ceremony received art supplies of their choice.

Best of Show

Artist: Ava Elliott
Title: "Us"
School: De Soto
High School



First Place
Artist: Amelia Duepner
Title: "Take the Shot"
School: De Soto Jr. High



First Place
Artist: Shawn Ringles
Title: "My Favorite"



2022 TWIN CITY AREA OPTIMISTS' ART CONTEST VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers

1. Patty Meyer- Project Chair
2. Janet Mace
3. Gerty O'Leary
4. Jean Naeger
5. Mary Hatfield
6. Phyllis Neff
7. Cathy Elliott
8. Mary Kay Scott
9. Pat Doenges
10. Barb Bates
11. Ruth Ann Adams
12. Carroll Metzger
13. Donna Long
14. Mickie Huskey
15. Beth Watt
16. Karen Huskey
17. Peggy Scott
18. Ellen Bridgewater
19. Katie Huck
20. Sue Boyer
21. Linda Portell
22. Laura Elbl
23. Amy Baum

Thank you to Art Contest Chair Patty Meyer and all her volunteers for another

Character"
School: De Soto Jr. High

successful art contest.

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Head Start Thanksgiving Baskets

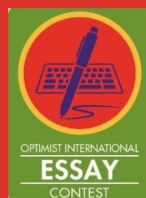


Thanks to all the members who donated five like items (or more) and our shoppers.

Shoppers from left to right: Debbie Kettler, Karen Huskey, Debbie Hogenmiller, Katie Huck, Judy Kuhlman, Carol Schanz, and Janet Mace. In the background Head Start Teachers ready to receive donation of food and other household essential. Not pictured Sue Boyer and Project Chair Pat Parsons.

Essay Contest

Twin City Area Optimist Essay Contest



Essays must be postmarked
by January 31, 2023



Visit our website to learn more about
2023 Essay Contest [Essay Contest
\(twincityoptimist.org\)](#)

Essay Chair: Mary Kay Scott and Co-Chair
Debbie Hogenmiller

JOI Club



Hello Everyone,

Carol and I sponsored a JOI Club shopping trip to the Festus Walmart on November 14. We spent \$600.00 on Christmas items for the Ronald McDonald House, Homeless Youth, and Martin Veterinary Rescue.

We also had a great learning experience. While checking out our checker, Jake, asked who we were shopping for. I explained to him that the items were going to help children who were in need. He became teary-eyed because he thought what we were doing was amazing and would help the lives of homeless children. He shared that a year ago he, too, was homeless and that our efforts would have helped him through a tough time.



NOTE: Jake the checker is in the back center of photo with JOI members.

Our evening was so successful.
Debbie

Debbie Schumaker
JOI Adult Advisor

Carol Schanz



FUNDRAISERS

Dining Out

Dine Out



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022
6 AM - 4 PM
316 LOCUST ST,
HILLSBORO, MO**

Cool Beans will donate 10% of sales all day to TCA Optimists.
Please support this fundraiser.

Thanks to Kathy Todd for arranging Dining Out fundraising opportunities. December starts it off with a Hillsboro local favorite. Bring a friend!

Oberle Gift Boxes

FUNDRAISER



Oberle meat/cheese gift boxes

EACH BOX CONTAINS

1lb OBERLE SAUSAGE AND

½ LB GARLIC CHEESE STICK

\$18.50/box

pay with cash/check to TCA Optimist Club
or for your convenience you may Venmo Cindy:
@Cindy-Cherry-14



Project Chair: Cindy Cherry

Order deadline December 15th

**pick up Sat. December 17th, 8 am-11am
at Cindy's office 104 Bailey Rd., Crystal City**

A great way to complete your gift list! Need a hostess gift, what about that favorite neighbor? Who doesn't need sausage and cheese for holiday entertaining. Contact Project Chair Cindy Cherry if you have questions or need an order form.

SAVE THE DATES



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

- December 1 - NOW meeting - Chair Marsha Greenstreet
- December 3 - Festus Winterfest Booth-Chair Mary Hatfield
- December 6&7 - Head Start Christmas Parties - Chairs Cathy Elliott & Laura Elbl
- December 7 - Board Meeting - Hostess Sue Boyer
- December 12 - Cool Beans Fundraiser - Chair Kathy Todd
- December 15- Club Christmas Party
- December 22- NO MEETING - Happy Holidays!
- December 29 - Girls Night Out (details TBD) -Chair Jennifer Jones

**Board of Directors
2022-2023**

**President
Carroll Metzger
910-264-6852**

President Elect



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.

Peggy Scott

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Gerty O'Leary

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Janet Mace

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Judy Williams

2022-2024
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Katie Huck
Patty Meyer

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