



# Twin City Area Optimist Club

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## September 2022 News Making a Difference For the Kids

### Welcome New Members



New member Donna Long with  
sponsor Jean Naeger



New Member Debra Floyd with  
sponsor Jean Naeger

### September 1, 2022 Team Building Exercise Hadas Becker, ICU Nurse Educator St. Louis University Hospital

Hadas Becker, Carroll Metzger's daughter, presented a fun team building exercise with Mr. Potato Head. Members were tasked with assembling as many Mr. Potato Heads as they could in five minutes from photos provided. Only two people could assemble the heads while others helped gather parts and advise the builders. The exercise demonstrated the value of teamwork. After the exercise was

complete, members discussed how they could better perform the tasks in the future by improving upon their teamworking skills.



Members were concentrating REALLY HARD!



**Jillian Bissell, Jefferson County Drug Prevention Coalition**  
**Tara Halter, Jefferson County Teen Coalition**  
**Anne-Marie Denny, Jefferson County Health Department**



Anne-Marie Denny (Ellen Bridgewater's niece), Tara Halter, and Jillian Bissell

Our three speakers all work for the Jefferson County Health Department. The club members were very engaged with these speakers asking many questions about vaping and other problems. The focus of the coalition is drug prevention in our schools. Vaping is on the rise with younger students who do not realize the dangers of the habit. Parents are contributing to the problem by buying vaping devices for their children, thinking it is a better alternative to smoking. The coalition is introducing a disposal program in all Jefferson County Schools to dispose of vaping devices with no fear of consequences. Educational materials are also available.

In addition, Anne-Marie, Health Education Supervisor, talked about the Health Department's community partnerships to encourage working together in an effort to reduce replicate work. Visit: [jeffcohealth.org](http://jeffcohealth.org) for more information.

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**September 22, 2022**  
**Sponsor Appreciation Luncheon**

Our platinum and gold sponsors were recognized on September 22nd for their continued financial support for our youth through their annual sponsorships. We appreciate ALL our sponsors for their contributions. We took time during the meeting to better inform our top-level sponsors of all our projects and programs benefitting the youth of our community. We also noted the various fundraisers members take part in to help fund these activities. It is the aim of the club that we build a stronger partnership with our sponsors, and they understand how much they are valued. It is important for us to assure our sponsors that the money they donate stays in southern Jefferson County and is used to fulfill a wide variety of needs.



Platinum Plus Sponsor H.W. Herrell Distributing Company, represented by Carol Schanz (center) with daughter Tabitha Brauch and son Nolan Schanz. Carol has been an unwavering member of our club, supporting us both financially and as an active participant in many projects, fundraisers, and our Junior Optimist club (JOI). Tabitha is following in her footsteps as an active Optimist member.



Optimists Jean Naeger and Sherry Armstrong represented Gold Sponsor Xi Theta Pi, Hillsboro Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.



Gold Sponsor Hovis & Associates represented by Heather Hovis and David Hovis. Heather has donated toiletries, used books, and food items to our various drives. We all work better together.



Optimist member Dorothy Stafford with Platinum Sponsor Marie Needy-Kohler. Marie recognized the contribution the club provides to the community and honored us this year as a first-time sponsor at the platinum level.



Carol and Harold Hagan, faithful Gold Sponsor. They have always been very supportive of our club.



Gold Sponsor Colby Portell of Edward Jones was particularly interested in our Coats for Kids Program. He has contributed to our projects and hearing of the need, wants to continue his support with an additional donation for coats.



Gold Sponsor and longtime Optimist member Cynthia (Cindy) Cherry, LLC expressed her appreciation for our club and her continued commitment to serve area youth.



Thanks to Pat Parsons and Cathy Elliott for "volunteering" to cut cake. Matching the blue in our logo was a good idea in theory but not so good in practice. Apologies for blue stained fingers and blue lips/tongues.



Members and guests watched a pictorial slide show with history of our many club activities, including youth projects and programs, fundraisers, and other club activities. Thanks to Barb Schmidt for continually updating our slideshow.

## CLUB PROJECTS

### Twin City Days Bowling Event

LET'S STRIKE  
UP SOME FUN



#### Family Bowling Event

DATE: Friday September 9, 2022

TIME: 4:30-6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Quonset Lanes  
2004 N. Truman Blvd.  
Crystal City

For more information contact:  
Phyllis Neff: 636-795-3665

Per person:  
one FREE Game  
FREE shoe rental

Sponsored by:



#### Twin City Days Bowling Event

Special thanks to Debbie Hogenmiller for chairing this event; she did an outstanding job. Attendance was very good with 46 adults and 94 children enjoying a free game of bowling. Children received goodie bags with treats, along with discount coupons from Quonset Lanes.

The club appreciates the continued support of Quonset Lanes.



Thanks to the following volunteers who helped assemble goodie bags:  
 Nell Austin, Barb Schmidt, Beth Peyton, Bett Watts, Ellie King, Kirstie Zych, Janet Mace, Mary Kay Scott, Sue Boyer, Katie Huck, Pat Parsons, Janice Boyd, Phyllis Neff, Patty Meyer, Pat Sweet, and Debbie Hogenmiller



Thanks to all our volunteers who lent a hand during bowling event:  
 Nell Austin, Kathy Todd, Pam Cernik, Barb Schmidt, Patty Meyer, Dorothea Kehm, Ellie King, Pat Sweet, Amanda Mange, Ruth AnnAdams, Carroll Metzger, Gerty O'Leary, Mary Hatfield, Pat Parsons, Janet Mace, Debbie Schumaker, Carol Schanz, Katie Huck, Debbie Hogenmiller and Jean Naeger

## Dictionary Project

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Dictionary Project Co-Chairs Laura Elbl and Kelly Winkelman continue to run a tight ship, and everything goes smoothly from labeling to deliveries. They have chaired this project for a few years and always do an excellent job organizing all components of this project. Thank you, ladies, for your commitment to this project.



RuthAnn Adams is always ready to help.



Carroll Metzger keeps on smiling as she completes her assignment.



Patty Meyer and Sue Boyer are seasoned labelers.



Jean Naeger and Cathy Elliott are up to the task.



Debbie Hogenmiller and Kirstie Zych make a great labeling team.



October newsletter will contain photos from dictionary deliveries to schools.



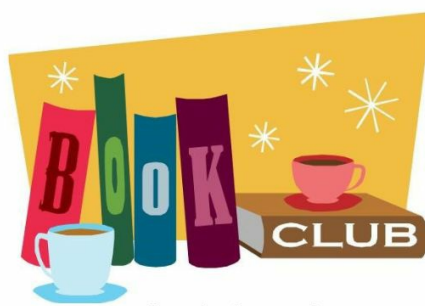


The Dictionary labelers -- in and out in one hour!  
Thanks to Sue Boyer, Ruth Ann Adams, Cathy Elliott, Patty Meyer, Jean Naeger, Carroll Metzger, Debbie Hogenmiller, Kirstie Zych, Laura Elbl, and Kelly Winkelman

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## Book Club



### 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.**

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## Childhood Health and Wellness

# JOI CLUB



Kimber



Marcus



Olivia



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JOI Members enjoyed the Twin City Days Bowling Event while still putting in the time to distribute BB Walk flyers and registration forms.

New officers for 2022-2023 will be inducted at the October 6th meeting.







Maddie

**NOTE: Deadline to guarantee you will receive a BB 5K t-shirt is October 1st. Do not delay in registering go to <https://twincityoptimist.org> to download registration form.**



## 4th Annual BB 5K



### 5K Teen Suicide Awareness Walk Saturday, 8AM October 22, 2022 At Larry Crites Memorial Park

**Cost of 5K - \$30**  
Includes t-shirt, certificate of appreciation, snacks, fruit and Behavioral Health information  
**Unable to walk, T-shirts may be purchased for \$20**  
Student cost without t-shirt \$10  
Sweatshirts only-\$30 or \$45 as participant  
Checks to TCA Optimist at PO Box 475, Festus MO 63028 or Venmo @JOI63028

Student scholarship winners of funds raised will be announced after the 5K

**VISIT:** <https://twincityoptimist.org> for waiver/consent form

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE

**Contact information:**  
**Debbie Schumaker 314-471-7213,**  
**Katie Huck 314-520-6340, or**  
**Carol Schanz 314-222-4344**

Debbie Schumaker  
JOI Adult Advisor

Carol Schanz  
JOI Chair



## FUNDRAISERS

### Mouse Races

#### Mouse Races Earn \$6080

Congratulations to Mouse Race Committee Chair Debbie Schumaker and her outstanding committee. The fundraiser earned \$6080. Thank you, ladies, for a fun, profitable evening.

**Committee:**

- Debbie Schumaker, Chair
- Carol Schanz
- Katie Huck
- Beth Watts
- Pat Parsons
- Tabitha Brauch
- Pam Cernick
- Barb Schmidt



**DATE:** Saturday September 17, 2022  
**TIME:** 7 pm (doors open at 6 pm)  
**PLACE:** Festus VFW  
 900 VFW Dr., Festus, MO

**Non-Refundable Tickets**

**Profit:**  
**\$6080**

Tickets include beer, snacks, & soda  
 Add a subheading  
 Thank you for supporting our kids





Mice in the House, Debbie Schumaker and Carol Schanz

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Just a few of the volunteers for the event. Carol Schanz, Pat Parsons, Marsha Greenstreet, Dorothy Stafford, and Shelly Williams



Lisa Ermer won the fire pit.

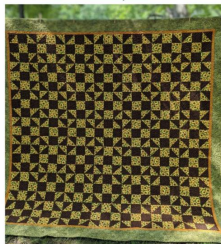


Debbie Kohler on the left won the booze table with Tena Droll looking pretty happy.

# Quilt Auction



**DRAWING THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 13, 2022**



Raffle for a "Shoo Fly" pattern quilt  
green/brown/yellow color  
with sunflower print  
98"x98"

**One** entry for every \$10 donation

NAME:

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PHONE NUMBER:

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Donations can be made thru  
Venmo @TC-Optimist2122  
or mail check to:

TWIN CITY AREA OPTIMIST CLUB  
PO BOX 475, FESTUS, MO 63028



Karen Huskey donated another beautiful quilt for raffle. The Shoo Fly patterned, sunflower print will be raffled on Oct 13th at our noon meeting. The quilt is on display at the Festus Public Library if you would like to stop by and have a look. The quilt appraised value is \$9750! Chances can be purchased as noted on ticket above or from Barb Schmidt at club meetings. Good luck!

## BUNCO

THIS IS A MEMBER AND GUEST EVENT.

A flyer for a Bunco event. The top section is blue with the text 'Twin City Area Optimist Club' and 'BUNCO' in large white letters. Below this, it says 'DATE: Fri. Oct. 7, 2022', 'Doors open at 6:00 p.m.', and 'Bunco starts at 7:00 p.m.' There is an image of three red dice. A red circle contains the text 'Registration Fee: \$20 (In advance/ non-refundable)'. Below that, it says 'Contact: Carol Schanz 314-222-4344' and 'Location: H W Herrell Distributing Company 1002 White Street, Imperial, MO'. At the bottom, three red circles contain the instructions: 'Bring your own beverage', 'Bring a snack/dessert to share', and 'Invite a friend'.

## SAVE THE DATES

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



**Gold and Platinum Sponsor  
Appreciation - September 22**

Chairs: Jean Naeger and Barb  
Schmidt

**Installation of Officers- September  
29**

Chairs: Party Committee

**Bunco- Friday October 7**

Chairs: Carol Schanz, Tabitha Brauch, and Karleh Brauch

**Quilt Raffle - October 13**

Chairs: Barb Schmidt and Karen Huskey

**BB 5K- October 22**

Charie: Debbie Schumaker



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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