



Twin City Area Optimist Club

P.O. Box 475
Festus, MO 63028

www.twincityoptimist.org

Do It For The Kids!

April 2019

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018 - 2019

PRESIDENT

Mary McDowell

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SECRETARY

Peggy Scott

SECRETARY ELECT

Gertie O'Leary

TREASURER

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TREASURER ELECT

Debbie Kettler

BOARD MEMBERS

2017 - 2019

Marsha Greenstreet
Sandy Mouser
Carol Schanz

2018 - 2020

Shirley Coile
Caryl Harness
Janet Mace

STORMY WEATHER

Remember the saying about the month of March in reference to it being windy / stormy . . .

"In like a lion, out like a lamb or

in like a lamb, out like a lion?"

For me, the whole month of March has been a lion as I transitioned thru changes in my job. Was March a lion or a lamb for you?

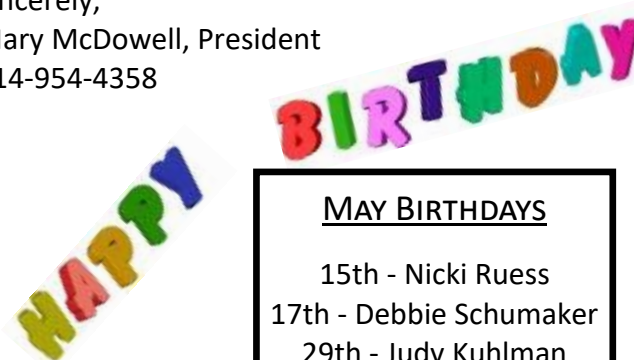
We all have our windy / stormy periods to go through. The important thing is how do we face those storms / challenges? Some we ask for; some we do not. For me, it is with faith and optimism that the storms will calm. We grow and learn through the storms and it makes us better and stronger.

A friend recently shared with me that great things do not come from staying in our comfort zone, where you do the same familiar thing over and over. It is a safe place where you cannot fail. Maybe you long for something more, to chair a committee or plan a whole new project to help the youth of our community.

What challenges are you currently facing? Is it time to take on a new challenge? There are many opportunities in our club to make something great happen for the youth of our community.

So, if you're in a comfort zone and afraid to venture out, remember that everyone, at one time is filled with doubt. Hold your breath, take a step and kiss your comfort zone goodbye. You can be on your way to making great things happen for our youth.

Sincerely,
Mary McDowell, President
314-954-4358



MAY BIRTHDAYS

15th - Nicki Ruess
17th - Debbie Schumaker
29th - Judy Kuhlman

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1st - Debbie Kettler
5th - Rosetta Hagan
11th - Ginny Skaggs
11th - Tracy Sullivan
12th - Sue Boyer
22nd - Mickie Huskey
27th - Dawn Peery

EMO 3rd Quarter District Conference

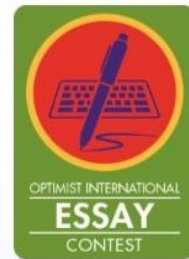
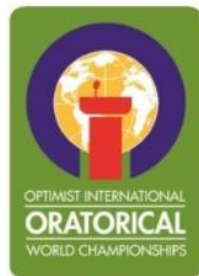
May 3 and 4, 2019

Hilton St. Louis Airport
10330 Natural Bridge Road
St. Louis, MO 63134



**We are kicking off the East Missouri District 3rd Quarter
Conference with a Kentucky Derby Theme!**

Friday Night Oratorical Contest Essay Contest



**Kentucky Derby Races with
Mint Juleps!!
The horses may not be real
but the fun will be!!**

**Saturday will be the finals
Of the EMO District
Oratorical Contest!**

**Saturday we will also be
Host to our District Essay
Winners!**

Educational Sessions

**Saddle up for fun and educational
sessions throughout the day
Saturday!**



Junior Optimists collect & deliver food to the Jefferson County Rescue Mission in Pevely

**JOI CLUB OFFICERS
2018 - 2019**

PRESIDENT
Ayden Eldridge

VICE PRESIDENT
Addisen Eldridge

SECRETARY
Olivia Blair

TREASURER
Audrey Staley

UPCOMING

JOI CLUB MEETINGS

7pm at the YMCA

**June 6th,
Ronald McDonald House**

ADULT ADVISER
Katie Huck

CO-CHAIRMAN
Debbie Schumaker



On Saturday, March 16th, Debbie, Katie and the Blair Family went shopping at Aldi's with the money received from the Twin City Area Optimists and Junior Optimists for non-perishable food. We took our purchased food, we

spent \$356.90, and the donated food items that we received to the Jefferson County Rescue Mission in Pevely. We were joined there by Terri Jo and kids. The director, Louise Sardo, received us and allowed us to sort and stock the food items. She gave us a tour of the facility, a snack and a Braille demonstration. This is one of our favorite projects because Louise informs us of how many families use the Mission both for food and clothing weekly, monthly and yearly, so we know that we are making a difference in our community.

No meeting in May due to the Hematite Headstart Talent show. No meeting in June due to visiting the Ronald McDonald house and taking donated items. We will continue collecting soda tabs and start collecting the wish list items. We will continue collecting pennies for Optimist International Foundation.

Katie Huck
Adult Adviser
JOI Club

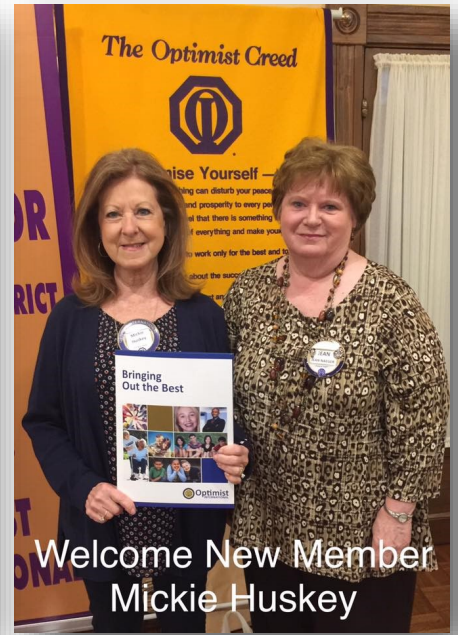




Welcome New Member
Gloria Barnes



Welcome
New Member
Beth Winkeler



Welcome New Member
Mickie Huskey

2019 ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Honored at the
Evening Meeting,
March 28th
Arlington Event Center
DeSoto, MO



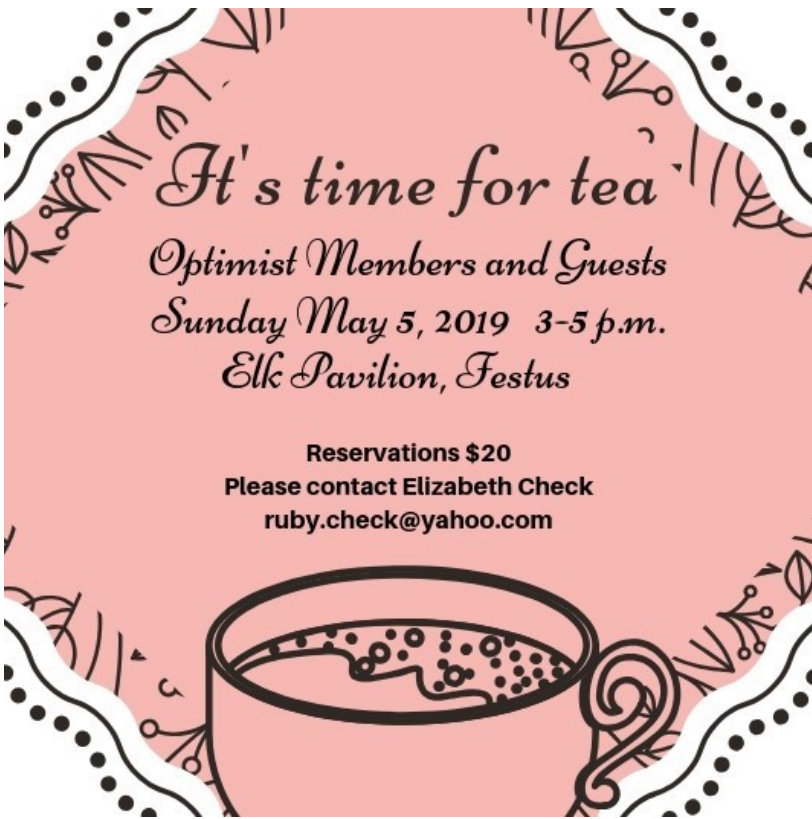
Sylvia Schrader,
DeSoto High School



Madisyn House
Festus High School



Allison Payne
Festus High School



THE OPTIMIST 
International Junior Golf Championships

ages 10 - 18
June 5, 2019
Ste. Genevieve Golf Club
17450 Clubhouse Ct.
Ste. Genevieve, MO
register online at oi-emo.org

**Calling All
 East Missouri Optimists!
 3rd Quarter Conference
 May 3-4, 2019**

Featuring Educational
 Sessions, Inspirational
 Oratorical Contest
 and Winning Essay!

Bring those District Directories!
 Also EMO's own Kentucky Derby

NEW NEW NEW: Register on line at oi-emo.org





**Donate your shoes to the
 Optimist Shoe Drive**
 A joint project of
 Twin City Area Optimist Club
 and
 Arnold/Imperial Optimist Club








APRIL

2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 Hostess: Janice Boyd Debbie Kettler			Update JOI Meeting YMCA, 7pm	Rosetta Hagan BUNCO 6pm	
7	8	9	10	Ginny Skaggs Tracy Sullivan Youth Appreciation	12 Sue Boyer	13 Zone Meeting 9am Arnold
14	15	16	17	Easter Party	18	19
21	Mickie Huskey	23	24	25 Evening Meeting Thai Rama	26	27 Dawn Peery South Side Trivia 6pm
28	29	30	Are you a new member in your 1st Year? Then you can be A Rookie Rock Star!			

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
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 - Participating in any club activity
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2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 JOI Club 5:30 Hematite Headstart	3 EMO 3rd Quarter District Mtg - St. Louis	4
5 Tea Party 3-5 pm @ Elk Pavilion	6 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 Hostess: Tracy Anderson & Kitty Ebersoldt	7	8	9 Update	10	11
12 Happy Mother's Day	13	14	15 Nicki Ruess	16 Respect for Law	17 Debbie Schumaker	18
19	20	21	22	23 to be announced	24	25
26	27	28	29 Judy Kuhlman	30 Evening Meeting	31	

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(TCA), MO

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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

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pjneff@usmo.com

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