

Twin City Area Optimist Club

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February 2022 News Making a Difference



Optimist Day February 3, 2022



A few smiling Optimist faces. Sorry the weather prevented a group picture.
Thanks to those who sent in photos.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER



Welcome new member Beth Peyton with her sponsor Ruth Ann Adams.

**Jefferson County Community Partnership
Tracy Smith
February 17, 2022**



Executive Director Tracy Smith from Jefferson County Community Partnership was our guest speaker at the February 17th meeting. Jefferson County Community Partnership (JCCP) was formed in 1994 with the purpose of creating partnerships between civic organizations, churches, businesses, and government agencies.

The agency works with Jefferson County residents to provide health and safety programs.

Currently the agency focuses on five programs:

The Parenting Network - Learn parenting skills that are important for a child's success.

Safe Babies - Provides a Pack n' Play and Safe Sleep Kit for infants.

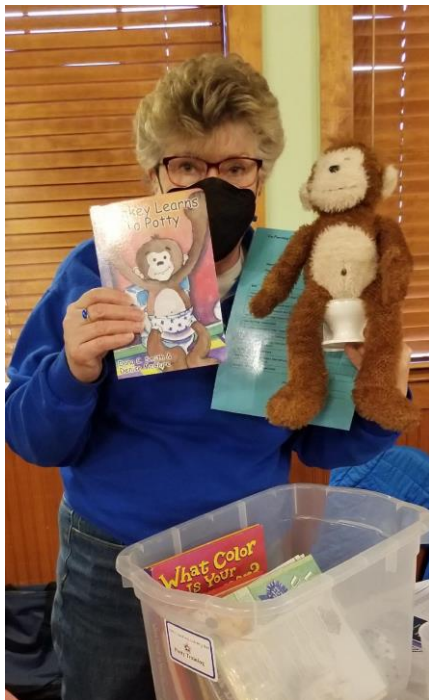
Diaper Bank - Provides diapers every month for low-income families.

Period Supplies - Low-income families can request a period supply kit, consisting of tampons, pads, and pat-liners.

Hammers of Hope - This program engages volunteers to help build accessibility ramps and perform home repairs to the homes of qualifying low-income, elderly, and homeowners with a disability in Jefferson County.

For more information about this agency, click on this link:

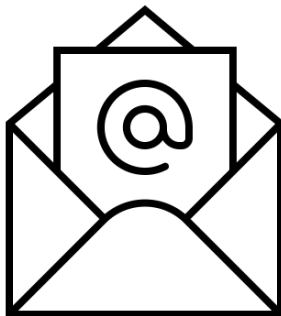
[Home | Jefferson County Community Partnership/Festus, MO \(jccp.org\)](http://jccp.org)



Barb Schmidt shows an educational kit provided by JCCP. Parents can check out a kit and use for one month. This particular kit helps a parent and child with potty training.

EMAIL ETIQUETTE

Our Communications Training has been rescheduled for March 3, 2022. In the interim, the Marketing Committee would like everyone to appropriately respond to club group emails. There is a problem if members "respond to all" when the appropriate option should be "reply to sender". Please review the "How to Reply" section below. If you have specific questions about this response, please feel free to contact Marketing Chair, Jean Naeger.



EMAIL
optimists@lists.jeffco.edu

- Restricted to Club Business

- Members Usage
 - Club Officers
 - Committee Chairs
 - Approval of President
- General Club Announcements
 - Volunteers
 - Projects
 - Events
 - Updates
 - Roster

- How to Reply

Reply: When only sender needs to see your response (i.e., RSVP to meetings, general information). Only the person who sent out the original email will see your response. This makes it easier for the recipient to see your response and less likely your email will end up in her junk folder.

Reply all: When the entire club needs your response. (i.e., there is additional information that benefits the club, a clarification, or update to the sender's message).

Please use the "reply all" only when warranted. We do not want to clog up

members email inboxes unnecessarily. Thank you.

PARTY TIME

Happy Valentine's Day

The party committee put on quite a Valentine's Day party, including table decorations, sweet treats, and prizes. Continuing with this year's theme, "getting to know you", members shared personal stories of love and romance.



Special thanks to our party committee, Caryl Harness, Phyllis Neff, and Judy Lowe. Other members of the committee include Cheri Phillips and Leisa Spiker.



Treasurer Elect Carroll Metzger and Current Treasurer Laura Elbl listen to members' stories. Gifts of candy, flowers, and road trip rescues were appreciated. Dating highs and lows were shared, along with engagement stories. Ask Arlene DeGonia about her whirl-wind courtship.



Barb Schmidt tells a story of her birthday skydiving experience, including a marriage proposal for her daughter-in-law. Barb dropped from the sky as a "will you marry me" banner flew behind the plane. Her son popped the question in a big way.

Ladies in Red---from head to toe





Elizabeth Check and JoAnn Thompson never disappoint. They are always ready for a theme party.

CLUB PROJECTS

NOW MEETING

(New Optimist Welcome)

April 7, 2022



During our regularly scheduled noon meeting

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

NAME
ADDRESS
PHONE
EMAIL ADDRESS

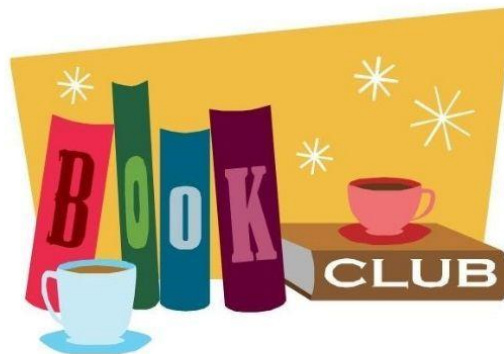


The project committee met via ZOOM on February 2, 2022 to discuss proposed projects for this year. A recommendation was made and approved by the board of directors to hold a community drive for Brenden's Friday Backpacks in August.

The committee also recommended the club participate in the spring Visual Arts Competition. This competition is for children under the age of 11. A chairperson is needed if this project is to move forward. Please Contact president Gerty O'Leary or Project Chair Judy Williams if you can offer your services.

BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet at **5 p.m.** at Poppy's before the evening meeting on Thursday, February 24th to discuss *Grab on to Me Tightly as if I know the Way*.



Reading List January - April, 2022

January: *Big Stone Gap* by Adriana Trigiani

February: *Grab on to Me Tightly as if I Know the Way* by Bryan Charles

March: *The Art of Keeping Secrets* by Patti Callahan Henry

April: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon

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

On February 10, 2022, our Twin City Junior Optimists Club had a wonderful program delivered by Mr. Rodney Bickel of Missouri Kids Unplugged. This organization is on a mission to get kids off their electronic devices and outdoors. For more information about this group click on link: missourikidsunplugged.org

The JOI Club received a \$1000 grant from the Festus Tourism Commission for the 2022 BB5K walk.



MISSOURI KIDS

UNPLUGGED

GET OUTDOORS ★ GET UNPLUGGED



- Educational • Informational
- Interactive



MissouriKidsUnplugged.org
Contact@MissouriKidsUnplugged.org





Rodney Bickel of Missouri Kids Unplugged was guest speaker for February JOI Club meeting.



Laura, KK, and Abigail



Blake, Olivia, Audrey, Addisen



Kristen, Marcus, Liz, Brooklyn, Jordan

Debbie Schumaker
JOI Adult Advisor

Carol Schanz
JOI Chair



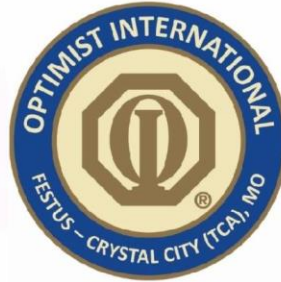
FUNDRAISERS



The 2022 Sponsoring Campaign continues to go well. As you are aware, from January newsletter, our request letters were mailed on January 13, 2022.

Special thanks to volunteers who have been busy making calls/visits to local businesses, to assure mailing was received. Many letters have been resent by mail or email, after members reached out. It is projected we will meet or exceed our 2021 sponsorship donations.

MOUSE RACES



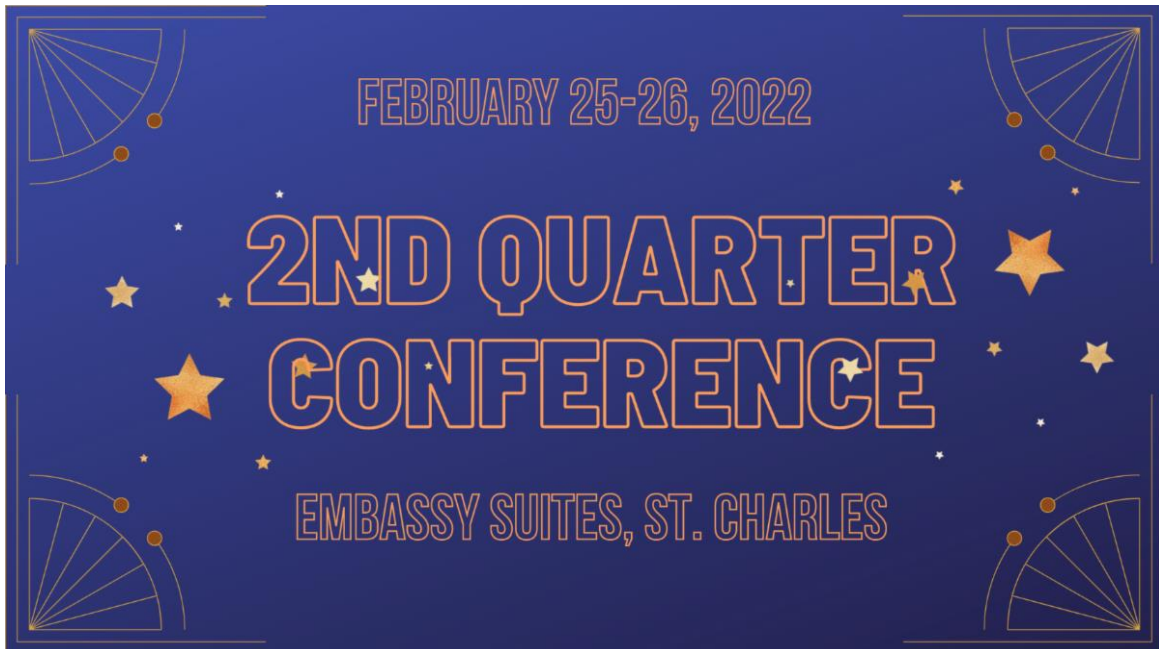
**Twin City Area
Optimist Club
Fall Fundraiser**

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday September 17, 2022
Festus VFW Post 3777

Help us help the kids

EAST MISSOURI OPTIMIST DISTRICT



Congratulations to Mike Boles, past EMO Governor. Mike is a nominee for the 2022-2023 International Vice President-Elect position. If elected, he will represent Region 4 Middle America. Mike is a member of the Arnold-Imperial Optimist Club and is an outstanding candidate.

Candidate Qualification Announcement

2022 - 2023 Officer Candidate Announcement

The Candidate Qualifications Committee of Optimist International is pleased to announce the list of nominees for the positions of International President-Elect, International At-Large Board of Directors, and International Vice President-Elect. The following names will be placed on the ballot for online voting by the membership: [Click here to visit the official election page, which will be updated often with announcements and candidate bios.](#)

2022 - 2023 International President-Elect Nominee:
· Tracy Huxley (SWONT)

2022 - 2023 International Board Director at Large Nominees (listed in alphabetical order):

- Terry Gorman (DMM)
- Patrick Prendergast (CAR)

2022 - 2023 International Vice President-Elect Nominees:

- Region 1 Northeast & Great Lakes – Tom Kendo (OH)
- Region 2 Southeast – Dave Wilson (CAR)
- Region 3 Mid-Atlantic – Gene Riordan (AC)
- **Region 4 Middle America – Mike Boles (EMO)**
- Region 5 Great Plains – Mark Feilmann (IA)
- Region 6 Southwest – Kevin Ailara (NTX)
- Region 7 West Coast – Diana Drummey (CALSO)

Please note that the deadline for Self-Nominations for the positions of International President-Elect, International Board Director at Large, and International Vice President-Elect is April 1, 2022. Individuals with the required qualifications, will have until April 1st to submit their nomination letters to the International Office attention Dana Thomas (dana.thomas@optimist.org) for these offices. After validation, these nominations will also be placed on the ballot for online voting by the membership.



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.

Board of Directors 2021-2022

**President
Gerty O'Leary
636-208-1395**

**President Elect
Peggy Scott**

**Past President
Mary Kay Scott**

**Secretary
Cathy Elliott**

**Secretary Elect
Debbie Hogenmiller**

**Treasurer
Laura Elbl**

**Treasurer Elect
Carroll Metzger**

Board Members

**2020-2022
Janice Boyd
Judy Kuhlman
Barb Schmidt**

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

**2021-2023
Elizabeth Check
Pat Parsons
Judy Williams**

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