

August 2020 News: Making a Difference

ST. LOUIS CRISIS NURSERY PRODUCT DRIVE



Jessica Boehm from St. Louis Crisis Nursery/
Jefferson County Outreach Center accepts donations



CONTINUED SUCCESS WITH
JULY'S PRODUCT DRIVE.
THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS
AND COMMUNITY FOR
THEIR GENEROUS
DONATIONS.

WHEN: Thur. July 23, 2020

1000 Items for
St. Louis Crisis Nursery/
Jefferson County Outreach Center
Collected: **75 cleaning products,**
426 personal care products,
\$465 cash donations,
and 4853 Diapers/pull-ups





**WE COULDN'T DO IT
WITHOUT YOU!**



VIRTUAL NOW MEETING

NOW Meeting via ZOOM

The NOW meeting was a great success! Thanks to Marsha Greenstreet, Barb Schmidt, Phyllis Neff, Jean Naeger and Peggy Scott for putting it together. With heartfelt testimonies from Carroll Metzger, Debbie Hogenmiller, Mary Kay Scott, Janet Mace, and Judy Williams, the club gained two new members. **Welcome Karen Huskey and Shari Roberts.**

"MEAT" AND GREET

NOW Meeting via ZOOM

7 pm Thursday, July 30th

To invite guests send their contact information to

Marsha Greenstreet

314 277 7840 or

mgreenstreet@sbcglobal.net

by **Thursday, July 16th**

**Guests will be sent
ZOOM "link"**

OLD BAG AUCTION

Being outside will enhance social distancing and the need for bug spray.

Old Bags in the Park

Date: Thursday August 27, 2020

Time: Arrive 5:30 p.m.-- Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Place: West City Park, Pavilion #11



Guests Welcome

To donate a purse/bag or contents

Please phone/text

Carol Schanz 636 222 4344

Pat Parsons 314 223 4309

Pavilion #11 is the first pavilion on the RIGHT after bridge

RSVP
encouraged

You may want to bring your dinner, lawn chair, mask, etc. to maintain social distance



RESPECT FOR LAW

Our Club will be honoring our men and women in blue differently this year. In upcoming weeks President Phyllis Neff and other club members will personally present an award to each honoree. Watch for photos on our group and public Facebook pages for our "RESPECT FOR LAW" Honorees. As soon as all the officers receive their awards a future newsletter will include their photos and a brief statement noting the reason they were nominated.



OPTIMIST CONQUERS MOUNTAIN

Elizabeth Check hikes Medicine Bow in Wyoming to an elevation of 12,014 feet to raise money for Homeless Youth Initiative!



Elizabeth says she could feel the support of her friends at home while hiking Medicine Bow Mountain in Wyoming and it made a very difficult climb possible. It rained on the way down and became even more difficult. It was all worthwhile. Funds are still coming in but it looks like the hike brought in close to \$7000 for the Homeless Youth Initiative. She states she is so grateful to everyone who donated to help these kids!

CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN

We have been intermittently following Hailey's cancer journey since 2016. Unfortunately she has had reoccurrence several times (this is the third). Now 10 years old, Hailey has "rung the bell" twice signifying the end of her treatment and hope is that the third time is not far off. She has tumors on the optical nerve and spinal column but there is no disability at this time. She is on an oral

chemotherapy and has a follow-up MRI in August.

Recently the club helped the family with \$250 in gift cards and Hailey and her sister and brother will be needing coats this fall. Hailey's Mom has been without work since April and they really appreciated the help.



Hailey

UPCOMING EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES

CANCELLED due to Covid-19

Sat. Sept. 19, 2020
Fall Fundraiser **Mouse Race**



For details: Click <https://twincityoptimist.org/fundraisers>



Sat. Oct. 3, 2020
Second Annual Take 10 for BB
(5K Suicide Awareness Walk)

For details: Click <https://twincityoptimist.org/fundraisers>

Members: If you can not participate in walk you can still support the event by making a donation and/or purchasing a tee shirt. The deadline to order shirts is September 1st. Please click on link above for registration form.

Junior Optimist members attended a swim party at the home of Debbie Schumaker on July 24th.

Monthly meetings continue on ZOOM. Next meeting will be September 3rd where new officers will be elected for 2020-2021.



ART/SCIENCE PROJECT

THE LEADER ART/SCIENCE CHALLENGE WRAPS UP SUMMER ONLINE PROGRAM AUGUST 13th

Peggy Scott, club member and Assistant Publisher for Leader Publications, extends a thank you to the club for providing this great activity to families in our community. The Art/Science Challenge was a joint project, with community participation beyond our expectations.



Optimist Jean Naeger's Art challenge



Tracy LaRose, Science Teacher for Antonio Middle School in the Fox C-6 District brought her inner Einstein to the science challenge



Optimist Patty Meyer's Art Challenge



Members meet every Thursday at
Noon - 1 p.m. via **ZOOM**.
Our Club will continue looking at the
sunny side of everything and being
committed to bringing out the best in
our area youth.

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