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OPTIMIST CLUB OF WASHINGTON BI-WEEKLY UPDATE 10/28/2019

THIS WEEK.....

JOIN us this Wednesday, 10/30 at noon at Moe's Restaurant as we welcome Emily Underdown, the tourism director for Washington. Come and hear what Washington is doing to attract tourism to our town.

See you Wednesday!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

10/30 – Noon meeting at Moe's Restaurant – Our guest will be Emily Underdown, Tourism Director for Downtown Washington.

11/06 – Noon meeting at Moe's Restaurant – Our guest speaker will be fellow Optimist Club member Jessica Oltmann who will talk about adoption.

11/07 – Friendsgiving Event at Moe's Restaurant beginning at 6:00pm.

11/13 – Noon meeting at Moe's Restaurant with our November "Let Your Optimism Shine" recipients

If you have not already be sure to "like" us on Facebook at Optimist Club Wash Mo.

And continue to check out our website.

<http://optimistclubwashmo.wixsite.com/optimistclubwashmo>

UPCOMING EVENT.....

11/07 – "Friendsgiving" Event (see related story)

11/29 – Christmas Tree Lot opens



It is not everyday you get to spend the day with 2019-2020 Optimist International President, **Adrian Elcock** so you have to get your photo with him!

Chris and Julie represented the club at the First Quarter East Missouri District Conference in Arnold this past Saturday. This was the first district conference President Elcock attended as President and he did not disappoint. It was a great conference!

“FRIENDSGIVING” EVENT.....

Our second annual “Friendsgiving” event will be November 7th at Moe’s Restaurant. This is a great event to invite members of the community that you know who are as optimistic as you are and would like to do what we do.

The more the merrier so please join this fun and informational evening.

We will also have in attendance that evening, **Andy Robinson** along with students from the Career Center that attended competition last year. The Night Clubbers will be presenting their donation for this year so that more students can compete this school year.

Be sure to RSVP so we know how many guests to plan for.

BUDDY/FRIENDSHIP BENCHES.....



Are starting to show up at our local schools. The above one is at St. Francis Borgia Grade School. Our Lady of Lourdes has their bench (and we received some awesome thank you notes at last week’s meeting that everyone enjoyed reading) and a few Washington School District benches have been installed also.

This major project that started last year under the direction of our Major Projects Committee and with the help of local business, **Sahm Welding** is making these benches a reality in our schools. **Thanks to the committee members, Judy Straatmann, Carol Weber,**

Nell Redhage, Diane Borovic and Boyd Eversole for all your hard work.

More information and photo opportunity will be following. Be very proud Optimists of your hard work to make this project happen. All the schools were very excited and appreciative of this addition to their playgrounds!

THANK YOU.....

To everyone that donated peanut butter to the EMO District Brenden’s Friday Backpacks service project!

Over 700 jars of peanut butter were collected throughout the East Missouri District for this organization that started out as Brenden’s Eagle Scout project and now serves 1300 children in schools in Jefferson County.



Meet our October “Let Your Optimism Shine” recipient Hailey Meneges from Our Lady of Lourdes School. As always...an awesome selection by the principal at OLL. Pictured with Hailey is Judy Straatmann.

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT SIGNUPS.....

Are still going on and strong. The below link will get you to the signup schedule so you can select a day that works for you. If you have already signed-up...thank you very much!

As we know Saturday is a big selling day so the committee is definitely looking for help on the following:

Saturday, Nov. 30th

Saturday, Dec. 7th

Saturday, Dec. 14th

Friday, Dec. 20th

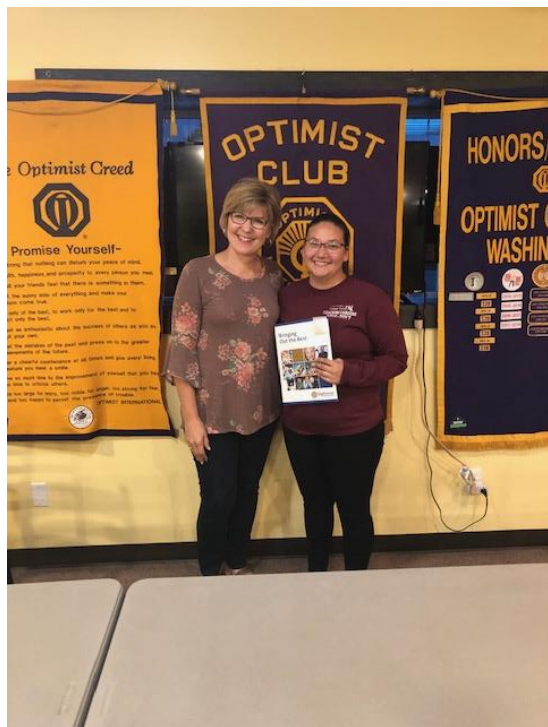
Saturday, Dec. 21st if needed

Sunday, Dec. 22nd if needed

The optimistic goal is to be sold out at end of day December 20th. Sooner would be even better...just saying!

Tree Lot Training session will be **Wednesday, November 20th!**

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WELCOME LAUREN.....

The Night Clubbers at their October meeting welcomed **Lauren Beers** as a new member. When you see Lauren at meetings or events be sure to introduce yourself!



We were happy to have join us at a Wednesday meeting recently, **Clairese Kluba** from Washington High School. This past summer Clairese attended Missouri Leadership Seminar in Warrensburg. She had great and enthusiastic information to share with the club about this event that we support. Also pictured is **Charlu Hill** with MO Leadership and **Chris Marquart**, President.

JOI CLUB HAPPENINGS.....

What is going on with our Junior Optimist Club at Washington High School? Well they are a very busy group of students.

We know they sold popcorn at the September Food Truck Frenzy and Outside Movie viewing of Alladin.

They just had a Club Fair and have been selling "Boo Grams" to support the club and to off set the cost of a brick at the Angel of Hope in memory of Kyle Elbert (middle school student who passed away last year). They will also be passing out hot chocolate again at the Angel of Hope ceremony in December as well as helping us at the Breakfast with Santa and the Grinch.

Thank you JOI Club students for all your contributions to the community!

OPTIMIST THOUGHT FOR THE BI-WEEK



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO....

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| Logan Schamerloh | 11/07 |
| Paul Scheperle | 11/08 |
| Sara Cunningham | 11/13 |
| Mary Mahew | 11/20 |
| Danny Heimann | 11/23 |
| Makenzie McFarland | 11/24 |
| Curt Beers | 11/26 |

HAPPY NOVEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO....

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| Diane Borovic | 7 yrs |
| George Dohm | 2 yrs |
| Chris Marquart | 7 yrs |
| Liz Stemmley | 26 yrs |
| Judy Straatmann | 10 yrs |
| Stefanie Virgen | 1 yr |

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