



**‘CHOOSE OPTIMISM’**

## ***OPTIMIST CLUB OF WASHINGTON OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER***

### ***GATHERINGS THIS MONTH:***

*10/05 – Evening Gathering at Moe’s beginning at 6:00pm - 2023-2024 Officer/Board Member Installation and “Year in Review-2022-2023”*

*10/11 – Noon Meeting @ Moe’s – Becky Cox with the YMCA and Raffle Presentation to CASA*

*10/18 – Noon meeting @ Moe’s – October “Let Your Optimism Shine” recipients*

*10/25 – Noon meeting @ Moe’s– Ruth McInnis, Children’s Librarian at City of Washington Library*

*Wednesday Gatherings – Noon at Moe’s Restaurant*

*1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month Gathering – 6:00pm at Moe’s Restaurant*

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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>

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### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**10/04 – Optimist Park at 5:15pm for a ribbon cutting for all the improvements Optimist Park recently received.**

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### **2023-2024 OFFICER AND BOARD INSTALLATION AND YEAR IN REVIEW.**

Join us on **Thursday, 10/05 at 6:00pm at Moe’s Restaurant** as we install our new officers and board members for 2023-2024.

Then **Paul Redhage** has prepared a “Year in Review” in a powerpoint/photo presentation. To see everything we accomplished this year is always amazing and exciting!

See you Thursday evening!

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## OPTIMIST PARK RIBBON CUTTING.



Join fellow Optimists and City of Washington officials at a ribbon cutting for the improvements made to our “name sake” park. Besides the update to the entrance sign, the bathrooms, pavillion and skate park were updated by the city. The club donated the new water foundain and the above updated logo sign. Let’s show our optimism with a great turnout!

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## THAT’S A WRAP....

What a successful and new twist to our Annual Raffle with CASA. It was always exciting to look each day for the email/social media post to see who the winner was.

**Congrats to our own club members, AnnMarie Hoerr, Richard Steckel, Carol Weber and Gary Winzenburger for being \$400.00 winners.**

**Also congrats to Sheila Marquart (2), Dan & Guin Yoest, Chris Marquart, Nell & Paul Redhage, Judy Straatmann (2), Richard Steckel, Shannon Chrisco & Judy Smith, Carol Weber (2), Peg & Gary Winzenburger and Ina Rutz for being sellers of winning tickets.**

**Thanks to Judy Straatmann for the emails and Sara Hamer for the social media posts to keep us all informed.**

And finally a special thanks to the committee for coming up with a way cool raffle and making it the success it was. Join us **October 11<sup>th</sup>** as we present CASA with their check so you can learn the amount CASA and the club made on this fundraiser.

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## STEAK NIGHT AT OPTIMIST PARK....



It had been a while (thank you Covid!) but we had such a fun evening gathering at Optimist Park for a great meal and great conversation. The steaks were awesome thanks to our steak grillers, **Dan Yoest, Nick Frankenberg and Rick Frankenberg.** Thanks everyone for the awesome side dishes.

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## WELCOME ANNIE....

At the Steak Dinner at Optimist Park we inducted our newest member, **Annie Vemmer** into membership. Annie jumped right in and volunteered at the Fair this year. I would call that a definite introduction to the club. Annie was introduced and sponsored by fellow Optimist **Sara Hamer**.



*Sam Goins, a student at St. Vincent's School.*



*And Ada Riegel, a student at Clearview Elementary.*

*Awesome and optimistic students indeed!*

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## DUES NOTICES ARE IN THE MAIL....

With the start of the new Optimist year, it is also time for our annual dues. These were mailed this week so you should be getting them any day.

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## THE RETURN OF THE LET YOUR OPTIMISM SHINE HONORS.....

*With the start of a new school year we started honoring our "Let Your Optimism Shine" recipients. Meet our September recipients....*

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## FRANKLIN COUNTY AREA UNITED WAY VISIT....

*We were happy to welcome **Kelli Schulte** and **Jordan Biermann** to our 9/27 meeting as they gave an inspirational presentation for this year's campaign. If you have not seen the video you need*

to find it on social media or their website and watch.  
It is a happy cry! Leo is a rockstar.



We then presented our annual \$500.00 donation to this organization that helps so many in our community including a lot of children programs.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO....**

**Rita Griesheimer!** After many, many years of doing peoples taxes she officially retired on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Congrats Rita and enjoy your time with John, kids and grandkids!

**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO:**

<b>Robin Kluesner</b>	<b>10/26</b>
<b>Judy Smith</b>	<b>10/19</b>
<b>Liz Stemmley</b>	<b>10/26</b>
<b>Tim Willard</b>	<b>10/04</b>

**HAPPY OCTOBER CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO:**

<b>Nick Frankenberg</b>	<b>7 yrs</b>
<b>Paul Redhage</b>	<b>7 yrs</b>
<b>Gary Winzenburger</b>	<b>7 yrs</b>

**2023-2024 Officers & Board Members**

<b>Nell Redhage</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Cory Davis</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
<b>Judy Straatmann</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Julie Frankenberg</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Tim Willard</b>	<b>Past President</b>
<b>Megan Maurer (2024)</b>	<b>Board Member</b>
<b>Sheila Marquart (2024)</b>	<b>Board Member</b>
<b>Guin Yoest (2025)</b>	<b>Board Member</b>
<b>Robin Kluesner(2025)</b>	<b>Board Member</b>
<b>Chris Marquart(2026)</b>	<b>Board Member</b>
<b>Peggy Winzenburger(2026)</b>	<b>Board Member</b>

**OPTIMISTIC THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

