



“Working Together in Optimism”

OPTIMIST CLUB OF WASHINGTON DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

TWO OPTION WEEK....

Join the Day Club on Wednesday, 12/1 at Moe's and welcome Jennifer Kephart, Superintendent of the School District of Washington. Thanks to Robin Kluesner for arranging this week's speaker.

Or

Join the Night Clubbers on Thursday, 12/2 at Moe's at 6:00pm and welcome Jacob Ritter. Jacob is a student at the Four Rivers Career Center and will be participating in Flag Football for Team Missouri and the USA Special Olympics Games in Florida. The club will be presenting a check to Jacob to help cover expenses on this as he says “thrill of a lifetime”, adventure.

UPCOMING MEETINGS....

12/01 – Noon Mtg at Moe's – Jennifer Kephart, Superintendent of Washington Schools

12/02 – Night Clubbers at Moe's at 6:00pm – Jacob Ritter, Guest

12/08 – Noon Mtg at Moe's – Fellow Optimist and Club President, Tim Willard, Presenter

12/15 – Noon Mtg at Moe's – December “Let Your Optimism Shine” honors and Monthly Business Meeting

12/22 – No Noon Mtg – Merry Christmas

12/29 – No Noon Mtg – Happy New Year

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 EVENTS

12/01 – Christmas Tree Lot sales continue

12/04 – Breakfast with Santa and the Grinch

12/30 – Holiday Gathering at The Steckel's

02/10 – Respect for Law Banquet

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND THE GRINCH....

Looking forward to our ever club favorite “Breakfast with Santa and The Grinch” this Saturday, 12/4 at Miller's Grill. Hope to see you there for this fast but fun two hours! Thanks to the committee and all the volunteers that make sure all the kiddos enjoy this time.

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT CONTINUES....

Trees are leaving the lot and the FFA students are great to work with.

We have seen lots of families come to pick out their favorite tree which is exciting!

We look forward to selling out soon....like this weekend if not next. The optimist in me!

Thanks also to the Christmas Tree Lot Committee for making sure it is a smooth selling season!

HOLIDAY GATHERING....

We will have our Holiday Gathering this year on Thursday, December 30th. **Rich and Phyllis Steckel** graciously will be opening up their new home for our gathering this year! Thanks Rich and Phyllis! Invitations will be in the mail this weekend.

Bring that favorite Potluck item to share with the group. This has been a favorite in the past and surprisingly enough we always have a variety...not just desserts! We hope you can join us for a fun evening. As always there will be some kind of game to be played!

“How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change my Tomorrow?”

That is this years topic for the 2021-2022 Optimist Essay Contest.

The planning committee has met and have started planning on how to get the word out prior to Christmas break this year.

Look for more information as it comes available in the weekly communications.

DUES ARE DUE....

Don't forget to pay your annual membership dues. Thanks to everyone that has already paid them! If you have misplaced your invoice or did not receive it just let Treasurer Julie

Frankenberg(jafrankenberg@att.net) know and she will get you a new invoice so we do not have to send out a follow-up notice and to keep your membership active!

MEET OUR NOVEMBER “LET YOUR OPTIMISM SHINE” RECIPIENTS....



Emerson Huse a student from Campbellton Elementary



And Rylen Stegen from Immanuel Lutheran School.

These students along with their parents and principals joined us on November 16th and they were two awesome and outstanding selections as always. Our future is so bright with these students.

JOI CLUB HAPPENINGS....

Our WHS JOI Club have been very busy just like the Adult Club. We know they just wrapped up their pumpkin decorating contest fundraiser. This week they gathered to do Christmas cards for First Responders and Hospital workers. Some of the club may be joining us for the Breakfast on Saturday. Next up they will be serving hot chocolate at the Angel of Hope Vigil on Monday, 12/6 at the City Park. They are going to wrap up the month with an “Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest”. If you see any of the JOI club members be sure to thank them for what they are doing for the community!



Some JOI Club members working on the Christmas cards project!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Fellow Club Members, **Curt Beers and George Dohm** on becoming grandpas. Sadie Jo Beers was born November 19th. Also congrats to Great-Aunt **Chris Marquart** and Second Cousin **Elizabeth**

Hellebusch. I think I got all the members covered in this birth announcement. Little Sadie will have a lot of optimistic inspiration around her.

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

<i>Dan Yoest</i>	<i>12/04</i>
<i>Kelle McCallum</i>	<i>12/08</i>
<i>Rita Griesheimer</i>	<i>12/11</i>
<i>Paul Redhage</i>	<i>12/25</i>
<i>Sara Hamer</i>	<i>12/28</i>

HAPPY DECEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO:

<i>Carol Maune</i>	<i>4 yrs</i>
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2021-2022 Officers & Board Members

<i>Tim Willard</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Sara Cunningham</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Judy Straatmann</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
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OPTIMISTIC THOUGHT.....

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!