



## “Working Together in Optimism”

### OPTIMIST CLUB OF WASHINGTON JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

#### JANUARY MEETINGS

*01/05 - Joel Doepker, VP of External Relations with East Central College*

*01/06 – Night Clubbers Gathering*

*01/12 – Monthly General Membership Business Meeting*

*01/19 – January “Let Your Optimism Shine” Honors*

*01/26 – Representatives with WINGS*

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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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#### UPCOMING EVENTS –

**02/03 – Optimist Day**

**02/10 – Respect for Law Dinner**

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL “RESPECT FOR LAW” DINNER

You should have received your invite last Friday to attend the Respect for Law dinner on February 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be honoring a Washington Police Officer at this dinner. Be sure to RSVP to **Chris Marquart** by 2/3 at [chris\\_marquart@hotmail.com](mailto:chris_marquart@hotmail.com). Hope you can join the club to thank a local police officer.

Also we once again will be gathering single serving snacks, breakfast and drink items for the department. Please be sure to bring those items to a club meeting prior to **02/03**. This was a big hit and very much appreciated by the Police Department last year.

This event is planned by our **Night Clubbers** group and they do an awesome job with the evening. Thanks so much Night Clubbers!

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#### CHRISTMAS TREE LOT....

We closed down the Christmas Tree Lot the week prior to Christmas! We had a great selling season! We are still waiting for some final receipt/refund to complete the report but it definitely appears we increased our profit over last year. Once the report is completed we will share the good news and we will get the FFA students on the schedule for a meeting to thank them and check presentation!

Thanks so much to everyone that volunteered in any way. Special thanks to the committee with chairperson, **Sally Brock** at the lead.

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### “How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change my Tomorrow?”

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

The word is out via social media and through the local high schools. We have even received an entry already.

If you know of a student that is under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2021 and loves to write encourage them to go to our website and get the rules and regulations. Deadline to enter is **February 1<sup>st</sup>**. Prizes will be award on the club level and the winner will move onto the district level for a chance at a \$2500.00 scholarship.

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### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND THE GRINCH....

The breakfast was once again a huge success – 190 meals of scrambled eggs, bacon and pancakes were served along with the kiddos taking home decorated sugar cookies courtesy of **Karen Koopman** and assisted by **Heather Wright** and “Willard Cookies” courtesy of **Judy Straatmann**.



Thanks to **AnnMarie Hoerr** and **Judy Straatmann** for leading us with this breakfast and special thanks to all members, family members and **JOI Club** members(including our Grinch) that helped. The photo shows part of the crew. Some are missing including photographer, **Mark Trebacz** who took the photo along with all the other kiddo photos. Save the date for December 3<sup>rd</sup> for this year’s breakfast!

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### MEET OUR DECEMEBER “LET YOUR OPTIMISM SHINE” RECIPIENT.....



**Congratulations to Olivia Whistler! Olivia is a student at South Point Elementary and was joined at our club meeting on Dec.15<sup>th</sup> by her parents and school principal.**

### BOO BREAKFAST PROFIT

We are pleased to report the profit from our BOO Breakfast at Miller’s Grill in October netted the club \$1,205.34!

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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>
<i>Julie Frankenberg</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Chris Marquart</i>	<i>Past President</i>
<i>Sally Brock</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Sheila Marquart</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Nell Redhage</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Milt Lane</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Robin Kluesner</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Megan Maurer</i>	<i>Board Member</i>

## OFF TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLAG FOOTBALL IN FLORIDA...

We were happy to have **Jacob Ritter** and his mother join our December Night Clubbers gathering on Dec. 2nd and present a check for \$300.00 to help with expenses. Jacob is a student at the Four Rivers Career Center and has participated in Special Olympics for many years and now has the opportunity to go and represent Missouri playing Flag Football in Florida. A very enjoyable young man who shared with us all his interests with Special Olympics and other interests. Thanks to Night Clubber, **Curt Beers** for bringing us the opportunity to help this young man!

## OPTIMISTIC THOUGHT.....




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## HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

<i>Erin Gaebe</i>	<i>01/19</i>
<i>Anton Burger Hinirichs</i>	<i>01/24</i>
<i>Trish Mitchell</i>	<i>01/25</i>
<i>Kristen Perriman</i>	<i>01/16</i>
<i>Richard Steckel</i>	<i>01/30</i>
<i>Judy Straatmann</i>	<i>01/10</i>

## HAPPY JANUARY CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO:

<i>AnnMarie Hoerr</i>	<i>9 yrs</i>
<i>Robin Kluesner</i>	<i>13 yrs</i>

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