

For the future!



# Twin City Area Optimist Club

## FOCUS ON YOUTH

October 2017

### President's Column

Dear Optimists:

First and foremost thank you to President Cindy Cherry for leading us through another successful Optimist year. She ruled with calm, patient, and ever pleasant leadership. Now the southern lady can sit back and sip a little "sweat tea" while the new president gulps down her "unsweetened iced tea with lemon."

As we greet the new year let's embrace the Optimist International theme, "Optimist Strong – Be the Difference!" This club has already shown that together we are stronger, together we serve, and together we certainly make a difference for the youth of our community.

It takes all of us together to balance the club's projects with its fundraising activities. I'm optimistic that even though we had to tighten the budget this year, the club will continue to find ways to rally together as it always does to meet its project demands. As we add new "FUNraisers", I'm hopeful we can increase our revenue to support our youth projects as they deserve to be funded. This is the busiest time of the year for our club. The art contest is coming up soon, along with Thanksgiving food baskets, Head Start Parties, and don't forget Koeze Nuts sales. Do your part to make each project a success.

Committees have been meeting and brainstorming ideas to improve upon our practices, recruit and retain club members, and research fun and profitable fundraisers. To better serve and inform the public we will be growing our marketing strategies. In coming weeks members will be asked to be "Optimist Strong" by sharing their talents and resources to "Be the Difference".

I look forward to working with each of you this coming year.

Optimistically,  
Jean Naeger

"To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own."

From: Optimist Creed

#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

**October:** Hostess is Caryl Harness

**November:** Marsha Greenstreet

#### **Committee Chairs**

If you are not able to attend the board meeting, please email a report to Jean Naeger

# JUNIOR OPTIMIST



## Officers for 2017-2018

President:	Loren Macon
Vice President:	Sophie Hensley
Secretary:	Ayden Eldridge
Treasurer:	Jacob Bohler

### NEWS FLASH

The JOI Club meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:00p.m. at Mercy Jefferson Hospital and Katie Huck (314-520-6340) would appreciate your assistance by providing a snack and attending a meeting.



Left to right Katie Huck, JOI Adviser ---Vice President: Sophie Hensley---Secretary: Ayden Eldridge---Treasurer: Jacob Bohler--- Jean Naeger, TCA Optimist President ( not pictured JOI Club President Loren Macon



### *2017 DICTIONARY PROJECT*

*More than 1,100 dictionaries have been distributed by Optimist members to area third graders. The 13 schools participating in the project included:*

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- 1. Athena Elementary (De Soto School District)*
  - 2. Crystal City Elementary*
  - 3. Christian Outreach in Hillsboro*
  - 4. Festus Elementary*
  - 5. Good Shepherd Catholic in Hillsboro*
  - 6. Grandview Elementary*
  - 7. Hillsboro Elementary*
  - 8. Our Lady Catholic in Festus*
  - 9. Pevely Primary (Dunklin School District)*
  - 10. Sunrise (De Soto School District)*
  - 11. Telegraph (Jefferson R7 School District)*
  - 12. Twin City Christian Academy in Festus*
  - 13. Vineland (De Soto School District)*
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*It took many hands to accomplish this! Members who volunteered to insert labels in the dictionaries on September 21, 2017 were: Gerty O'Leary, Dorothea Kehm, Sandy Mouser, Kitty Ebersoldt, Martha Dement, Ellie King, Nancy Doering, Elsie Williams, Carol Hagan, Barb Schmidt, Elizabeth Check, Mary Kay Scott, Gini Skaggs, Mary Hatfield, Barb Schmidt.*

*Thank you also to members who delivered the dictionaries: Ginny Skaggs, Elizabeth Check, Susan Nardizzi, Ellie King, Tracy Anderson, Mary McDowell, Jean Naeger, Sandy Mouser, Gerty O'Leary, Barb Schmidt, Martha Dement, Kitty Ebersoldt.*

*There are some leftover dictionaries, so all schools have been informed to contact Mary McDowell if new students are added to their third grade roster. Based on informal feedback from teachers and students, this is still a very worthwhile project. Today's online technology is not necessarily available to all students, so it is still good to put a hard copy into a student's hand! Both teachers and students were happy to receive the dictionaries and teachers will use the books in their curriculum. One third grade student from Grandview asked if there was a thesaurus in the dictionary. Although there is not a thesaurus, there is information on the US Constitution, US Presidents, states, countries, sign language, and even a braille chart!*

# Heads UP

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## **1st Quarter Zone Meeting**

October 21, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Ponderosa Arnold MO

## **1st Quarter EMO District Convention**

October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Comfort Inn

1801 W. Outer Road

Moberly, MO

## **ART CONTEST**

## **KOEZE NUTS**

## **THANKSGIVING BASKET**

## **HEADSTART PARTIES IN DECEMBER**





## Installation Luncheon

September 28, 2017

Saying goodbye is not always sad. For example, the outgoing officers in our club are members who have served as leaders for a year and will still be here as hard -working co-workers on the many projects we have in store for the coming year. They welcome the new officers and Board Members and pledge to help them in any way possible. Cindy Cherry, our out-going President, introduced the out-going board members Ellen Bridgewater, Leisa Spiker, and Ellen Ravenscraft, thanking them for their loyalty to her as president and to the club. Ellen Bridgewater presented Cindy with a scrapbook of this years' projects.

Mary Hatfield, Zone 10 Lt. Governor and East Missouri District Governor-Elect installed the following officers for 2017-2018.

President-Jean Naeger

President-Elect- Mary McDowell

Secretary-Mary Kay Scott

Secretary-Elect-Nancy Doering

Treasurer-Debby Schumaker

Treasurer-Elect-Leisa Spiker

Also installed were the following:

2016-2018 Board Members

Carroll Metzger

Elsie William

Pat Doenges

2017-2019 Board Members

Marsha Greenstreet

Phyllis Neff

Carol Schanz



President, Jean Naeger addressed the club with praise for the Job that Cindy has done and promised to lead the club to the best of her ability in accomplishing the projects as set out by the members and board.

We all then enjoyed the entertainment as Caryl Harness led Jane Kost, Jean Martin and Marie Schuh in a good natured and hilarious "Roast" of our past president, Cindy. Cindy's mother, Gail, was in attendance. We don't know if she furnished any of the details of Cindy's life about which we all learned.

We end this report by saying, "GREAT JOB CINDY"!!!!



## PROGRAMS

### October

October 5: Update  
October 12: St. Louis Crisis Nursery  
October 19: Helping Hands & Horses  
October 26: Halloween Party

Art Contest: The art contest will be held at the Victory Church Youth Center in Pevely on November 19<sup>th</sup> between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. All schools in southern Jefferson County have been invited to attend and exhibit their students' artwork. Application & forms are right after calendars.

In addition to helping with set ups on the day we need art supplies and cookies to show our budding artists our appreciation for their efforts.

**Please be generous with art supplies as our budget had to be reduced.**

For information contact:  
Janet Mace at 314-629-2143



### November

November 2: Marketing Committee  
November 9: Update  
November 16: To be announced  
November 23: No Meeting  
November 30: To be announced

### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINES**

Newsletters are distributed every month. The deadline for submitting articles and photographs is the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the month. Please send information and pictures to Nancy Doering [nancdoering@yahoo.com](mailto:nancdoering@yahoo.com) or Elsie Williams [tiswilliams3235@att.net](mailto:tiswilliams3235@att.net)

***Don't panic- events that have passed can be included in the next newsletter!!!!***



**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Members interested in being recognized for perfect attendance should use the monthly calendars to record their attendance. On the dates of weekly meeting, please mark attendance or non-attendance as follows:

Meeting attended: **√**; Meeting missed: **X**; Missed due to illness or out of town: **E** (excused)

Make-up credit is also given for attending board meetings or participating in any club activity. Members should track their own make-up credit and record it on a monthly calendar when the credit is used.

Print your name at the top of the calendar and submit at a weekly meeting to *Nancy Doering*.

Number of meetings attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of make-up credits used: \_\_\_\_\_

List make-up credits: \_\_\_\_\_

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# October

# 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Board Meeting Megan Canady	3	4 Janis Donnell Sandra Mouser	5 Update	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11	12 St. Louis Crisis Nursery	13 Carroll Metzger	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Halloween Party Sandy Todd	27 District Meeting Kim Elbl	28 District Meeting Ellie King
29	30	31 Halloween	1	2	3	4

**Notes:**

**Details for District Meeting can be found in September Newsletter! Thanks Mary!!!**





# November

# 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2 Marketing Committee presentation	3	4
5 Lauri Laiben	6 Board Mtg. Marsha Greenstreet	7	8 Dorothea Kehm Gloria Masters	9 Update	10	11
12	13 Deborah McCrary	14	15	16 To be determined	17	18
19 Art Contest 2-4 Amber Nelson	20 Pat Parsons	21 Nancy Smock	22	23 NO MEETING THANKS- GIVING	24 Kitty Ebersoldt	25 Arlene DeGonia
26	27 B.J. Boyer	28 Jan Kost	29	30 To be determined	1	2

Notes:

# Twin City Area Optimist Club



Annual Art Contest  
November 19, 2017  
2:00pm - 4:00pm  
Victory Church Youth Center  
1 Victory Drive, Pevely, MO

**TWIN CITY AREA OPTIMIST  
ANNUAL ART CONTEST NOVEMBER 19, 2017  
APPLICATION FORM**

**(Use one application for each piece of art you submit; fill in the entire form; please print)**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL # of Works Submitted \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ ART TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE OF WORK \_\_\_\_\_ MEDIUM \_\_\_\_\_

**RULES:**

1. The Art Contest is open to students, ages 12-19 who attend Jefferson County middle and high schools.
2. All art must be original and created by only the student. Copies not permitted.
3. The art medium may be charcoal, pencil, oils, tempera, watercolor, or any other medium on paper, canvas or three-dimensional. All photography must be the student's original work.
4. Each entry **MUST** be matted (rigid backing).
5. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed Application Form and attached to the back of the mat or canvas. Please tape top edge only.
6. Entries will be limited to (3) per artist.
7. Entries will be accepted at:

Festus Public Library, 400 W. Main Street, Festus, Missouri

Wednesday, Nov.15, 9:00 a.m.to 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 16 9:00 a.m. to 7:00  
p.m.

Exhibits and reception for the artists and guests will be held Sunday, Nov.19, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. with an Awards Presentation at 3:00 p.m. and Attendance Prize Drawing's at 3:30 p.m. at Victory Church Youth Center, 1 Victory Drive (off Hwy. Z), Pevely, MO 63070

8. All entries must be picked up on Nov. 19 following the exhibit and Awards Presentation. Note: The Twin City Area Optimist Club, Festus Library, and Victory Church are not responsible for loss, theft, or damage of the artwork.

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STUDENTS: Complete the form but do not detach.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ ENTRY # \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Work \_\_\_\_\_

Medium AGE GROUP \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of works \_\_\_\_\_

# **Judging Criteria**

## **Twin City Area Optimist Club**

### **Art Contest**

Judging will be held at Victory Church Youth Center, 1 Victory Drive, Pevely, Missouri on November 19, 2017 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

#### **Five categories of art to be judged:**

**Category 1 Art: Ages 12-13**

**Category 2 Art: Ages 14-15**

**Category 3 Art: Ages 16-19**

**Category 4 Photography: Ages 12-19**

**Category 5 Three- Dimensional Art: Ages 12-19**

A team of two judges will judge each category. Each team of judges will award first, second, and third place ribbons as well as Judge's Choice and Honorable Mention ribbons. A "Best of Show" award also will be selected.

All art exhibited for the Art Contest is to be judged equally on originality, technique and to a lesser degree on presentation. For instance, on a scale of 1 to 10, originality may accrue 4 points, technique 4 points and presentation 2 points. Informal method, (discussion) may be used by the judges to agree upon this. A written score is not needed.

Students may submit artwork done during the previous year as long as it was not entered in last year's Optimist Art Contest. Questions often arise concerning originality of work. We are aware that most students use photos from magazines, books etc. as a source of their work, and we feel at this early stage of their work, this is acceptable. Although judges are looking for the most original, creative and expressive work even if it began with photos. Please do NOT submit art copied from other artists' drawings, paintings etc. All photography and three dimensional art must be the student's original work.

## TWIN CITY AREA OPTIMIST CLUB POLICIES REVISED September 11, 2017

Policies may be changed by each administration, if desired, with a favorable vote of two-thirds of the Board at an official Board meeting.

**ALCOHOL:** The club will not serve alcoholic beverages at Club events when youth are present or when the public image of the Club would be adversely affected.

**ATTENDANCE:** Excused absences are provided for illness or for attendance at funerals, work, jury duty, Armed Forces service or travel that takes the member out of town on meeting day. Each member will be responsible for keeping a monthly record of her attendance and activities. Using the calendar published in the monthly Newsletter, or a written or electronic report, members will list meetings attended and any activities that may be used as make-up for days missed. The member will also tally the number of meetings attended for that month, and the number of activities, and place that number in the appropriate location. All attendance records will be given to the Secretary-Elect. Attendance is kept from October 1 through September 30. No make-ups will be carried over.

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES:** The President, Treasurer or Treasurer-Elect may sign checks. A minimum of two signatures are required.

**BADGES:** Badges are purchased by the club.

**BANK:** The depository for Club funds will be Commerce Bank in Jefferson County for continuity of service and because no fees are charged.

**DISTRICT MEETINGS AND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS:** The Club shall budget a reasonable expenditure for registration fees for members to encourage participation at District meetings and Conventions and at Optimist International Conventions. This amount shall be divided equally toward the cost of each member who attends the meeting. An invoice will be mailed to each attending member after the meeting if there is a balance owed for registration. Members who may be serving as District or International officers and who are being reimbursed by the District or Optimist International for attendance at District or International Convention meetings will not be reimbursed by the Club unless the amount from the District or Optimist International does not cover their registration fee. In that event, the Club will reimburse in an amount the same as other Club members who are attending. . **Members who register for district meetings or international convention but do not attend will be billed for the meeting.**

**DONATIONS:** Club donations will not be made to individuals, but to group youth projects with the approval of the Board. The only exceptions are that of Childhood Cancer or to assist a child sponsored by the Club who qualifies to attend a Zone, District, State or International event. A proposal stating the registration fee and travel expenses of the child will be presented to the Board on behalf of the child who has so qualified and a vote taken by the Board whether to approve the registration and travel expenses. The Childhood Cancer Campaign (CCC) may give funds for the direct aid to childhood cancer victims and/or their family as determined by the Childhood Cancer Campaign Committee.

**DUES:** Billings shall state that dues may be paid annually or semi-annually. Invoices will go out immediately following the East Missouri District Convention and received by the membership on or before September 1. Annual payment is due October 1, and semi-annual payments are due on October 1 and April 1.

Failure to pay dues by deadline will result in the member being removed from the Club roster. Article V – Termination of Membership, Section 3 of the Optimist Club By-Laws, as specified by Optimist International, will be STRICTLY enforced. It states as follows: “Any member who is two (2) or more months in arrears in the payment of dues or fees to the Club may be suspended from membership. He or she will be provided written notice by the Secretary. Upon payment of arrears within 30 days of said notice, the member's suspension shall end automatically. If such member has not paid

within said 30 days, his membership shall automatically be terminated and the secretary shall so notify him of that termination.”

Special circumstances for non-payment of dues should be brought to the attention of the treasurer. The Club will pay the dues for the Secretary and the Treasurer for the year in which they serve in that capacity. A member of the club who is also the JOOI Club adult adviser may have dues paid as long as she serves in this capacity.

MEALS: Members who sign up for an evening meeting but do not attend will be billed for the meal. Noon meal billing is due upon receipt.

EXCESS FUNDS: Any excess funds in the Club's checking account will be put into an easily accessible interest bearing account.

FELLOWSHIP: The Fellowship Chairperson will ensure that: (a) Cards are sent for members' birthdays, illness, sympathy and other appropriate occasions; (b) Upon the death of a member's spouse or child, a \$25 donation is made to the Twin City Area Childhood Cancer Campaign in memory of that spouse or child unless the family designates a different charity. (c) An angel statuette or guardian angel will be purchased at the time of a member's death and given to the family at the visitation by an attending member; and (d) The Fellowship Fund is funded by the Club's portion of the 50/50 raffle, monies from brags, pictures in the paper and birthdays.

FIFTY/FIFTY: The 50/50 drawing will be held at Club meetings. The winner is required to keep the winnings with the Club's portion going to the Fellowship Fund.

FINES: A fine of \$1 will be collected weekly for any member who does not wear her badge during the meeting, who has her picture in the paper, who has a birthday or who has a brag. These fines go to the Fellowship Fund.

FUND RAISING: All fund raising of this Club will comply with national, state and local laws. Proceeds from such projects will be used ONLY as provided in Article X, Section 4 of the Club's Bylaws. Separate revenue and expense records will be kept. Legal advice will be sought before entering into any contractual agreement on behalf of the Club, if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. **Up to 20% of all fundraisers will be transferred to the General Fund.** All fundraisers must be approved by the Board. No member will solicit donations or cash from members at any meeting. No solicitation for activities other than the club's projects will be allowed. Any solicitation for items to be used for club projects (i.e. Oktoberfest, Trivia Night, and Holiday Baskets) must be approved in advance by the Board.

GUESTS: Whether a first-time guest is a potential member or a friend/relative of a Club member, she or the Club member shall pay for that meal. The only exception to this shall be: Youth Essay Winners, Youth Oratorical Winners, Youth Appreciation Guests (plus one chaperone), the individual recipients for Respect for Law Day awards and guests at scheduled NOW events. The program Chair shall encourage program presenters to share information during their presentation, but not directly solicit sales or donations during the presentation. One program presenter will receive a free meal when invited for that meeting's program.

Should an additional speaker assist with the presentation, his or her meal will be covered by discretion of the Program Chair. The Club member inviting the speaker should make clear this expectation. A Club member who gives a program is responsible for her own meal payment.

MEETINGS: Meetings will be held on all Thursdays approved by the Board of Directors. Cancellations will be handled as follows: (a) If the Festus School District is closed due to inclement weather, the luncheon meeting will be canceled; or (b) If the President, after conferring with two other officers or Board members, agrees to cancel the meeting before 9:00 a.m. (time needed to notify Frederick's), the meeting will be canceled and members notified by e-mail prior to 9:30 a.m.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: The Board authorizes the Treasurer to pay bills on a timely basis and present a report at the next



Board meeting.

POLITICS: The Club will affirm its role in civic affairs but will not take positions in matters of partisan politics.

ROSTER/E-MAIL: The club shall recruit a member to keep the roster and e-mail list current a minimum of three times per year. E-mail addresses and cell/home phone numbers listed on the club roster are not to be used for forwarding non-Optimist information. We encourage the sharing of personal joys, announcements, requests, etc. on our Facebook Group page.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON September 11, 2017

# THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF FESTUS-CRYSTAL CITY (TCA), MISSOURI BYLAWS

Effective September 15, 2017  
Club Number 30-165

## ARTICLE I – NAME

This Club shall be known as The Optimist Club of Festus-Crystal City (TCA), MO, an affiliate of Optimist International.

## ARTICLE II – MISSION

By providing hope and positive vision through the members of this Club, this Club will bring out the best in kids.

Section 1: The purpose of this club shall be to develop Optimism as a philosophy of life, promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; to inspire respect for law; to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people; to aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of man, his community and the world.

## ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Optimist Club shall represent adults who are persons of good character from the business, social and cultural life of the community. All memberships shall be held by individuals and shall not be transferable.

## ARTICLE IV – ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

Members shall be admitted to the Club according to such procedures as established by the Board of Directors.

Section 1: a. Proposals for membership shall be submitted to the Secretary in the form prescribed by the Board of Directors and shall bear the endorsement of one member in good standing. b. The Secretary shall immediately offer all such proposals to the TCA Board of Directors for investigation and recommendation. c. The Board of Directors shall approve or reject the proposal for membership without explanation of its action. Adverse votes by two or more members of the Board of Directors shall constitute rejection. d. Upon favorable action by the Board of Directors, the proposed member shall be notified by a welcoming letter from the President and shall have a mentor appointed. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and fees prescribed by these Bylaws and, upon receipt the Secretary will immediately forward the new member's name, address and processing fee to Optimist International in the prescribed form and manner.

## ARTICLE V – TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1:** Any member may resign from the Club provided that all dues and fees have been paid.
- Section 2:** a. Meals: Invoices will be issued on the first meeting of each month. Noon meal billing is due upon receipt. Any member who is 30 days in arrears for meals will be notified by the Treasurer with no additional charging of meals being allowed. b. Dues: Dues must be paid annually (on October 1) or semi-annually (on October 1 and April 1). Failure to pay dues by the deadlines will result in action as explained in Article V, Section 3 of these Bylaws. Special circumstances for non-payment of dues should be brought to the attention of the Treasurer.
- Section 3:** Any member who is two (2) or more months in arrears in the payment of dues or fees to the Club may be suspended from membership. He or she will be provided written notice by the Secretary. Upon payment of dues in arrears within thirty (30) days of said notice, the member's suspension shall end automatically. If such member has not paid within said thirty (30) days, his or her membership shall automatically be terminated and the Secretary shall so notify him or her of that termination.
- Section 4:** Any member charged with conduct unbecoming an Optimist or with any act prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or Optimist International, and against whom such charges are sustained after opportunity to appear before the Board of Directors in his or her own defense, may be expelled from membership at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Upon such action by the Board of Directors, the Secretary shall immediately notify the member in writing of said action.
- Section 5:** In case of the resignation or expulsion of any member, the Secretary shall immediately notify Optimist International and all members of the Club of such action.
- Section 6:** Any member whose membership in the Club has been terminated for any reason shall forfeit all interest in any funds or property of the Club and all rights to the use of the Optimist name, emblem or other insignia.

## ARTICLE VI – DIRECTORS

- Section 1:** There shall be a Board of Directors which shall consist of the officers of the Club and six elected members. Directors shall serve for a period of two years or until their successors are duly qualified and elected and three shall be elected every year. In the event of a directorship becoming vacant for any reason, such vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors and the appointee shall serve for the duration of the term of the individual being replaced.
- Section 2:** The Board of Directors shall have control and management of the Club's activities, determine all policies, elect, dismiss and discipline members and generally supervise the affairs of the Club.
- Section 3:** The Board of Directors shall meet on a regular basis as they shall determine or at the call of the President. Any three members of the Board of Directors may call a meeting providing a three-day notice is given to all members. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority vote shall be necessary to give effect to any action of the Board. Voting may be in person or by electronic means.
- Section 4:** Any member of the Board of Directors who is absent from three consecutive Board meetings may be removed from office by the Board of Directors. Notice of said action shall be mailed or e-mailed to all members by the Secretary.

## ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of this Club shall be determined by the Club as per State/Provincial/National law.  
The officers of the Club shall be the following:

- ⤴ The President shall serve as the executive officer of the Club, preside at all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors, be an ex-officio member of all committees, exercise general supervision over Club affairs and perform such other duties as are ordinarily incumbent upon a President; and shall represent the Club in all relations with Optimist International and the District and perform a like function in their behalf in relation to the Club. The President shall attend all duly called District meetings or, in the case of absence for good reason, provide for the Club's representation by an accredited representative.
- ⤴ The President-Elect shall act for the President during the absence of or at the request of the President and automatically advance to the Presidency the following year.
- ⤴ The Secretary shall keep and maintain the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, business meetings and all records of membership, attendance and service to the Club, in the form and manner prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall also prepare and file all reports required by Optimist International, District administration and generally perform such duties as are ordinarily incumbent upon a Secretary.
- ⤴ The Secretary-Elect shall assist the Secretary in the performance of her duties and automatically advance to become Secretary the following year. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain all records of fees, dues and monies collected and disbursed, submit regular financial statements in the form, manner and frequency prescribed by the Board of Directors, prepare an annual statement for the annual meeting of the Club and generally perform such duties as are ordinarily incumbent upon a Treasurer.
- ⤴ The Treasurer-Elect shall assist the Treasurer in the performance of her duties and automatically advance to become Treasurer the following year..

Section 2: All officers shall hold office for one year or until their successors are duly elected or appointed as provided in these Bylaws. In the event that any office becomes vacant for any reason, the vacancy may be filled by the Board of Directors. The Club Board of Directors can amend or expand these duties as needed as long as they are within the guidelines of Optimist International and standard Club Bylaws.

## ARTICLE VIII – ELECTION PROCEDURE

The election of Club officers and Directors should be completed not later than April 30.

Section 1: No later than April 1 the President shall, with the approval of the Board of Directors, announce the appointment of a Nominating Committee of five (5) members. The Nominating Committee shall select at least one nominee for each expiring office and directorship. Such nominations, in writing or by e-mail, shall be delivered to the Secretary no later than fifteen (15) days thereafter.

Section 2: Upon receipt of the report of the Nominating Committee the Secretary shall, within seven (7) days, give notice to each member listing the nominations of the Nominating Committee by office and stating the date of the meeting at which the election shall be conducted. The election shall be held not later than April 30.

Section 3: During the meeting at which the election is conducted, the President shall read the notices as issued by the Secretary and then proceed to conduct the annual election. Where there is only one nominee for an office, the President shall request a unanimous ballot for the nominee. A majority of votes cast shall be required to elect. In case of Directors, if the number of nominees exceeds the number of vacancies, the required number receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

- Section 4: No President of this Club who has served a full term as President shall be eligible to serve the succeeding year as President.
- Section 5: Nothing in this Article shall be construed as precluding nominations from the floor.
- Section 6: Only members in good standing shall be eligible to hold office or vote.
- Section 7: Voting shall be by individuals and no person may cast more than one vote. Proxies will not be recognized.
- Section 8: All officers and Directors shall assume the responsibilities of their respective offices on October 1 following their election.
- Section 9: The Secretary shall report the results of all elections and appointments of Club officers to Optimist International and the District by May 20.

## ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

- Section 1:** Regular meetings of the Club shall be at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors.
- Section 2:** Special meetings may be called by the Presiding Officer or by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least five (5) members in good standing. Every member shall be notified in writing at least three days in advance of the special meeting and advised what business will be considered. No other business may be conducted at the meetings.
- Section 3:** One-third (1/3) of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any regular, special or annual meeting of the Club.
- Section 4:** The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order (or Code Morin for French-speaking Clubs) shall govern all deliberations of this organization and its Board of Directors except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

## ARTICLE X – REVENUE

- Section 1: Each new member of the Club shall pay a membership fee of \$30, payment of said fee to be a prerequisite for admission to membership, payable on demand of the Treasurer.
- Section 2: Annual dues shall be **\$100** per member, payable in advance except that each fully paid life member shall be privileged to deduct from payment of dues the amount equal to the dues payable by the Club to Optimist International for each member.
- Section 3: The Board of Directors may plan or recommend the raising or accumulations of revenue from sources other than those stated in this article.
- Section 4: All funds to which the public or members have contributed for the specific purpose of financing charitable, educational or civic activities of the Club shall be used solely for those purposes and separate records of such funds shall be maintained.
- Section 5:** The fiscal year of the Club shall be from October 1 of each year until September 30 next following.
- Section 6: The Board of Directors shall arrange for, at a minimum, an annual audit by an audit committee

appointed by the Board of Directors. This audit committee shall consist of members not also members of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XI – COMMITTEES

- Section 1:** The Board of Directors shall determine the number and purpose of all special and standing committees required to achieve the purposes of this Club.
- Section 2:** The President shall appoint the chair and members of all committees and announce such appointments not later than October 1 following his or her election.

## ARTICLE XII – MISCELLANEOUS

- Section 1:** In recognition of the benefits and services available to this Club and its members through its affiliation with Optimist International, this Club shall exercise its rights and privileges of participation in the government and activities of Optimist International. This Club shall provide for its proper representation at all meetings and conventions of Optimist International and the District. It shall provide for such representation when preparing the annual budget.
- Section 2:** Any person elected to membership in this Club shall be deemed to have accepted these Bylaws and the Bylaws of Optimist International and shall be bound by them in all respects as if he or she had been a member at the time of their adoption.
- Section 3:** The Board of Directors shall provide for the prompt payment of all dues and other obligations to Optimist International and to the District and shall require the prompt completion and submission of all reports required by Optimist International and the District.
- Section 4:** **These Bylaws shall be reviewed every three years.**

## ARTICLE XIII – NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

This Club is organized and shall operate as a not-for-profit organization and shall be incorporated within the state/provincial/national statutes as such. The Club is organized and shall operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes set forth in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in effect on or as may be amended (the "Code"), including, but not limited to, developing Optimism as a philosophy of life, utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed; to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; to inspire respect for the law; to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people; to aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well being of humankind, community life and the world.

## ARTICLE XIV – AMENDMENTS

- Section 1:** Any amendment to these Bylaws must be in conformity with the Bylaws of Optimist International, and must be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any meeting. Written notice of the proposed amendments and date of such meeting shall have been given to the members at least two (2) weeks prior thereto.
- Section 2:** All amendments to these Bylaws must be submitted to Optimist International for approval.



## ARTICLE XV – DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Club, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Club, dispose of all the assets of the Club exclusively for the purposes of the Club in such manner, or to such organization or organizations, including Optimist International or the Optimist International Foundation, organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Name of Club: **Optimist Club of Festus-Crystal City (TCA), Mo.**

Date Last Changed: **July 7, 2016**

Today's Date is: **September 14, 2017**

Club President's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cynthia Cherry**

Club Secretary's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mary Kay Scott**

Senior Director of Member Services: \_\_\_\_\_

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### The Optimist Creed

*Promise yourself –*

\*To be so strong nothing can disturb your peace of mind. \* To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet. \* To make all your friends feel that there is something in them. \* To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true. \* To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best. \* To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own. \* To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future. \* To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile. \* To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others. \* To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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