

For the future!



Twin City Area Optimist Club

FOCUS ON YOUTH

December 2017



President's Column

Dear Fellow Optimists:

It's that time of year... so much to do! Our club certainly knows how it feels to be busy. We just completed a successful Koeze Nuts sale. Oberle gift boxes and Krispy Kreme sales were added this year with great response. We have helped close to 200 area children with warm coats. Thirteen area schools participated in our annual Art Contest with over 350 entries. Five families benefited from Thanksgiving food baskets. Four parties were celebrated with Head Start students. Our social calendar is filling up too as we plan for our annual Christmas party/meeting on December 21. Don't forget to dress up in your finest Christmas attire. Nothing is too over the top with this group so bring out the ugly sweaters, fancy aprons, gaudy jewelry, bedazzle, and bling! Please join us for our annual girl's night out on December 28 at the Russell House in Hillsboro. A little relaxation with good friends and great food. Oh my, I'm tired just thinking about all our club activities. Take a little time to recharge after the holidays and get ready for more activities in the New Year. Did I hear paint may be involved?

The New Year will bring adjustments, new practices, and fun times. Our membership is declining and we must look for new ways of introducing ladies to our club and retaining those who cannot attend luncheon meetings. As you are aware, we held an evening meeting in November to test the waters, to determine if there was a need to change meeting schedule. Twenty-eight members and two guests attended and expressed interest in continuing an evening meeting each month. We had four members who normally cannot attend luncheon meetings attend, one of those members was not planning to renew her membership because she couldn't participate in meetings. She paid her dues to renew her membership. To be clear, the last Thursday of each month we will have an evening meeting, all other weekly meetings will be at noon. Please be patient, flexible, and embrace change as we begin the New Year. There may be some bumps in the road at first but with our **optimistic attitudes** we will smooth things out. Think about this quote from Alan Cohen "It takes a lot of courage to release the familiar and seemingly secure, to embrace the new. But there is no real security in what is no longer meaningful. There is more security in the adventurous and exciting, for in movement there is life, and in change there is power." I wish everyone the happiest of holidays and look forward to the New Year.

Jean Naeger
TCA Optimist President

BOARD MEETINGS

January 8: Barb Schmidt

February 5: co-hostesses: Susan Nardizzi(home) and Cheri Phillips

Committee Chairs

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

HEADS UP:

LUNCH MEETING VENUE CHANGE:

Beginning January 4,2018

Poppy's Restaurant

2000 North Truman Blvd.

Crystal City, MO

Meetings begin at Noon

Evening meetings: Last Thursday of Each Month

Carroll Metzger assisted by Phyllis Neff and President Jean Naeger planned a night meeting of the club. This had a two-fold purpose. One to accommodate those members who cannot attend the day luncheons and to check out the possibility of having one nightly meeting in lieu of one of the regular noon meetings. Over thirty members and prospective members attended the dinner at Thai Rama restaurant. Carroll had some "getting to know you" activities that were fun and enlightening about fellow attendees.

After reviewing this night activity, the Board at its monthly meeting decided to have a regular meeting on the **LAST THURSDAY NIGHT OF EACH MONTH**. The first of these is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. at Thai Rama. Located at 907 N Truman Blvd. Crystal City, MO 63019. Meals ordered off menu. Future locations to be determined. **See you there!!!**



When: December 28, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m.

The Russell House

Hillsboro, MO 63050

Contact Phyllis Neff for details

636-795-3665



Junior Optimist

Officers for 2017-2018

President:	Loren Macon
Vice President:	Sophie Hensley
Secretary:	Ayden Eldridge
Treasurer:	Jacob Bohler
<i>Optimist Sponsor: Katie Huck</i>	

NEWS FLASH

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

*The JOI Club along with Cindy Cherry and Katie Huck Manned the Winterfest tent and sold Oberle gift boxes, Krispie Kreme vouchers and cookbooks. Sales were successful with \$1,000.00 profit!
JOI Club also got into the holiday spirit and raised spirits all over town with their Caroling at Crystal Oaks and twenty members sang at Santa's House. What a joyful sound experienced by all!*



Art Contest 2017

Janet Mace and her committee "DID IT AGAIN!!!" Our Annual Art Contest was held on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at the Victory Church Youth Center in Pevely, Missouri. It consisted of 353 entries with student artists representing 13 Middle, Junior, and Senior high schools in southern Jefferson County.



Find above photo of winners in all five categories. From left to right: Abbie Coffman, First Place Art, Ages 14-15, DeSoto High School; Loren Macon, First Place Art, Ages 16-19, Jefferson High School R-VII; Kelsey Benack, Best in Show, Festus High School; Rae Ann Fuller, First Place Photography, Herculaneum High School; Clara Sage, Third Place Art, Ages 14-15, Seckman High School, Emily Lowe, Third Place Art, ages 16-19 Festus High School and Matthew Cotham, Third Place Art Ages 12-13, DeSoto Junior High School. In her thank you letter to the club members, Janet set out below some of the members and spouses who were instrumental in making this show the great success that it was.

Dear Ladies,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for all the help Judy Meyer and I received for this year's Art Contest. The sorters and transporters were terrific. They had to sort, label and 353 pieces of art from 13 schools from the Festus library to Victory Church in Pevely. The bonus for this initial work is a preview of the entries from talented and creative students. A big thank you is owed to the crew who set up tables arranged chairs and exhibited the artwork at the Victory Church Youth Center. Chuck Naeger, Harold Hagan, and Mike Greminger were on hand to do the heavy work. Their optimistic attitude and cooperation were very much appreciated. Jean work her magic and decorated and set up the refreshment center with delicious cookies and drinks enjoyed by all who attended. The registration desk was handled with ease as the student exhibitors received their name tags and signed up for an array of art supplies. During the show, Optimist members wearing their new shirts talked with exhibitors and helped where needed from taking photos of winners to emceeing, to calling names for art supplies. After the show, another team appeared to take down the tables and rearrange the chairs with the additional help of Chuck Naeger and Harold Hagan. The Youth Center was left neat as a pin. We are thankful for Victory Church for letting us use this fabulous venue which is perfect to showcase the art of our student exhibitors. As you can see, the art contest is a whole club event, and, as usual, everyone pitched in to make it a very successful event for the youth of Jefferson County. I am so proud to be a member of this organization.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Janet

PROGRAMS

December:

Dec. 7: Update

Dec. 14: Powerpoint- Outlook

Dec 21: Party

Dec. 28: Girls Night Out-No meeting

January:

Jan. 4:

Jan.11: Update

Jan. 18:

Jan. 25: Evening meeting

2016-2017

Club Officers

President: Jean Naeger,636 285-3052

Past President: Cindy Cherry,636- 937-9294

President Elect:Mary McDowell,636-937-2175

Secretary: Mary Kay Scott, 314-846-6417

Secretary-Elect: Nancy Doering,636-586-1519

Treasurer: Debby Schumaker, 314-471-7213

Treasurer Elect: Leisa Spiker, 636-931-7285

2016- 2018 Board Members

Carroll Metzger

Elsie Williams

Pat Doenges

2017-2019 Board Members

Marsha Greenstreet

Phyllis Neff

Carol Schanz

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.



December 2017

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1	2
3		4 Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.	5 Betty Aders Jean Naeger Debbie McKenna	6	7 Hematite Headstart	8 Ellen Bridgewater Judy Meyers	9
10		11	12 Hanukkah	13	14	15	16
17		18	19 Sue Short	20 Kim Polette	21 Christmas Party Winter Begins	22	23
24	New Year's Eve 31	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa	27	28 Gertrude E. O'Leary Girls Night Out	29 Pam Laplant	30



January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 Ellen Ravenscraft Meeting at Ponny's	5	6
7	8 Donna Easter	9	10	11 Becky Tipton Meeting at Poppy's	12	13
14 Cheryl Phillips	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16	17	18 Meeting at Poppy's	19	20
21	22	23	24 Nancy Doering	25 Kathy Fehlig Evening Meeting at Thairama	26	27 Pam Cernik
28 Marie Schuh	29	30 Connie Stubblefield	31			

Mary McDowell and Jean Naeger accepted an award for the club for donating over \$50,000.00 in scholarships to students at Jeffco.





A few memories from the Art Show.





Twin City Area Optimist Club

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Meetings held at Poppy's on Thursdays

At noon except last meeting of the month

Which is an evening meeting with location

To be determined.

Bring a Friend

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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.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Newsletters are distributed every month. The deadline for submitting articles and photographs is the 7th day of the month. Please send information and pictures to Nancy Doering

nancdoering@yahoo.com or Elsie Williams tiswilliams3235@att.net

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