



Twin City Area Optimist Club

March, 2018

President's Column

Dear Fellow Optimists,



“Optimist Strong – Be the Difference!” Have you noticed I have used this year’s Optimist theme in each of my newsletters? It is a great motto to live by, not just as Optimists, but also as strong, take-charge women.

Our club cannot be the success it is without strong resourceful women, making a difference. As I said before, each of us has different talents which when combined, make us a mighty force.

March is the time to spring forward, not just in time but energy. As I write this letter the club’s 24th annual Trivia Contest is just days away. Members have been donating items for raffle baskets, attendance prizes, and spreading the word to get more players and table sponsors. Already I can see this year’s event will surpass last year’s. This month members will represent our club at the 38th annual Mastodon Art Fair, volunteering to help with greeting and the award

ceremony. Did I mention shopping? Our members will be donating and shopping for Easter food baskets. Of course shoppers will go out to lunch after because members not just work well together, they play well together too.

April will bring another Pinch of Salt Fundraiser where more stenciling queens will be discovered. Our evening meeting in April will be held at the Helping Hands and Horses facility where members will see firsthand the horse therapy program, enjoy a BBQ dinner, and, time/weather permitting, take a hayride around the property.

As you can see our club is trying to share its love of Optimists by joining in community events and programs where members can be more visible to the community and its youth and “be the difference” by helping and learning.

As I write this letter I’m so pleased to share that we have four new members as a result of our NOW meeting with several more considering joining. Thanks to everyone for their enthusiasm in sharing what our club is all about. **As our club continues to regain its membership numbers I would ask your cooperation, and your charitable nature in welcoming new members to our meetings. Please offer a seat at your table, refrain from saving seats, and occasionally move yourself to another table to enjoy other conversations. Thank you for treating others as you would like to be treated, in a friendly, approachable manner.**

I wish each of you a Happy Easter, more sunlight in the evening, and a fresh outlook on life.

Continuing to serve optimistically,
Jean Naeger

Board Meetings:

March 5: JoAnn Thompson(home)
April 2: Kitty Ebersold & Martha Dement
1978 Sugar Springs Road, Festus, MO

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: If unable to attend, please email a report to Jean Naeger

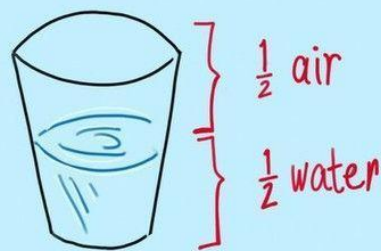
Lunch meeting venue:

Poppy's Restaurant
2000 North Truman Blvd.
Crystal City, MO
Room available at 11:00 a.m. Meeting begins at Noon

Evening meetings: Last Thursday of Each Month, venue to be determined

Programs:

March 1: NOW Meeting
March 8: Update
March 15: St. Patrick's Day Party
March 22: Oratorical and Essay Winners
March 29: Evening Meeting: Easter Party-Poppy's
April 5: Update
April 12: Tails with Tales
April 19: Youth Appreciation
April 26: Evening at Helping Hands with Horses



**technically,
the glass is always
full.**



Under the leadership of Marsha Greenstreet, the club held a successful NOW meeting on March 1st. Ten guests in attendance were guests of Optimists, Marsha Greenstreet, Judy Williams, JoAnn Thompson, Tracy Anderson and Carol Schanz.

At the March 5th Board Meeting, four of the ten made application and were voted into club membership. They were Debbie Kettler, Janice Boyd, Suzy Rauls and Sarah Chamberlin. Welcome!

Congratulations to all who participated in this endeavor. New members mean new ideas for helping the youth of our area.



Junior Optimist

Officers: 2017-2018

President: Loren Macon

Vice President: Sophie Hensley

Secretary: Ayden Eldridge

Treasurer: Jacob Bohler

Sponsor: Katie Huck

News Flash:

The JOI Club meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Mercy Jefferson Hospital. Katie would like assistance by members to attend a meeting and provide a snack. **(Katie: 314-520-6340)**

Look at the food items the club donated to the Jefferson County Mission- three full carts!

The club members, parents and I sorted the food and placed it on the shelves. Mrs. Louis Sardo, pictured below, gave us the Braille demonstration, which is amazing. She also gave a tour of her facility, which she started 40 years ago. She has devoted her life to helping those in need. What an inspiration for our Junior Optimists!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Now meeting	2	3
4	5	6 Sharon Wiley Janet Mace	7	8 Update Michelle Franke	9	10 Tracy Anderson
11 Pat Sweet	12	13	14	15 St Patrick's Day Party	16	17
18 Janet Whitmer	19	20	21 Martha Dement	22 Oratorical and Essay Winners Mastodon Fair 5-8	23	24 Sarah Chamberlain
25	26	27	28	29 Evening Meeting Easter party Poppy's	30	31

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Easter Food Baskets (five like items)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Debbie Kettler	2	3	4	5 Update Rosetta Hagen	6 Pinch of Salt	7
8 Malisa SpillmN	9	10	11 Gini Skaggs Tracy Sullivan	12 Tails with Tales Sue Boyer	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Youth Appreciation	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Evening meeting 6:00 p.m. Helping Hands with Horses	27 District Meeting St. Louis	28 District Meeting St. Louis
29 Susan Nardizzi	30					

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HONORING OUR PAST AND CURRENT PRESIDENTS:



Make plans for the third Quarter District Meeting on April 27 and 28th at the Drury Inn Suites, Forest Park. This will include the Oratorical and Essay Contests.

Fourth Quarter District Meeting will be in Cape Girardeau August 10th-12th for officer training. Venue will be announced at a later date.

Please welcome Peggy Scott as our Secretary-Elect who will take over for Nancy Doering.

Essay Contest winners were:

1st Place- Elizabeth Harness from Festus High School

2nd Place- Cassie Tart from Herculaneum High School

3rd Place- Madison Tate from Festus High School

Check out Hillsboro Intermediate School's Character video on youtube(type Character Council 2018)

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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President: Jean Naeger, 314-495-2822

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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

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!!!!



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A HAPPINESS
MAGNET.**

If you stay positive,
good things and
good people will be
drawn to you.