



Twin City Area Optimist Club

April, 2018

President's Column

Dear Fellow Optimists,

Time is passing by quickly; I have completed seven months as president of the Festus-Crystal City TCA Optimist Club. I hope I am serving you well and meeting your expectations.



When I began my term, I had several personal goals. I wanted an increase in membership to continue to serve the youth of our community with the high standards set before me. Introducing an evening meeting helped encourage working members to engage with the club's activities and also helped increase membership.

I wanted increased revenue to better fund the club's projects. I'm pleased to report that all fundraisers thus far have exceeded projected budget and additional fundraisers, i.e. Oberle sausage sales and Pinch of Salt have been added to increase income. The Marketing Committee has done an excellent job initiating an annual sponsorship program that will continue into the future as a consistent process to increase club funding. The club is receiving checks and at least one new member joined as a result of the sponsorship request. Oh yes, I still want a BUNCO Fundraiser!

Members continue to be so very generous, contributing materials or money to offset program expenses. Shirley Coile baked a beautiful Easter Cake to auction off at our March evening meeting to earn \$70 for our general fund. April brought Carol Schanz donating her Hamilton ticket to increase our treasury by \$150. Of course, I can't forget to mention the food items and cash donations for our Head Start family Easter food baskets. Barb Schmidt has received cash donations from members to share as prizes for our upcoming Youth Appreciation Day.

Another goal is to transition this year's officers and committee chairs with Mary McDowell and her officers and committee chairs. Mary and I will start succession training for officers and major committee chairs in an effort to maintain continuity. Mary and I are looking forward, not wanting to take any steps back.

Finally, I wanted members to be involved with their club and have an enjoyable experience doing it. Encouraging club activities which takes members out into the community will increase public awareness of our mission to bring out the best in kids.

I know I'm not the most eloquent speaker and I tend to run off at the mouth while I "think out loud", but I hope I can leave you with a laugh now and then while still providing the leadership needed for our club.

As always, I appreciate members never failing to come together to fulfill the club's objectives. Not once in the past seven months have you not been there to support me as President. For that I am truly grateful.

Seven months down – five months to go! "Optimist Strong – Be the Difference!"

Jean Naeger
TCA Optimist President



Board Meetings:

April 2: Kitty Ebbersoldt and Martha DeMent(HOME)

May 7: Ellie King(home) and Pat Doenges

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:

April 5: Update

April 12: Tails with Tales

April 19: Youth Appreciation

April 26: Evening at Helping Hands with Horses

May 3: Mercy! Mercy! What's New with Donna Masters

May 10: 30th Anniversary Celebration

May 17: Update

May 24: Respect for Law

May 31: Evening meeting at the park





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**)



Talent Show practice is Thursday, April 19, 2018 –
Katie Huck's office 1330 YMCA Drive, Suite 2000, Festus,
MO at 7:00 p.m.

Headstart will see the show on Thursday, April 26th.
Please be there by 5:30 or 5:45.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Debbie Kettler	2 Board Meeting Kitty Ebersoldt & Martha DeMent(home)	3	4	5 Update Rosetta Hagen	6 Pinch of Salt	7
8 Malisa Spillman	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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**Beginning in April please turn in attendance records to
Peggy Scott. Thank you!**



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13	14	15 Nicki Ruess	16	17 Update Debbie Schumaker	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Respect for Law	25	26
27	28	29 Judy Kuhlman	30	31 Evening Meeting at the Park		

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Marsha Greenstreet, Carly Harness, Sue Boyer, Jane Kost, Judy Meyers, Ellen Bridgewater, Gini Skaggs, Barb Schmidt, Ellie King, Mary Hatfield, Cheri Phillips, Cindy Cherry, Jean Naeger

HONORING OUR PAST AND CURRENT PRESIDENTS:

Our President and Past Presidents attending our meeting to honor their service are pictured above. A mention was made last month, but, as this is an enormous commitment of time and work, it seems appropriate to list past presidents and their years of service, with those who are sending optimism from Heaven

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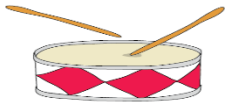


AKA: Angels Erma, Betty & Cindi

Marsha Greenstreet 1988-89, Vicki Smith 1989-90, Jan Werner 1990-91, Erma Graham* 1991-92, Linda Bigelow 1992-93, Carol Spreckelmeyer 1993-94, Caryl Harness 1994-95, Charlotte Siebert 1995-96, Kim Polette 1996-97, Betty Franke* 1997-98, Sue Boyer 1998-99. Cindi Breeze* 1999-00, Kathy Henson 2000-01, Judy Lowe 2001-02, Jane Kost 2002-03, Kathy Decker 2003-04, Nancy Henry 2004-05, Loretta Kelly 2005-06, Pat Belcher 2006-07, Judy Meyers 2007-08, Jan Norrick 2008-09, Ellen Bridgewater 2009-10, Gini Skaggs 2010-11, Jenna Silva 2011-12, Barbara Schmidt 2012-13, Ellen King 2013-14, Mary Hatfield 2014-15, Cheri Phillips 2015-16, Cindy Cherry 2016-17, Jean Naeger 2017-18.



AND THE WINNERS ARE ...



First Place: Elizabeth Harness, A sophomore at Festus, Second Place: Cassie Tart, A senior at Herculaneum High School, Third Place: Madison Tate, A sophomore at Festus High School.



Elizabeth Harness, granddaughter of our very own Carol Harness, shares her essay and wonderful moments with her family and our Optimist family. She nailed it!



Cassie Tart gave a very animated presentation of her essay for friends and of course, our Optimist family. We may very well have a future senator among us!



Madison Tate shared her oral presentation of the essay she wrote with her family. She was awesome.

We remember...



That's a lot of mittens!

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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2017/2018 Officers

President: Jean Naeger, 314-495-2822

Past President: Cindy Cherry, 636-937-9294

President Elect: Mary McDowell, 636-937- 2175

Secretary: Mary Kay Scott, 314-846-6417

Secretary Elect: Peggy Scott, 314-420-0897(home) 636-931-7560(work)

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

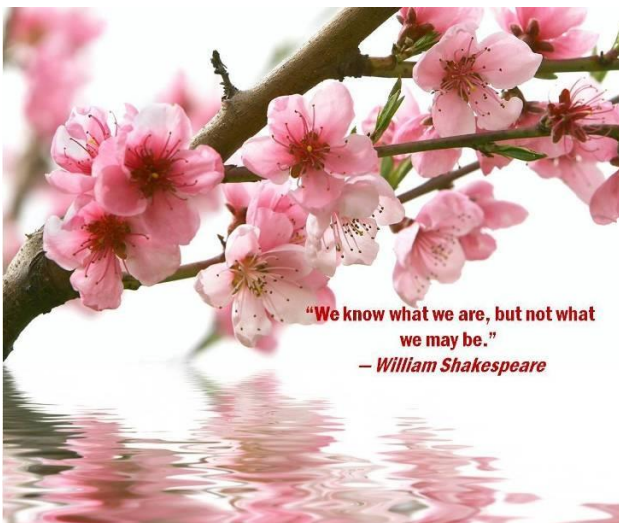
Carol Schanz

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Newsletters are distributed every month. The deadline for submitting articles and photographs is the 7th day of the month. Every effort is made to publish on the 15th. 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!!!!



*"We know what we are, but not what we may be."
— William Shakespeare*

