



Twin City Area Optimist Club

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www.twincityoptimist.org

For the future!
September 2018

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017 - 2018

PRESIDENT

Jean Naeger

PRESIDENT ELECT

Mary McDowell

PAST PRESIDENT

Cindy Cherry

SECRETARY

Mary Kay Scott

SECRETARY ELECT

Peggy Scott

TREASURER

Debbie Schumaker

TREASURER ELECT

Leisa Spiker

BOARD MEMBERS

2016 - 2018

Pat Doenges
Carroll Metzger
Elsie Williams

2017 - 2019

Marsha Greenstreet
Phyllis Neff
Carol Schanz

Dear Optimists,

It has been my privilege to serve as your president this past year. I appreciate the support I have received from members during a time of change. There have been a few bumps along the way but with an optimistic spirit together we have carried on. Moving to a new meeting venue, introducing an evening meeting, and developing new fundraisers has taken the support of the board of directors and the membership.

With hard work and cooperation the club recruited 21 new or returning members, exceeded all fundraising goals, and stayed within budget for programs/projects. I know reducing the budget this year was a hardship but a necessary one. By exceeding revenue estimates from established fundraisers and the addition of fundraising opportunities that combined fun with profit the club's finances are in good shape. Receiving the Jefferson Foundation grant helped to increase funds for our Coats for Kids program which will be used this coming fiscal year.

Change is never easy but essential to keep the club vibrant and engaged. Local clubs, district, and Optimist International face the same challenges of retaining members and gaining new ones. While attending District meetings it's been encouraged to find ways to bring in new members, to make meetings more fun, and to involve new members in projects. When many clubs are folding or barely hanging on, I believe we are making lasting changes that will insure the continued success of the club for years to come.

As I end my presidency, I leave you with these "adjusted" lyrics from the Sound of Music.

"So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye
I leave and heave, a sigh and say goodbye
I'm sad to go, I cannot tell a lie
So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye"
-Sound Of Music - So Long, Farewell "Altered" Lyrics

I'm saying goodbye to my presidency but remain an active member of a great club. I appreciate the friendships, the laughs, and the accomplishments shared.

Always Optimistically Yours,
Jean Naeger
President





On August 23rd, our NOW meeting had several guests that came to learn about the Optimist Club. We had a special guest, **Robin Scott**, representing the Homeless Youth Initiative, in attendance.

The club presented her with a check to the Homeless Youth Initiative Endowment Fund and a donation of toiletries.

FUNDRAISER FOR KIDS!

TWIN CITY AREA OPTIMIST CLUB

*Benefiting the kids of southern Jefferson County
(Pevely, Herculaneum, Festus, Crystal City, Hillsboro, De Soto)*

September 15, 2018

Viva Las Vegas

Look for photos of the fun event
in the October newsletter!

1122 DICTIONAIRIES FOR THE KIDS!!!



**Having FUN while
working for the kids!**

September 15, 2018



From left to right, Katie Huck, Mary Hatfield, (the ROAD SIGN), Jean Naeger, Pam Cernik, Janet Mace and Joann Thompson, at '7th Annual Things That Go' in Herculaneum handing out stickers for children's car seats! Great job demonstrating our mission of doing it for the kids

BOCCE BALL @ NextStep for Life Evening Meeting, August 30, 2018





Junior Optimist Elect Officers for 2018 - 2019

JOI CLUB OFFICERS 2018 - 2019

PRESIDENT
Ayden Eldridge

VICE PRESIDENT
Addisen Eldridge

SECRETARY
Olivia Blair

TREASURER
Audrey Staley



Pictured with JOI Club Director, Katie Huck, are the newly elected officers for 2018 - 2019, from left to right, Secretary, Olivia Blair, Vice President Addisen Eldridge (in front), Treasurer Audrey Staley (in back), and President Ayden Eldridge.

NEXT JOI CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, October 4th

7PM @ the YMCA

Installation of Officers

**Program: Jessica Boehm
With theCrisis Nursery**

Newsletter Deadlines

Deadline for submitting information or photos for the newsletter is the **Tuesday following a board meeting.**

Newsletter Editor

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- The club was disappointed that another JOI fundraiser was canceled due to bad weather but it was for our safety. We will sell the items, photo frames and glue slime at other opportunities or venues.
- The Junior Optimist Halloween party is Sunday October 28 from 2 pm to 4 pm at West City Park. Fun, food and a scavenger hunt will be the agenda. We'll have a Halloween costume contest and pre-carved pumpkin contests. Judges are needed from our TCA Optimist Club for the contests. Please notify Katie if you are interested.
- We participated at the Herculaneum City Park "7th Annual Things That Go" on Saturday September 15th and sold glue slime and photo frames. We did well thanks to new member, Nicole Carter's daughter, who went around the park to sell and hand out coloring books for the Optimists. She asked for an application to the JOI club to become a member.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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being installed by EMO Governor Mary Hatfield

From left to right: Mary Hatfield, Jean Naeger, Mary McDowell, Phyllis Neff, Peggy Scott, Gertie O'Leary, Leisa Spiker, Sandy Mouser, Shirley Coile, Caryl Harness, Debbie Kettler, Marsha Greenstreet, and Carol Schanz. Not present, Janet Mace.



Thank you, Outgoing Officers



From left to right, Carol Schanz, Sue Mouser, Phyllis Neff, Marsha Greenstreet, Pat Doenges, Elsie Williams, Cindy Cherry, Jean Naeger, Peggy Scott, Mary Kay Scott, Mary McDowell and Leisa Spiker. Not present, Debbie Schumaker

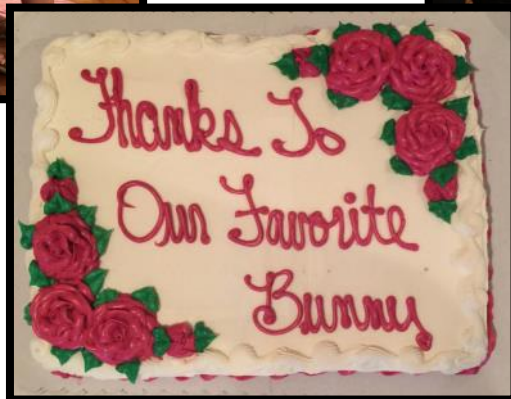


Phyllis Neff presenting the scrapbook, on behalf of Ellen Bridgewater, to Outgoing President Jean Naeger





THE ROAST OF PRESIDENT JEAN



On the Ball and Full Steam Ahead -



She Just Keeps Going and Going and Going !!!



1st Quarter EMO District Conference

Nov. 2-3, 2018 * Quality Inn, Festus, MO



What are Governor Mary Hatfield and friends up to now?



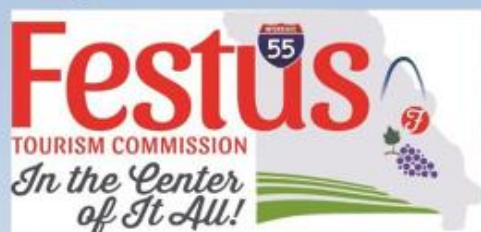
Optimist International Trainer Tracey Huxley unfortunately cannot attend, but we are excited to welcome Past OI President **Danny Rodgers**. Providing 4 training sessions and information about the Optimist International 100th anniversary year.



Friday evening's Hospitality room will have a New Year's Eve theme!!! Light snacks & adult drinks..



Featuring Kid's Art Contest in Motion.



100 Ways to Appreciate Our Members

When our members are engaged, our members are happy. Learn why appreciating our members even in the little ways helps keep us engaged.

Back to Basics – Budgeting Club Activities

This is the first in a series of Back to Basics workshops. Let's take just a little time to go over the basics of budgeting our activities for our Club to make us all stronger.

Call Letter Coming Soon!

We and Them IS Us

Could we be isolating our organization by always feeling a need to draw a line between generations? Let's learn how to work together and make the most of these differences.

100 Years! Let's Celebrate

What a wonderful time to be an Optimist! What the Centennial can do for you and your Club will be explored.



Gerri Barnett, Mid America Regional VP Is attending also!



OCTOBER 2018



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---------|-----------|--|------------------|---|
| | 1 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 Hostess Caryl Harness | 2 | 3 | 4 Update JOI Meeting YMCA, 7pm Sandy Mouser Janis Donnell | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 JOI Club Presentation | 12 | 13 Carroll Metzger |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 To Be Decided | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Jan Norrick | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Evening Meeting | 26 Sandy Todd | 27 Zone Meeting 9:00 a.m. Arnold Ponderosa Kim Elbl |
| 28 JOI Club Halloween Party 2 - 4pm Ellie King | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

GETTING CREDIT FOR YOUR PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Print your name: _____

Meetings Attended: _____

Make-Up Credits Used: _____

List Make-Up Credit Below:

When completed give this to Peggy Scott.

INTERESTED IN RECOGNITION FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE?

- Record your attendance on the monthly calendar.
- On the dates of weekly meetings, please mark:
✓ for meeting attended
X for meeting missed
E for meeting excused, due to illness or out of town
- Make up Credit can be received by:
 - Attending a board meeting
 - Participating in any club activity
- Track your make up credit earned and record it on the monthly calendar when it is used.



Festus – Crystal City
(TCA), MO

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WEEKLY DAY MEETINGS

When: Noon - 1pm,
each Thursday except the last
Thursday of each month

Where: Poppy's Banquet Center
2002 N Truman Blvd
Crystal City, MO 63028

Doors open at 11:00 AM, Close at 2:00 PM
Room is available for committee meetings
before or after the Lunch Meeting.

MONTHLY EVENING MEETING

When: The last Thursday of each month

Where: Will vary each month

Have an idea for our next evening meeting?
Let us know.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Twin City Area Optimist Club Annual Art Contest



November 3, 2018

The Optimist CREED

Promise Yourself...

To be **SO STRONG**

that 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

to **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,