



Twin City Area Optimist Club

P.O. Box 475
Festus, MO 63028

www.twincityoptimist.org

Do It For The Kids!

August 2019

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018 - 2019

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Mary McDowell

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Peggy Scott

SECRETARY ELECT

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TREASURER

Leisa Spiker

TREASURER ELECT

Debbie Kettler

BOARD MEMBERS

2017 - 2019

Marsha Greenstreet

Sandy Mouser

Carol Schanz

2018 - 2020

Shirley Coile

Caryl Harness

Janet Mace

ALWAYS WELCOME!

Do you ever feel a little odd coming back to a weekly meeting after you had to miss?

I felt it in July when we didn't have a meeting due to the July 4th holiday and the OI Convention and then I had to miss the next meeting. It had been three weeks since I had seen everyone. It just felt a little weird and I felt out of sorts (which may not be that unusual for me – ha ha!). It was nothing that anyone had done to make me feel that way. It didn't take long for me to feel like I was back where I should be!

If you happen to miss a meeting or a few, please know that you are always welcome! It might feel a little funny, but I can guarantee we have missed your presence.

Sincerely,
Mary McDowell, President
314-954-4358



*Are you a new member in your 1st Year?
Then you can be A Rookie Rock Star!*

HAPPY

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1st - Pat Doenges
- 1st - Lillian Flynn
- 4th - Spencer Haley
- 6th - Barb Schmidt
- 7th - Kathy Nausley
- 8th - Judy Kreidler
- 10th - Tabitha Brauch
- 10th - Mavis Witte
- 18th - Janice Boyd
- 21st - Mary Kay Scott
- 23rd - Nicole Carter
- 29th - Caryl Harness
- 29th - Leisa Spiker
- 31st - Barbara Bates

BIRTHDAY

HAPPY

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st - Loretta Kelly
- 5th - Vicki Greminger
- 7th - Marsha Greenstreet
- 9th - Kim Smith
- 13th - Terri Wolk
- 15th - Randie Breeze
- 16th - Glenna Mangelsdorf
- 19th - Stacey Ismail
- 21st - Judy Kottmeier
- 22nd - Sandy Kossman
- 24th - Mary McDowell
- 26th - Patty Meyer

BIRTHDAY

Take 10



for BB



5K Awareness Walk
Saturday, 8AM



September 28, 2019

West City Park, Festus, MO

Cost of 5k - \$30

includes Tshirt, certificate of appreciation & snacks

Unable to walk, T-shirts may be purchased for \$20

Proceeds will help fund a local school's athletic equipment & program.



Junior Optimists end their year with a pool party.

Our accomplishments for the year:

- Throughout the year - collect pennies for Childhood Cancer and is sent by the Eastern Missouri District to Johns Hopkins Hospital for children cancer research.
- October - Sunday before Halloween parents and adult adviser and co-chairman bring Halloween snack (usually fun/scary homemade) a party held at West City Park. It includes a costume contest, pre-carved pumpkin contest and a scavenger hunt.
- November - Shop for the Crisis Nursery.
- November/December - Make ornaments for residents at Nursing Center when we Christmas Carol the first Thursday of the month. Followed by our Christmas party where we have a generic \$5-10 gift exchange along with snacks.
- February - Donate to Backpacks For Foster Kids and are usually requested to donate PJ's for both boys and girls ages 2 through 12
- March - Collect non-perishable food and shopt for food then take it to the Jefferson County Rescue Mission. While there receive a tour and put the food away at the center.
- April or May - Make Goody bags for Headstart to give out at the talent show.
- June - Collect soda tabs all year along with other items to take to the Ronald McDonald House the first Thursday of June where we also receive a tour of the facility.

JOI CLUB OFFICERS 2018 - 2019

PRESIDENT
Ayden Eldridge

VICE PRESIDENT
Addisen Eldridge

SECRETARY
Olivia Blair

TREASURER
Audrey Staley

UPCOMING

JOI CLUB MEETINGS

**Thursday,
September 5th
7pm at the YMCA**

Have a great week back at school next week. Enjoy the experience of school. It's a perfect job when you are learning!! Officer elections will be in September with installation in October.

Katie Huck
Adult Adviser
JOI Club

ADULT ADVISER
Katie Huck

CO-CHAIRMAN
Debbie Schumaker



FUNDRAISER FOR KIDS!

Sponsored By
TWIN CITY AREA OPTIMIST CLUB

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



Presents...

Saturday, September 14th
6:00 p.m.
at Mississippi River Eagles
330 Bailey Rd, Crystal City



Tickets Include:
A chance to win a 65" TV
PLUS Draft Beer, Soda & Snacks
And a Gaming Voucher
Live Auction and Prize Baskets

SOME OF THE OPTIMIST CLUB'S PROJECTS FOR THE KIDS:

- Coats for Kids · Head Start Christmas Party
- Dictionary for every 3rd grader · Food baskets for families
- Childhood Cancer Campaign · Art Contest

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.
Must be 21 or older. For more information or
to order tickets, contact Debbie, 314-471-7213

Promise yourself AWARDS

To be eligible for this recognition, these ladies who were already members prior to October 1, 2018, had to recruit a new member, participate in a project, and submit their "Optimist Story". Congratulations to each of them!



Jean Naeger said, "The creed hooked me but the projects and programs our club provides to the youth of our community keeps me committed."



Katie Huck, JOI Adult adviser said, "It is a privilege to work directly with the children with huge hearts and imaginative minds of ways to help people in their community."



Joann Thompson said, "This organization is well run. The members achieve much for the community. I have been a member for 10 years and I am proud to be an Optimist."



Pat Doenges, a member of 31 years with perfect attendance has taken on many responsibilities in the club to contribute to its success. She says, "This club is a great group of ladies and I am happy and proud to be a member and to call them my friends."



Mavis Witte states with pride as a Charter member that after 31 years the Twin City Optimist chapter is stronger than ever and have remained true to our mission, helping hundreds of young people from all walks of life to make the world a better place to live.

Thank You,
Thank You,

Thanks to all of you for the cards, prayers, phone calls, food and other things you did for me after my recent

heart attack. I'm feeling much better and on the way to recovery. What a great group of caring



Caryl Harness



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Pat Doenges ¹ Lillian Flynn Promise Yourself...	2	3
4 Spencer Haley	Parker Decker Golf Tournament Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30	6 Barb Schmidt	7 Kathy Nausley	8 Judy Kreitler Update	EMO 4th Quarter District Convention - Columbia Tabitha Brauch Mavis Witte	
11 EMO 4th Qtr District Conv Columbia	12	13	14	15 Old Bag Luncheon	16	17
18 Janice Boyd	19	20	21 Mary Kay Scott	22 NEW OPTIMISTS WANTED	23 Nicole Carter	24
25	26	27	28	Leisa Spiker ²⁹ Caryl Harness Evening Meeting Next Steppers Performance	30	31 Barbara Bates

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.



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1 Loretta Kelly	2  Happy Labor Day	3	4	5  Vicki Greminger	6	7 Marsha Greenstreet
8	 Board Meeting Marsha Greenstreet Kim Smith	9	10	11	12  Update Terri Wolk	13  New LAS VEGAS
15 Randie Breeze	16 Glenna Mangelsdorf	17	18	19  Evening Meeting Stacey Ismail	20	21 Judy Kottmeier
22 Sandy Kossman	23	24 Mary McDowell	25	26  Officer Installation & Roast Mary Patty Meyer	27	28 Take 10 for BB
29 Judy Lowe	30 Sherry Armstrong	 SEPTEMBER CHILDHOOD CANCER Awareness Month GO GOLD TO SUPPORT THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILDHOOD CANCER				

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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.

Newsletter Deadlines

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

Newsletter Editor

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pjneff@usmo.com

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,

too strong for fear, and

too happy to permit the

presence of trouble.

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