



Twin City Area Optimist Club

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April 2024 News Making a Difference For Kids

President Peggy Scott



Welcome New Member



New member Florence Borman with sponsor Becky Francis.

March 28, 2024

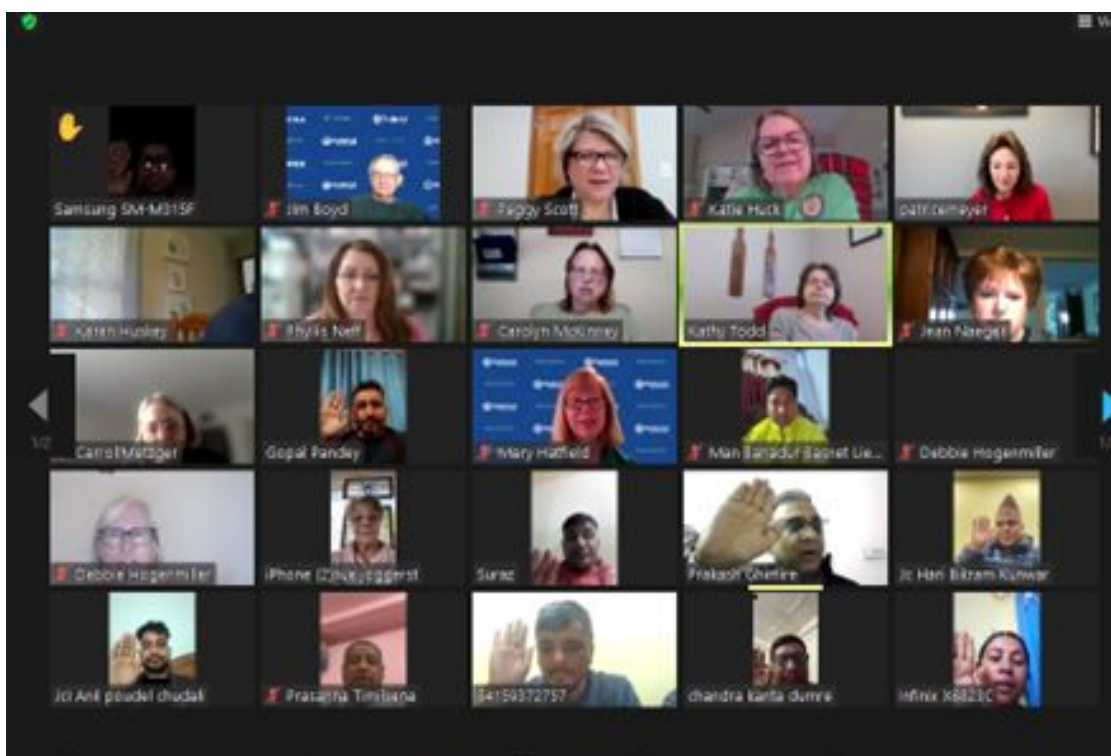
March 28, 2024 meeting at Thai Rama

On March 28 our evening meeting was held at the Thai Rama restaurant. The night began with a buffet dinner followed by the induction of new member, Florence Borman.

President Peggy Scott gave a report and mini lesson on our sponsorship of a new club in Butwal (pronounced Boot-wl), Nepal. Earlier in the month, a group of Twin City members joined in the induction of this club, via ZOOM. Butwal is a city of approximately 200,000 people in the western portion of the country and is considered to be a financial hub.

Our sponsored club is now one of over 60 Optimist clubs in Nepal. The lesson ended with a POP quiz on what members knew about the Nepalese region. Results of the quiz indicate we clearly have much to learn about our members on the other side of the world. We hope to form a friendly relationship and cultural exchange as both clubs pursue the like-minded goal of service to the youth of our communities.

Submitted by Sue Joggerst



Zoom call with new Nepal Club

President Peggy Scott led the members in a Nepal Trivia game to learn more about the new club TCA sponsored in March.

NEPAL TRIVIA

One: What's the name of the city in Nepal where our sponsored club is located?

- A. Butwal
- B. Kathmandu
- C. Dharan

Two: True or false: In some parts of Nepal, people use elephants for transportation.

Three: How many people live in the city with our new club?

- A. 200,000
- B. 50,000

C. 1 million

Four: The charter president of the new club is named

- A. Chandra
- B. Jim
- C. Hari

Five: The new club in Nepal includes ...

- A. All men
- B. All women
- C. Both men and women

Six: How many Optimist Clubs are in Nepal?

- A. 1-20
- B. 21-40
- C. 41-60
- D. 61 or more

Seven: True or false: The Optimist Creed aligns closely with the teachings for Buddha.

Eight: Which of the following are uncommon in Nepal?

- A. Monkeys
- B. Funeral pyres in temples
- C. Traffic signals

Nine: According to Optimist International, what's the best way for our club to communicate with members of the club in Nepal?

- A. Writing letters
- B. Sending emails
- C. WhatsApp Chat group
- D. Facebook

Ten: Nepal lies between which two countries?

- A. India and Bhutan
- B. India and Tibet
- C. India and Pakistan
- D. India and China

Eleven: What is the currency of Nepal?

- A. Nepalese Rupee
- B. Won
- C. Yen
- D. Ngultrum

Twelve: How many languages does Nepal have?

- A. 50
- B. 60
- C. 90
- D. 122

Thirteen: What is the highest mountain in Nepal?

- A. Annapurna
- B. Gokyo
- C. Everest
- D. Jomson

Fourteen: In western Nepal, and throughout the Himalayas, people report seeing a large, man-bear creature, also called? (Circle all that apply.)

- A. Yeti
- B. Abominable Snowman
- C. Lamkarna
- D. Bigfoot
- E. Sasquatch

Answer key located at bottom of newsletter.

April 4, 2024 Board Update

- NEW PROJECT COMMITTEE is working on community bike safety program.
 - JOI SUMMIT Board approved \$900 to send two members of JOI Club to JOI Summit in St. Louis this summer.
 - GRANTS UPDATE Received \$500 Health and Wellness grant for Youth appreciation from Optimist International.
 - SPECIAL OLYMPICS—Board approved donation of \$1531.81 to purchase team jackets for Helping Hands and Horses for Special Olympics. Jacket will include our club logo.
 - DRA (Disability Resources) requested a donation to purchase backpacks and pre-K shoes for its “Sneakers for the Soul” event. They plan to serve between 75-100 preschoolers. The board approved a \$500 donation.
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April 11, 2024 Essay and Oratorical Contest Winners



Essay Winners:

- First Place Winner: Kayli Golightly, Senior De Soto High School
 - Second Place Winner: Ellie Ludwig, Sophomore Hillsboro High School
 - Third Place Winner: Seth Kaylor, Junior Seckman High School
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Oratorical Winners:

First Place Winner: Olivia Blair, Freshman Herculaneum High School

Second Place Winner: Katelyn Blair, 6th grade Senn Thomas Middle School

Olivia and Katelyn are JOI Club members.

April 18, 2024
Youth Appreciation



Youth Appreciation Program

A glimpse of our future leaders in America was seen on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

The Twin City Area Optimist Club recognized nine area high school students during our annual Youth Appreciation Day luncheon meeting. They were selected by their respective schools for being a person of good character, striving to always do their best and making a positive impact on their community.

We heard about all the wonderful activities these students do in their school and for their community – outstanding young adults!

Each student was presented a certificate and a handwritten note with \$100 tucked inside. This year we received a \$500.00 grant from Optimist International Foundation which was used to increase their monetary gift!

Students recognized were:

- St. Pius X High School – Zander Street
- Festus Senior High School – Delaney Willis
- Grandview High School – Ellie Kutrip
- De Soto High School – Colton Fischer
- Crystal City High School – Kaden Bolton
- Herculaneum High School – Nidal Mehmedovic
- Hillsboro High School – David Luster
- Jefferson R7 – Alex Breeze
- Twin City Christian Academy – Bethany Tinnin

Youth Appreciation Day is just one project that our club focuses on meeting the needs of young people. Throughout the year, we continue to conduct positive service projects aimed at providing a helping hand to youth and recognizing their talents and achievements.

A big thank you to Cathy Elliott, project chair, and 14 optimist volunteers for

a wonderful program-well done ladies.

Submitted by Project Chair Cathy Elliott

April 25, 2024 Derby Party Part One





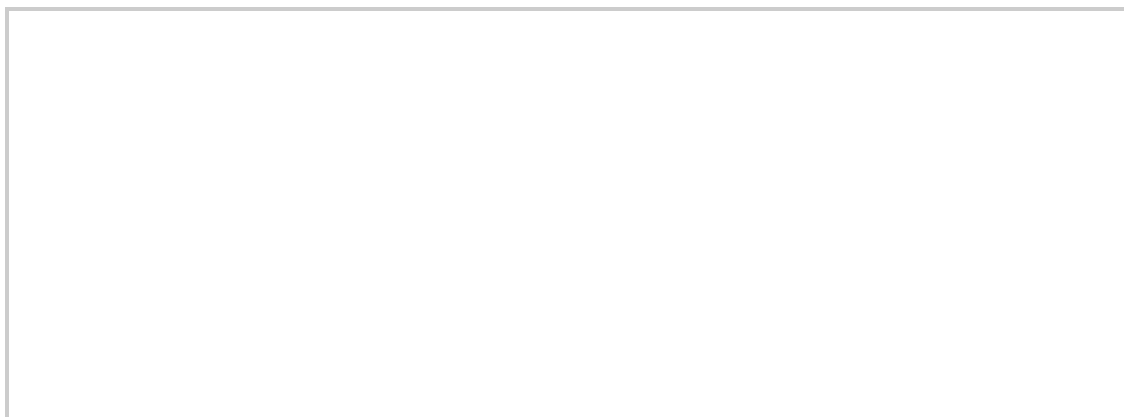

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CLUB PROJECTS

Aunt Rose Project





Aunt Rose Project founder Renee Gerlach receives donation from club member Karen Huskey.



Aunt Rose Project

When Renee Gerlach of the Aunt Rose Project put on Facebook that she was in need of certain supplies for the Aunt Rose Project, we responded!

The Aunt Rose Committee, comprised of Sue Boyer, Becky Francis, Kathy Todd, Elizabeth Vreeland, Karen Huskey and Carroll Metzger, met by email and agreed to purchase the requested items: books, period panties and other supplies. Our super shopper Karen Huskey used her membership at Costco, Kohl's sales and Kohl's cash to maximize the number of items we could supply. She purchased 901 items for an average cost of \$1.70 per item.

In addition, 61 books were purchased with the odd one being an adolescent boys' book to go along with the supply Renee is now providing for the domestic violence shelter! Additional allocated funds from the club will be used later in the year to complete our support of this terrific non-profit project.

Submitted by Carroll Metzger

CLUB FUNDRAISERS

Members, please take the time to promote and sell chances for this fundraiser. Golf raffle chances can be purchased at weekly meetings. You can also mail payment to: TCA Optimists, P.O. Box

475, Festus, MO 63028. Online payment is available using qr code located on flyer.

Golf Package Raffle



**One entry for
every \$10 donation**

**Drawing
May 30, 2024**



view qr code to pay



**4 rounds of golf at Crystal Highlands Golf Course Value \$230
(includes cart rental, valid M-F)
and a \$50 gift certificate for the Crystal Highlands Bistro Value \$50**

**4 rounds of golf at Oak Valley Golf Course Value \$176
(includes cart rental, valid M-Th anytime, F-Sun after 1 pm)
and a \$40 gift certificate for Oak Valley Value \$40**

**4 PGA Tour microfiber golf towels Value \$70
4 hat clips with ball markers
4 bags of tees**

TOTAL VALUE \$566



**Benefits TCA Optimist
Youth/Community Projects**



**Mark your
calendar for
August 10, 2024.
Rock n Roll Bingo
fundraiser. Details
coming soon.**

JOI Club

No report submitted

Debbie Schumaker
JOI Adult Advisor

Carol Schanz
JOI Chair



SAVE THE DATES



Note upcoming events. To assist with projects, please contact Committee Chair.

May 3-4 EMO District Conference
May 7 Board Meeting- home of Patty Meyer
May 30 Golf raffle drawing

NEPAL – ANSWERS

One: A. Butwal *

Two: True

Three: A. 200,000 *

Four: A. Chandra *

Five: C. Both men and women *

Six: C. 41-60 - 46 including our sponsored club

Seven: True

Eight: C. Traffic signals - The capital of Kathmandu has about four million people and I swear only half a dozen stop lights. When driving there it is merge and pray. Plus, thousands of people on scooters or small motorbikes weave in and out of the cars. Turn signals are optional.

Nine: C. WhatsApp Chat group *

Ten: A. India and China *

Eleven: A. Nepalese Rupee - Since 1932

Twelve: D. 122 - Nepali is the official language while the other 121 languages are all recognized national languages

Thirteen: C. Everest - At 8,849 meters, it's also the highest in the world

Fourteen: AB and C. D and E are terms used in the U.S. for the same type of creature.



Members meet every Thursday from Noon - 1 p.m. at Taytro's. Please RSVP by 8:00 a.m. on Monday by contacting Cathy Elliott.

The last Thursday of the month is an evening meeting held at Poppy's Parlor. Meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to order food, please contact Phyllis Neff on Monday prior to meeting.

Our Club will continue looking at the sunny side of everything and being committed to bringing out the best in our area youth.

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