



Twin City Area Optimist Club

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June 2022 News Making a Difference For the Kids

May 26, 2022

Spotlight Community Theatre





CAST LIST

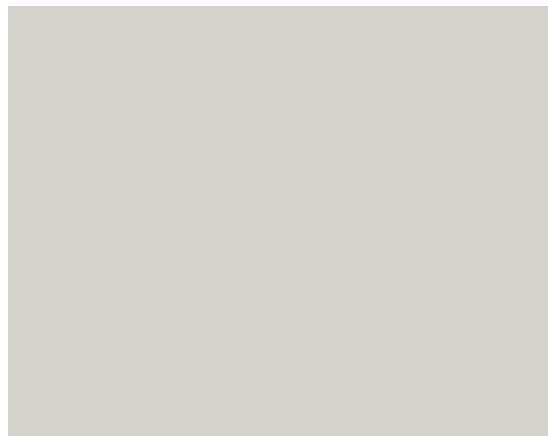
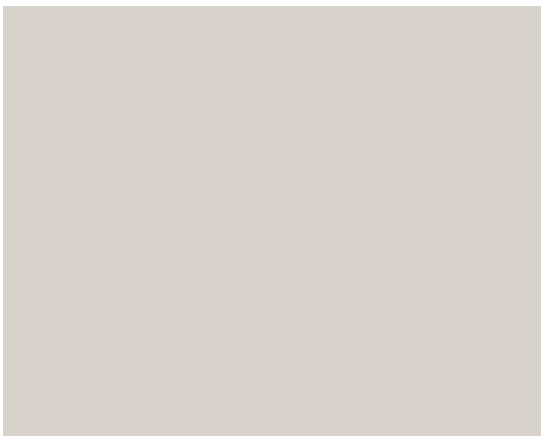
Casting Director	Eric Haynes
Roger	Charlie Labitska
Melissa	Monica Lee
Coach	Nikki White
Joe	Debra Leland
Josie	Carly Giger
Maria	Marji Peters
Martin	Dan Hewitt
Catherine	Carly Giger
Meg	Haylee Evans
Charlize	Karen LaPlant
Agent	Dawn Blanton
Josh	Nikki White
Edmund	Marji Peters
Amy	Haylee Evans



During our May 26th evening meeting, the club was entertained by the newly formed Spotlight Community Theatre adult troupe. Many laughs were heard as the actors transformed into their characters. To learn more, click: [Spotlight Community Theatre \(spotlightjeffco.org\)](http://spotlightcommunitytheatre.org)

Welcome New Members

Twin City Area Optimist Club is proud to induct five new members into our club. We look forward to their contributions of time and talents as they participate in our many projects.





Mickie Huskey (standing in for sponsor Karen Huskey) with new member Jennifer Jones



Sponsor Elizabeth Check with new member Beth Watts



Sponsor Debbie Hogenmiller with new member Angie Eisenbeis



Sponsor Debbie Hogenmiller with new member Kirstie Zych



Sponsor Pam Cernik with new member Laura Lohman



June 9, 2022
Jefferson County Port Authority
Deputy Director Cory Schuh



Cory Schuh, Deputy Director of the Jefferson County Port Authority, was our guest speaker on June 9th. He provided an update on the Herculaneum container-on-vessel port facility along the Mississippi River. This facility will be able to handle vessels larger and faster than the typical river barge and will transport shipping containers full of goods to and from the Gulf of Mexico.

Many jobs will be coming to Jefferson County!

Cory also informed us that the American Queen Voyages will return this year to the Port of Kimmswick. Previously there were 8 stops, this year there will be 13. This will greatly increase and benefit Kimmswick's economy as well as other areas of the county.

For more information about Jefferson County river ports please visit [Port Authority | JCPA Website | Crystal City \(jeffersoncountyporthauthority.com\)](#)

Three Generation of Schuh's

**Member Marie Schuh with son
Cory and granddaughter Harper**



**June 16, 2022
Oasis Tutoring
RSVP Coordinator Lori Deubner**



What is Oasis? Founded in 1982, Oasis is a non-profit educational organization that is active in 250 communities and reaches more than 52,000 individuals each year.

What is Oasis Tutoring? Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring is a nationwide volunteer program that pairs older adults with children in grades K-3 to work one-on-one each week as their tutors, mentors, and friends. Volunteer tutors are trained and paired with a child to engage in literacy activities for one hour a week during the school year.

Oasis currently partners with 29 school districts in MO/IL to offer

the Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring program to students.

Locally, they partner with the following Jefferson County elementary schools:

- DeSoto #73
- Dunklin R-V
- Fox C-6
- Grandview R-II
- Northwest R-I
- Hillsboro R-3
- Immaculate Conception School- Arnold

If you would like to learn more or want to become a volunteer, please contact Lori at 314-687-1112 or Ideubner@oasisnet.org.

June 23, 2022 The Future of our Club Round Table Discussion



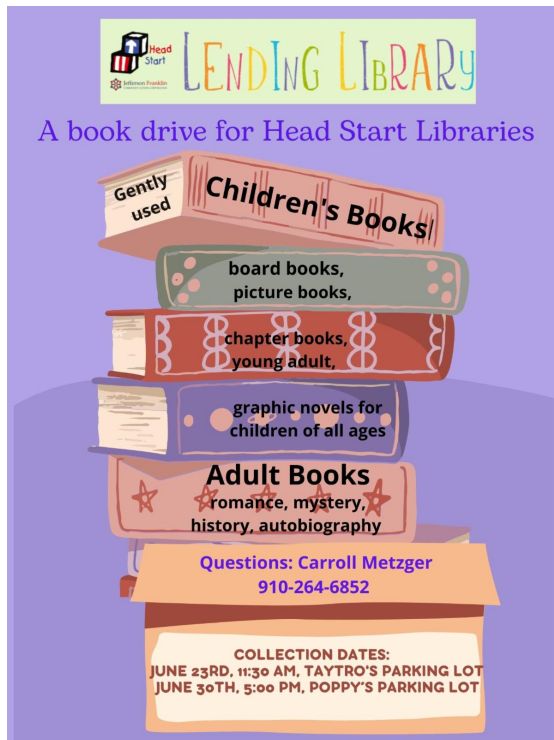
While we have a busy summer calendar, members may not realize that the President Elect, Carroll Metzger, is busy organizing next year which starts on Oct. 1 by:

1. Recruiting committee chairs and members;
2. holding round table discussions to seek member input on the future of our club.

This is a good time for members, especially new members, to pick their activities for next year. Being involved is a way to get to know more people, contribute to kids and our community, and have more fun! While the new year starts next fall, the invitation to join in lasts all year.

CLUB PROJECTS

Head Start Lending Library Book Drive



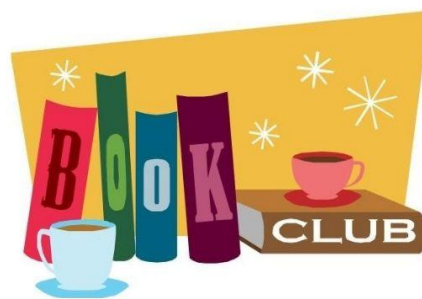
The graphic features the 'Head Start Illinois Foundation' logo and the text 'LENDING LIBRARY'. Below this, it says 'A book drive for Head Start Libraries'. The graphic is divided into sections for 'Children's Books' (including board books, picture books, chapter books, and young adult), 'Adult Books' (including romance, mystery, history, and autobiography), and contact information for Carroll Metzger (910-264-6852). At the bottom, it lists collection dates: June 23rd, 11:30 AM at Taytro's Parking Lot, and June 30th, 5:00 PM at Poppy's Parking Lot.

Photo below is a prototype of lending library box.



Book Club

The book club will meet at **5 p.m.** at Poppy's before the evening meeting on **Thursday, June 30th**, to discuss both the **May and June book selections**, *This Tender Land* and *The Four Winds*. As always, please send book suggestions to Mary Kay Scott.



Reading List May-August 2022

- May:** *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger
- June:** *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah
- July:** *Run Rose Run* by Dolly Parton and James Patterson
- August:** *Yellow Wife* by Sedeqa Johnson

Book Club meetings will start at **5 p.m.**, prior to the start of the evening meeting on the last Thursday of the month.

Respect for Law July 14th



During our noon meeting on July 14th, we will honor members of our local law enforcement agencies. Please make sure you sign up with Cathy Elliott to attend this meeting.

Nurses for Newborns Drive July 21st and July 28th



Anyone wanting to donate to Nurses for Newborns please bring items to July 21st or 28th meeting.

List of needed items:

- **Baby care items (lotion, shampoo, baby wash)**
- **Baby formula (preferably Enfamil w/Lipil)**
- **Baby wipes**
- **Bottles**
- **Canned food**
- **Car seats (5 point car seats only, less than 5 years old)**
- **Clothing (preemie to size 4T)**
- **Diapers (all sizes & pull ups)**
- **Gift cards**
- **Pack-n Plays**
- **High Chairs**

**PROJECT CHAIR:
KAREN HUSKEY
1-314-420-2625**

Handmade items, i.e. tummy time blankets or baby sock hats. Cash donations accepted.

**NOW Meeting
August 4th**

NOW MEETING

(New Optimist Welcome)

August 4, 2022



During our regularly scheduled noon meeting

To invite a guest, notify Marsha Greenstreet
by July 18, 2022 at mgreenstreet@sbcglobal.net
Provide the following information for each guest:

NAME
ADDRESS
PHONE
EMAIL ADDRESS

**Brenden's Friday Backpack
Community Drive August 4th**



Community Food Drive to Support Brenden's Friday Backpack

Date: Thursday August 4, 2022

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Place: Taytro's Bar and Bistro Parking Lot
331 North Creek Dr., Festus, MO

Sponsored by Twin City Area Optimist Club

Items Requested:

**Soups, (tomato or chicken noodle)
Vienna Sausages, ravioli, Ramen Noodles,
mac n cheese, breakfast bars, Pop Tarts.**



**Snacks: trail mix, Rice Krispies Treats,
beef jerky, peanut butter or
cheese crackers**

(PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES!)

In cooperation with



JOI CLUB

No update submitted for June.

Debbie Schumaker
JOI Adult Advisor

Carol Schanz
JOI Chair



FUNDRAISERS

Bunco Canceled

Unfortunately, registrations were low for BUNCO and committee made the decision to cancel event. It is hoped there will be more interest this fall.



MOUSE RACES

Twin City Area Optimist Club Fall Fundraiser

DATE: Saturday September 17, 2022

TIME: 7 pm (doors open at 6 pm)

PLACE: Festus VFW
900 VFW Dr., Festus, MO

Non-Refundable Tickets

\$20 in advance

MUST BE 21 OR OLDER

**ATTENDANCE PRIZE:
TABLET COMPUTER**



Purchase tickets by phone: 314 471 7213

Venmo: @TC-Optimist2122

Mail: P.O. Box 475, Festus, MO 63028

Tickets include beer, snacks, & soda

*Thank you for
supporting our kids*

Katie Huck is also selling Mouse Race tickets at weekly meetings.

SAVE THE DATES



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

Respect for Law - July 14

Chairs: Cindy Cherry and Cheyenne Pratt

Now Meeting - August 4

Chair: Marsha Greenstreet

Old Bag Lunch - August 18

Chairs: Carol Schanz and Pat Parsons

Gold and Platinum Sponsor Appreciation - September 22

Chairs: Jean Naeger and Barb Schmidt



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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636-208-1395**

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Carroll Metzger**

Board Members

Our VENMO account,
@TC-Optimist 2122, can be
used to make donations to our projects or
Fundraisers.

**Please make sure to include your phone
number and a memo indicating what the
donation is for.**

2020-2022
Janice Boyd
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Barb Schmidt

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