



Twin City Area Optimist Club

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July 2021 News: Making a Difference



Mastodon Fair Club Meeting June 17, 2021 Speaker Samantha DeClue

The Mastodon Art/Science Regional Fair is open to all students in grades K-12. Projects can be individual or group projects in the fields of art or science. Students can be enrolled in public, private, or be homeschooled. Teachers, parents, or guardians can enter one project from each division. The cost per project is \$10 until registration cut-off on February 28, at that time the registration fee goes up to \$20 per project. It is scheduled for March 20-26.

Students in middle and high school who wish to qualify and move on to the national level, must be from the following counties: Brown, IL; Callaway, MO; Crawford, MO; Dent, MO;

Franklin, MO; Gasconade, MO; Jackson, IL; Jefferson, MO; Maries, MO; Osage, MO; Perry, IL; Phelps, MO; Randolph, IL; Union, IL; St. Francois, MO (Art Only); Ste. Genevieve, MO (Art Only); St. Louis, MO (Art Only), and Washington, MO.

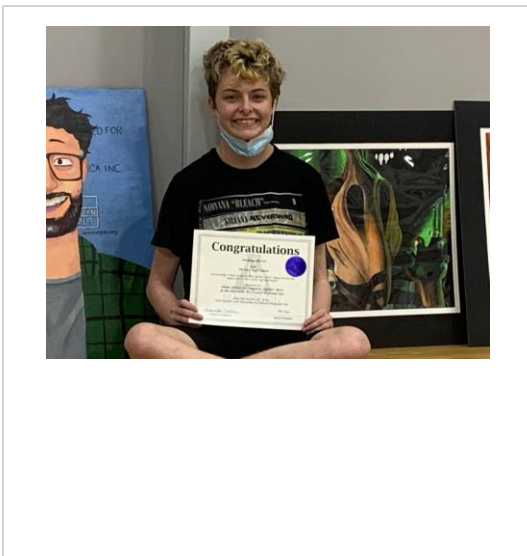
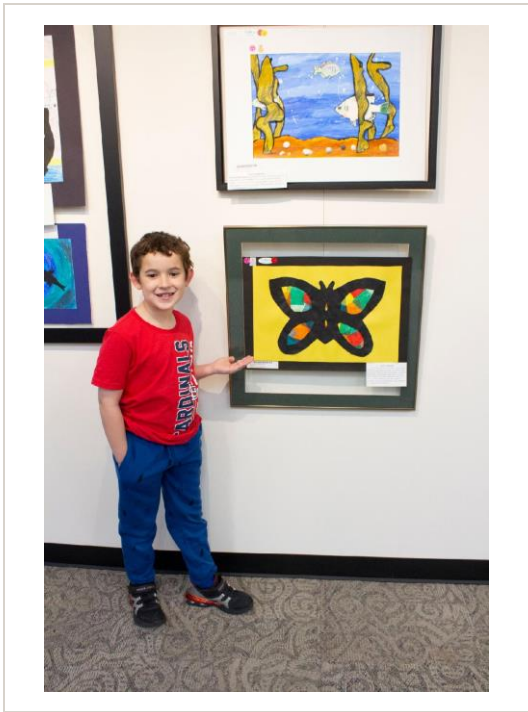
The 2020 Seniors Only Fair awarded \$3,200 worth of prizes. The 2021 Fair awarded \$6,200 worth of prizes.

COVID hit all non-profits hard, we need additional community support to survive. If you know of anyone, any business, etc. that is looking to help an organization, please keep us in mind. Without help, 2022 may be our last year. Without community support, this will not be possible. Please help the Fair. You can support us with direct donations, in-kind donations, our various fundraisers throughout the year, via Amazon Smile, Prairie Farms "Your Caps, Our Cause."

Our Wish List consists of: Board Members, Donors/Sponsors, Judges (Art & Science), Family/STEAM Expo Vendors, Various Office Supplies, and Volunteers.

Samantha P. DeClue
Executive Director
Mastodon Art/Science Regional Fair
director@mastodonfair.org
314-529-1329

Below are a few photos of past winners (permission granted to publish)



CLUB PROJECTS

Brenden's Friday Backpacks



**Community Food Drive to support
Brenden's Friday Backpacks**

Thursday July 22, 2021



THANKS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS





Rotarians Nicole Tucker, Elizabeth Check, and Megan Siracusa (of course Elizabeth and Megan are also Optimists!)



Club Treasurer Pat Parsons with Brenden's Friday Backpacks Chair Debbie Hogenmiller.

Thank you Debbie for chairing this drive



Loading the Brenden's Friday Backpack van with donations. President Mary Kay Scott hands over a box to Karen Huskey.



Volunteers receiving donations



Book Club



Reading List thru end of the year

All over but the Shoutin' by Rick Bragg, July

Redhead by the Side of the Road by Anne Tyler, August

The Lost and Found Bookshop by Susan Wiggs, September

The Magic Hour by Kristen Hannah, October

The House We Grew Up In by Lisa Jewell, November

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeycutt, December.

The meetings for the book club will be 45 minutes before the start of the evening meeting on the last Thursday of the month.

Childhood Cancer

CRAVER COMMUNITY NIGHT

**WHITE CASTLE WILL
DONATE 15% OF YOUR PURCHASE TO:**



**Twin City Area
Optimist Club**

Hailey (age 11) White Castle Benefit and update

The White Castle benefit was on July 22 and lots of sliders were sold. White Castle staff made baskets, sold raffle tickets to everyone they could, and showed great support to us and Hailey's family. The crew chief, store manager, the district manager and the warehouse supervisor all came out to support this effort. Hailey's mom was there too! Our members Cheri Phillips, Carol Schanz, Arlene DeGonia, and Phyllis Neff were sighted (along with a few grandkids and club President Mary Kay Scott made it through the drive thru).

The raffle will be continued until the end of October, so Hailey will do the drawing around her 12th birthday and receive the funds for a great birthday present. I will have raffle tickets to sell at meetings or you may go by the White Castle in Arnold if you want more chances on these baskets! The piggy bank is now over \$400! During this time, White Castle will do more benefit nights for our club! The dates are to be determined.

Hailey continues to receive treatment at home, and we are all hoping she will be feeling better soon!

Carroll Metzger
Childhood Cancer Chair



Childhood Cancer Committee Chair Carroll Metzger with White Castle Crew Manager (basket maker and ticket seller) Joyce Jackson and General manager Carolyn Dempsey.

Thanks to Carroll for coordinating this fundraiser with White Castle.



Thanks to Arlene, Phyllis, Cheri, and Carol for stopping by to support fundraiser.



Kim Huskey (family friend) Crew Chief Joyce Jackson, Brandi Pryor (Hailey's mom), District Manager Cheryl Sorts, and Warehouse Supervisor Mike Kincade. Optimists appreciate the support of White Castle Management Team.

JOI CLUB



Update:

- New JOI member is Brooklyn Ward-Johnson. She is in 10th grade at Festus High School.
- The pool party at Debbie's on Friday July 2nd was fun with four members present along with mothers of members, Debbie Schumaker, Carol Schanz, and Katie Huck.
- If schools have open houses, club members will be present to attract new JOI members.
- Next meeting is August 5th at Taytros at 7 pm.
- We will have new location for Junior Optimist meetings starting in September. It will be at Joachim Plattin Ambulance District meeting room at 1235 N. Truman Blvd, Crystal City MO.
- The election of officers will be September 2nd meeting. To run for an office, a JOI member must have been a member for at least one year.
- BB 5k is Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 8 am for suicide prevention and awareness. We would like to see the TCA Optimist members support, so please try to attend.



Katie Huck
JOI Adult Advisor

Debbie Schumaker
JOI Chair



3rd Annual BB 5K



5K Teen Suicide Awareness Walk Saturday, 8AM October 23, 2021 At Larry Crites Memorial Park (Formerly West City Park)

Cost of 5K - \$30
Includes t-shirt, certificate of appreciation, snacks, fruit and Behavioral Health information
Unable to walk, T-shirts may be purchased for \$20
Student cost without t-shirt \$10
Sweatshirts only-\$30 or \$45 as participant
Checks to TCA Optimist at PO Box 475, Festus MO 63028 or Venmo @JOI63028

Student scholarship winners of funds raised will be announced after the 5K

**ALL AGES ARE
WELCOME TO
PARTICIPATE**

**Contact information:
Debbie Schumaker 314-471-7213,
Katie Huck 314-520-6340, or
Carol Schanz 314-222-4344**



**Junior Optimist International
3rd Annual 2021 5K Run/Walk for Bryan Brennan
Take 10 for BB ... "Teen Suicide Awareness/Prevention"
Waiver and Consent Form**

Please read the information below and to the right carefully.
By completing the form below and submitting your information, you are agreeing to the Rules and Conditions outlined here for participation in the Optimist Walk at Larry Crites Memorial Park formally West City Park located in the far back pavilion (north end).
If under age 18 years, you must have your parent or legal guardian's consent to participate, and a parent/legal guardian must attend with you and sign in on Saturday October 23, 2021 at 7:30 am. Walk starts at 8 am.
We have new t-shirt or sweatshirt color this year: **Blue**
Cost is \$30.00, which includes your T-shirt or \$45.00 for a sweatshirt. If you do NOT wish to participate the cost of the T-shirt is \$20.00 or \$30 for a sweatshirt. Deadline to order shirt is October 1, 2021. Must receive fee before we can order your T-shirt. **Student fee without shirt is \$10.00.**
Send payment and form to Twin City Optimist Club, Attn: Debbie, P.O. Box 475, Festus, MO 63028 or to Venmo @ JOI63028.
*form must be filled out, submitted per text, e-mail, or mail.
Any questions call Debbie at 314-471-7213 or Carol at 636-222-4344.
Participant info:
Name: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Phone Number: _____
Shirt Size: _____ Type of shirt _____
Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____
Parent/Guardian/Participant Signature: _____
Date _____

By submitting this form, I hereby agree to participate in the Junior Optimist Walk at Larry Crites Memorial Park formally West City Park, Festus, MO and I confirm that I have read, understand and agree to the Rules.

In addition to giving full consent for my participation, I do hereby waive, release and hold harmless the organizations named below, its sponsors, volunteers, supervisors and representatives for any injury that may be suffered by me in the normal course of participation in the designated activity and the activities there to, whether the result of negligence or any other cause.

I authorize the use of the participant's name and any photos taken of the participant, during the Junior Optimist Walk at Larry Crites Memorial Park formally Festus West City Park project solely for the purposes of promotion of this or future events.



**Proceeds of the BB 5K will go to a local school.*

**All ages are welcome.*



CONVENTION

EMO District - Fourth Quarter Convention

**4th Quarter Convention
August 13-15, 2021
Still time to sign up!**



The East Missouri District of Optimist
International invites you to

The 4th Quarter Convention and Gala

August 13-15 at Drury Plaza Hotel and
Convention Center, Cape Girardeau

Early Bird Registration- \$80- ends July 23, 2021

After July 23 Registration- \$90

Governor's Gala Ticket (includes 2 cocktail tickets)-\$30

Fellowship, Karaoke, Fabulous Training for Club
Presidents, Secretaries, and Lt Governors. A Gala
Saturday evening to celebrate and dance the night
away!

RESERVE YOUR ROOM-

The Group Rate for the rooms is good from today until July 23rd.

Room Rates- \$109+tax- Double Queen Room, \$109+tax King Room.

Reservations can be made by reserving online, go to

www.druryhotels.com, then enter Group number of 2417090.

Reservations may also be made by calling 1-800-325-0720 and refer
to the Group number of 2417090.

FUNDRAISERS



MOUSE RACES

**Twin City Area
Optimist Club
Fall Fundraiser**

DATE: Saturday September 18, 2021

TIME: 7 pm (doors open at 6 pm)

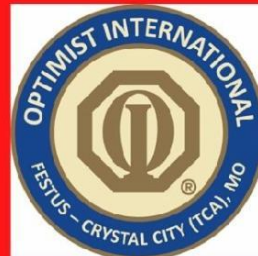
PLACE: Mississippi River Elks
330 Bailey Rd., Crystal City, MO

Non-Refundable Tickets

\$20 in advance

\$25 at the door

MUST BE 21 OR OLDER



Purchase tickets by phone: 314 471 7213

Venmo: @TC-Optimist

Website: Fundraisers (twincityoptimist.org)

Tickets include beer, snacks, & soda

WE FOUND A HOME

Taytros
BAR & BISTRO

Cost: \$15

RSVP required.
Contact Secretary
Cathy Elliott one week
in advance.

**buffet lunch includes
entree, one side, salad,
tea/water**

DATE: Aug. 5-12-19

TIME: 12-1 p.m.
(no seating before 11:30 a.m.)

PLACE: Taytros
331 North Creek Drive, Festus

Long awaited installation of new member Kathy Moss (center) by club president Mary Kay Scott. Sponsor Ellen Bridgewater presented new member packet along with Optimist membership pin.





Welcome
New Member
Kathy Moss



**49 Members Attend
First Meeting at
Tatro's**

Brag - Brag- Brag

**Time to catch up on
brags and
announcements**



July Evening Meeting

Date: Thursday July 29, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Seating 5:30 p.m.

Place: Poppy's Parlor

**Food will be available to order from
snack bar. Look for email with details.**



Old Bags Night Out

Date: Thursday August 26, 2021

Time: Arrive 5:30 p.m.-- Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Place:



**1002 White St.
Imperial, MO**

To donate a purse/bag or contents

Please phone/text

Carol Schanz 636 222 4344

Pat Parsons 314 223 4309

*Bring an appetizer, snack,
or dessert to share*



**Members meet every Thursday at
Noon - 1 p.m.**

**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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