



Twin City Area Optimist Club

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August 2025 News Making a Difference For Kids

President Cathy Elliott



Dear Ladies,

August: A Time to Shine, Release, and Begin Again

August is a month full of meaning—spiritually, it represents release, new beginnings, and harvest. It's a season to let go of what no longer serves us, to embrace change, and to prepare for the new opportunities ahead. Just as farmers gather their crops we, too, can gather the fruits of our efforts, celebrating what has been accomplished while planting seeds for what's to come.

For our Optimist Club, August is a perfect reflection of our mission. It's a time to wrap up summer projects with gratitude, welcome new members with enthusiasm, and prepare for the exciting year ahead. Let's take inspiration from the long, bright days—the sun's peak reminds us to let our optimism shine, to illuminate our community, and to encourage others to do the same.

As we move into the coming months, may we release any doubts, embrace every change as a chance to grow, and work together to make a difference. Just like August, we are in the perfect moment to celebrate, to serve and to begin again.

Kathy Elliott
President, Twin City Area Optimist Club
573-883-0924

Welcome New Members!



Anedra Owens



Sharon Shy



August 7, 2025 General Meeting



Upcoming Projects and Events

With so many projects and events coming, volunteer opportunities abound! If you can give a little time to any of these projects, please reach out to the contact chair/chairs listed.

Dictionary Project – Laura Lohman

Twin City Days - Katie Huck and Mary Hatfield
Saturday, September 6

Sponsor Appreciation Lunch - Jean Naeger
September 11 noon meeting

Brenden's Backpack Collection Day at Walmart, Festus - Kirstie Zych
September 13 from 9am-1pm (rainout September 20)

Things that Go in Herculaneum – Mary Hatfield
September 13 from 10 am to noon

De Soto Fall Festival - Mary Hatfield
September 20

Dine to Donate at Panera - 25% proceeds donated to our club
Thursday September 25

August Board Meeting Update

BB5K Walk - JOI Club is no longer involved with this walk. Debbie Schumaker asked the club to support it this year. The board voted to participate and donate \$500 this year as in the past.

Four New Member Applications were reviewed and approved:

- Karen Francis, sponsored by Judy Williams
- Heather Myers, sponsored by Jean Naeger
- Anedra Owens, sponsored by Tracy Johnson

- Sharon Shy, sponsored by Donna Masters

We now have 138 Optimist members!!

Mary Hatfield will be voted on for Governor-elect for the East MO District next year! Congratulations, Mary!

Submitted by: Cathy Elliott and Carolyn McKinney

August 14, 2025 Back to Play



Nicole Alleman, Back to Play

Nicole Alleman from Back to Play was the speaker at the August 14, 2025 meeting. Back to Play is a nonprofit, indoor playroom and family support center located on Main Street in De Soto, Missouri. The center's mission is "to help children thrive through their natural desire to play, while providing a community space for caregivers to connect and feel supported."

The physical facility includes play areas for physical and creative activities, sensory activities and a calming room. Seating areas for parents and guardians allow supervision, relaxation and networking with other adults. A private office space is available for rental by therapists, case managers and youth clinicians. Private playroom options are available for occupational therapists, speech therapists etc. A therapy dog soon will be volunteering for supervised visits, private therapy sessions and therapeutic events.

In addition to the daily play options, Back to Play hosts caregiver workshops and collaborates with other agencies to provide even more resources. They have giveaways throughout the year such as Halloween Costume help, Easter baskets and birthday parties. At Christmas they partner with organizations to provide Christmas presents for families in the community. They also sponsor local teens at Christmas as some holiday drives only provide gifts for children up to age 12.

Additional resources are offered to provide postpartum support in the form of connections and resources for parents. The facility helps caregivers by providing much-needed items such as diapers and wipes, an infant scale and a measuring mat.

As a non-profit, Back to Play relies on volunteers. An area specifically requested was for home school workshops. If anyone has a skill or hobby they would be interested in teaching, please reach out to Back to Play. A recent request received is for crochet lessons!

For more information, please reference: <https://www.backtoplaymo.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/backtoplaymo/>

Submitted by: Carolyn McKinney

August 21, 2025 EMO District 4th Quarter Meeting

Jean Naeger and Phyllis Neff opened the August 21 meeting with a recap of the East Missouri Optimist District 4th Quarter Meeting. Thirteen members from the Twin City Area Optimist Club attended the district meeting held August 15-17. Jean showed a slide show presentation of various activities including the EMO Governor's Choice Awards, several of which were awarded to Twin City Optimists. The presentation also highlighted a fun 80's theme implemented by Beth Watts and helpers.

Phyllis announced the Twin City Area Optimist Club members who had received EMO Governor's Choice Awards, reading the nominations as to why each member was chosen. While the awards had already been presented at the EMO meeting, this was a great way to emphasize the contributions of these amazing women in front of our club! Thank you to Jean and Phyllis, and congratulations to the award recipients!

- **Rookie Award** – Marian Bozak
- **Best Club Project Award** – Trailnet Bike Rodeo with Katie Huck and Mary Hatfield
- **Outstanding District Member** - Peggy Scott
- **President of the Year** – Cathy Elliott
- **Governor Elect** – Mary Hatfield was voted in! Congratulations Mary!!!

The remainder of the meeting was spent playing Autograph Bingo, where everyone circulated around the room to find the right people to sign their bingo sheets. Questions on bingo sheets included who rings the bell, who rode an elephant, who has been skydiving, who graduated from certain high schools, and other who did this or that type questions. There were 24 guesses and three winners each got 21 correct: Judy Williams, Kathy Todd, and Alicia Cumiskey. Congratulations, ladies!

Marian also distributed Dad Joke cards, many of which were read aloud to both laughs and groans! Thank you, Marian, for getting everyone up, moving around and interacting with optimist members with whom we may not have been familiar with yet!

Due to a full agenda, Cathy Elliott sent announcements out separately.

Twin City Days Family Bowling Event – Friday September 5. Our Junior Optimist Club will hold this event. They will issue 80 coupons worth \$6 each for the first 80 kids who show up to bowl at Quonset Lanes. There is one free game and shoe rental for the bowlers from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. provided by Quonset Lanes.

Twin City Days Bike Helmet Give-a-way. Sign up with Katie Huck and Mary Hatfield to work our tent and help with the bike give-a-way and raffle for a bike! Katie Huck: 314-520-6340, Mary Hatfield: 314-835-7524.

Bloomsdale Fun Farm – We will **NOT be working** at Bloomsdale Fun Farm on October 4 due to a lack of volunteers for that day.

Thank You to Sharon Shy for assisting Amy Baum with the Art Contest! We appreciate you taking on this project with Amy!

Brenden's Backpack Food Drive – Saturday September 13 at Festus Walmart. Kirstie Zych is still looking for volunteers. To sign up, contact Kirstie Zych at 314-221-3708.

Dictionary Project – Laura Lohman is taking names of volunteers to help with the dictionary project. Laura Lohman: 636-208-5853.

Things That Go – This event is Saturday, September 13, in Herculaneum and will need a few volunteers. Please contact Mary Hatfield at 314-835-7524 if you can help.

Photo Directory Updates – For anyone who would like their photo updated in the electronic photo directory, please contact Carolyn McKinney at 314-680-2798. Photos will be taken no later than September 18, 2025.

Submitted by: Cathy Elliott



Phyllis Neff and Jean Naeger presented the EMO Governor's Choice Awards to Marian Bozak - Rookie of the Year, Cathy Elliott - President of the Year, and Mary Hatfield and Katie Huck - Best New Project.

August 28, 2025

Bake-Off

C.A.R.E

The August 28 evening meeting was full of good things including delicious baked goods and excellent feedback about our club! Ruth Ann Adams, with assistance from Donna Long and Debbie Floyd, arranged for our first club Bake-Off. Everyone had the opportunity to taste over a dozen different desserts and vote on their favorites. The desserts included a wide range of pies, cakes, cupcakes, and candies. After voting was completed, the top three winners were awarded prizes:

- First place: Lisa Schevers with her Turtle candies
- Second place: Judy Kuhlman with her Coconut Cream and Lemon Meringue pies
- Barb Schmidt with her Chocolate Strawberry cake.



Some of the bake-off contestants: Kirstie Zych, Carroll Metzger, Kathy Todd, Beth Winkeler, Judy Kuhlman, Phyllis Neff, Shirley Coile, Barb Schmidt, Katie Huck, Alicia Cummiskey



**So many goodies,
so hard to choose!!**





Bake-Off organizers Debbie Floyd, Donna Long, and Ruth Ann Adams posed with the three contest winners: Lisa Schevers - 1st place, Judy Kuhlman - 2nd place, and Barb Schmidt, 3rd place.

Celebrate + Address+ Recognize= Excel

The C.A.R.E. Program is an Optimist International structured plan for clubs to celebrate their accomplishments while resolving issues and strengthening membership. The annual program is designed to help keep Optimist club membership healthy, strong, and engaged while allowing everyone to feel they have a voice and an influence in the club's direction. The C.A.R.E. acronym stands for **Celebrate + Address+ Recognize= Excel**.

The program was preceded with an anonymous survey sent to membership by Liz Christman, our facilitator for the "address" portion of the program. More than double the number of recipients responded to the survey this year from last year. Before diving into the survey results, Liz reviewed the concept of the "word cloud" which is a method for evaluating the results of the surveys by selecting reoccurring words; the more often they are found, the larger they become on the

results. These words reflect the members' feelings about the questions being asked.

Membership was heavily discussed as a result to multiple survey questions. While membership has grown in the past year, our members recognize the need to engage with new members. The new member orientations implemented in the past year have made a positive impact, but it takes time to get to know people, especially in a club of our size.



Liz Christman

The question of membership also led to the topic of communication which our club generally does via email and Facebook. Liz pointed out that younger members tend to prioritize other communication methods such as Instagram and text messaging.

Overall, feedback was positive about the Twin City Area Optimist Club with Liz noting that one of the “issues” identified was that our members want to be friends with all the other members!

The final survey question asked for ideas for new projects, activities or fundraisers for our club. Suggestions ranged from getting involved with other community service clubs in the area to adding new programs to expand our support for children.

Thank you to everyone who provided their feedback to the survey! This was a great response on how to better support our members and the community!

Submitted by: Carolyn McKinney

What do you feel went well with the TCA Optimist Club this year?

What do you feel the TCA Optimist club needs to work on?

[illegible]

The final survey question asked for new ideas for our club as a community service project, youth activity, or fundraiser. These are some of the suggestions.

- Bowling competition with other community service clubs.
- Science fair for youths in our community.
- Chair yoga classes.
- Networking with other non-profits like Missouri Kids Unplugged.
- We need to spotlight a different member each month. Maybe draw the member of the month out of a bowl, this would ensure variety.
- Focus each month on a line of the Optimist Creed. This would encourage us to LIVE the creed better, each line would have a card with a definition or example of the line.
- Yard sale as a fundraiser during Twin City Days.
- As the club provides a dictionary to every third grader in our area, I believe the club should also provide classroom sets of grade-level book award nominees each year.
- Kids clothing swap meet held before school starts.
- Bags of supplies for the homeless in our area.
- Homeless people need us.
- Fundraiser-buy a large number of sunglasses and sell them. Could have TCAOC on arm.
- How about a garden-centric activity like a seed/plant sap to encourage children to develop their green thumbs.
- Would love to work on things that solve issues for the schools and teachers and ultimately impact families.
- We could do something more to honor the teenagers in our community besides the Youth Appreciation luncheon.
- Community service projects, perhaps partnering with another entity.
- Maybe a donation for the De Soto group that we recently heard from.

CLUB PROJECTS

Kids Bike Rodeo and Helmet Clinic

August 17, 2025

The 2025 Bike Rodeo and Helmet Clinic was held August 17, 2025 behind Petit Patee between Main and Mill and Second streets in Festus. This event is held in conjunction with Trailnet's Bottleneck Bridge Race.

While 28 children were signed up for the rodeo, our Trailnet partner advised cancelling after only 30 minutes due to the extreme heat. During the short time the event was active, nine children were served, and proper helmet fitting information, rules of the road and bike coloring sheets were handed out. Children and parents, who were unable to participate, were told that there will be an event at Twin City Days on September 6 at which free helmets will be supplied and chances for a new bike will be sold.

Thank you to the 19 Twin City Optimists and nine Junior Optimists who braved the heat to volunteer at this event! And to committee chair Katie Huck and co-chair Mary Hatfield for organizing it!

Submitted by: Katie Huck



Ruth Ann Adams, Carroll Metzger, and Debbie Hogenmiller at the registration table.



Co-chair Mary Hatfield, Ruth Ann Adams, Carroll Metzger, and Chair Katie Huck.



Junior Optimists volunteered their time to help at the event.



Families turned out in spite of the heat!



LET'S STRIKE UP SOME FUN



FAMILY BOWLING EVENT

DATE: Friday September 5, 2025

TIME: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Quonset Lanes
2004 N. Truman Blvd.
Crystal City

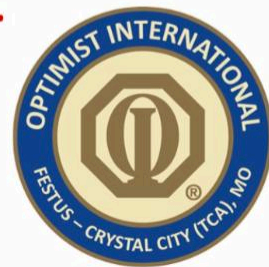
Per person:
one FREE Game
FREE shoe rental
\$6 food/beverage
voucher for first
75 kids

For more information contact:

Junior Optimist Adult Advisor

Debbie Schumaker debbie268244@gmail.com

Sponsored by:





TWIN CITY AREA OPTIMIST CLUB FOOD DRIVE

**Let's Spread Kindness
to Others!**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
9 AM-1PM**

Most Needed Items

Single serve, kid friendly
food. Refer to list on right.

Drop Off Location



650 S. Truman Blvd.
Festus, MO

**Optimist members will collect
donations outside both store
entrances**



**Brenden's Friday Backpacks Program
uses single serve,
non-perishable, kid-friendly foods**

- single-serve cereal
- breakfast or granola bars
- canned soup and pasta
- pudding and fruit cups
- individual snacks such as
crackers, cookies, chips, Rice
Krispie treats, trail mix, etc.
- 16-18 oz plastic jars of
peanut butter for long breaks

1700 kids served weekly!

**For more information please contact:
Optimist Kirstie Zych 314-221-3708**

TWIN CITY AREA OPTIMIST CLUB ANNUAL ART CONTEST



November 23, 2025

2:00PM - 4:00PM

Elks Lodge 1721

4 Elks Acres, Festus, MO



CLUB FUNDRAISERS

August 9, 2025

Rock 'n Roll Bingo

The Rock 'n Roll Bingo event on August 9 was a great success! With the 184 tickets sold and profits from 50/50 and various raffles, the net profit for the Twin City Area Optimist Club was \$6,795.63.

The evening was full of fun and laughter. The doors opened an hour before the game started, providing plenty of time to socialize, eat and review the raffles and purchase tickets.

Once the game started, the focus changed to the bingo cards and cell phones used to identify the song clips. There was plenty of singing along with the song clips and some regret when favorite song clips ended too quickly.

During the 10 rounds of bingo, there were periodic breaks to allow everyone to stretch, purchase raffle tickets and refresh drinks. There was also an exciting game of Heads or Tails during one break.

Twelve lucky tables each won a dozen homemade cookies during a raffle early in the game. The other raffle winners were drawn before the last round along with the 50/50 which was won by Kathy Todd's sister!

This event was a lot of work and it took many people to make it a successful fundraiser! Thank you to everyone who made it happen:

- Committee: Pat Parsons (Chair), Phyllis Neff, Tracy Johnson, Lynne Wendel, Kim Elbl, Lisa Ermer, and Dana Hanna
- Cookie bakers: Ellen Bridgewater, Katie Huck, Kathy Todd and Becky Capps
- All Optimists who volunteered their time at the event
- Event Sponsors

Also, thank you to everyone who donated items to support the event or to raffle, including the following:

- H.W. Herrell Distributing: Beer and cups
- Mangelsdorf Enterprises: \$100 gas card
- Antonia Fabricators: Cardinal Fire Pit
- Dick and Katie Huck: 50,000 Southwest Airline Points
- Traci Hardin's Massage Clinic: Massage gift card
- Karleh Brauch Esthetics: Facial gift card
- Jamie Kasten: Hair gift card
- Sharon Ziegler: Homemade afghan
- TDVI Crafts: Wooden pumpkin

Submitted by: Pat Parsons and Carolyn McKinney





There was a great turnout for the event!



Lisa Ermer, Rosie O'Shaugnessy, and Pat Parsons at the registration table.



Cindy Cherry won the final coverall round of bingo!



Ruth Ann Adams sold chances to win a beautiful quilt.



Katie Huck and Jean Naeger continued selling raffle chances between rounds!



Tracy Johnson, Phyllis Neff, and Pat Parsons made the rounds selling 50/50 and raffle tickets.



Raffle baskets!



Amy Baum, Lynne Wendel, Karleh Brauch, Ruth Ann Adams, Carol Schanz, and Cathy Elliott enjoyed the evening.



We're raising dough!

TWIN CITY OPTIMIST CLUB

**September 25, 2025
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
1075 West Gannon Drive, Festus, MO**

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DONATED*

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New Marketing Brochure

The revised tri-fold marketing brochure is now available. This document provides basic information about the projects and services we provide to the community. It will be used for new member packets, sponsorship campaigns, and available at club public events. This is a great way to spread the word about our club. Members can request copies from Marketing Chair Jean Naeger.

SERVICE



BICYCLE SAFETY

Optimists gave away and properly fitted hundreds of bicycle helmets as part of the club's new and growing bicycle safety project.

Optimists partner with community organizations to serve children

- Jefferson College: Scholarships
- Aunt Rose Project: Serving period poverty
- Second Hand Heroes: Providing items and support
- Atlas Youth Outreach: Therapy for local teens
- Foster Together: Supporting foster families
- Spotlight Community Theatre: Encouraging the arts
- Helping Hands and Horses: Equestrian therapy

SPONSORSHIPS | 2025

Help us help the kids

We rely on the generosity of our community to support the Twin City Area Optimist Club's work in the community. Help us help the kids by sponsoring our club. For more information, please contact Jean Naeger, marketing chair, at 314-495-2822.

Platinum Sponsor: \$1,000 or more

- Greater visibility at club events
- Includes photo/logo of you or your business
- Announced on our public Facebook page
- Included on our website
- Recognized at public events

Gold Sponsor: \$500-\$999

- Includes photo/logo of you or your business
- Announced on our public Facebook page
- Included on our website
- Recognized at public events

Silver Sponsor: \$250-\$499

- Includes business logo
- Announced on our public Facebook page
- Included on our website
- Recognized at public events

Bronze Sponsor: \$100-\$249

- Announced on our public Facebook page
- Included on our website
- Recognized at public events

New for 2025: Donations are tax deductible

Make tax-deductible checks payable to: The Foundation of the Twin City Optimist Club, separately incorporated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please mail to P.O. Box 13, Festus, MO 63028.



Twin City Area Optimist Club

Bringing out the best in youth

Choose Optimism

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves. Join the Twin City Area Optimist Club, a service club supporting southern Jefferson County, and make a difference today.



COATS FOR KIDS

Coats for Kids is the club's largest project and has been operating for more than 30 years. Each year, up to 500 coats are given away. The project committee works with local school counselors to identify local children in need.

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CELEBRATE



JUNIOR OPTIMIST CLUB

Children ages 11-18 are encouraged to join the Twin City Optimist's Junior Optimist Club. Above, members learn about careers while enjoying a craft project. The club elects officers, plans its own projects and gives members a chance to develop leadership skills, meet new people and have fun.



DICTIONARIES FOR THIRD GRADERS

Each year, every third grader in southern Jefferson County receives their very own dictionary. In an age of electronics, the children love getting the books and learning new skills.

JUNIOR GOLF

One of junior golf's most prestigious events, the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships, starts with a local qualifying tournament supported by the Twin City Area club.



COLLECTING FOR OTHERS

Club members organize food drives and other collections throughout the years to serve members of the community. Above, a truckload of food was gathered for Brender's Friday Backpacks, a community organization providing food to children in need.

OPTIMIST CLUB MEMBERS RECEIVE AS MUCH AS THEY GIVE

- The fellowship of proactive people with optimistic mindsets
- New social and working relationships with individuals from a cross section of our communities
- The opportunity to develop and demonstrate leadership skills locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
- The satisfaction of making a difference in our communities

Whether you are searching for an outlet to help your community, personal development, or rewarding camaraderie, you'll find what you're looking for in your local Optimist Club.



YOUTH APPRECIATION

Bringing out the best in youth includes honoring local students for their achievements at the annual Youth Appreciation luncheon.



RESPECT FOR LAW

As part of the Optimist International organization, the Twin City Optimists take part in a project held around the world to honor law enforcement officers each year.

WHAT TO EXPECT IF YOU JOIN US

The Twin City Area Optimist Club includes people who want to help youth and the community. Members join to serve others and to promote Optimism as a way of life. Visit a meeting as a guest to see if Optimism is for you. Join and you will be invited to participate in projects you care about alongside people who want to make a difference.

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EAST MISSOURI (EMO) OPTIMIST DISTRICT



EMO Convention
August 15-17, 2025





My journey as Governor is coming to an end, but my journey as an Optimist continues. The spirit of this organization runs deep in all of us. Let's continue to be the voice of hope, the hands of service, and the beacon of optimism that our community needs.

**A special thank you to my home club
for all your support this year.**

EMO Governor 2024-2025

Jean Naeger



EMO GOVERNORS' CHOICE AWARDS



President of the Year
Cathy Elliott



Rookie Optimist of the Year
Marian Bozak



Outstanding District Member
Peggy Scott



EMO GOVERNORS' CHOICE AWARDS



Best New Project- TCA Optimist Club



CONFERENCE / CONVENTION DATES

October 3-4, 2025

EMO/WMO 1st Quarter Conference

Capital Plaza, Jefferson City, MO

Feb 6-7, 2026

EMO 2nd Quarter Conference

Virtual

May 1-2, 2026:

EMO 3rd Quarter Conference

Hilton St. Louis Airport, St. Louis, MO

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EMO District Convention

August 21, 22, 23, 2026

Installation of Officers

Governors' Choice Awards

Comfort Suites

Rolla, Missouri

108th

Optimist International Convention

June 28 - July 1, 2026

Hyatt Regency

Jacksonville, Florida

JOI CLUB

JOI Club members turned out to help at the August 17 Bike Rodeo which unfortunately was cut short due to the heat. They now are looking forward to a busy September starting with sponsoring a Family Bowling event at Quonset Lanes on September 5 during Twin Cities Day. Members will close out summer activities by enjoying their annual pool party on September 7. The club will participate in the seventh annual BB5K walk for suicide prevention on September 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the Jefferson R-7 High School track.

Let's give a shout out to the JOI Club members and their adult advisors for everything they do to support Optimists and the community! Thank you all for what you do!

Submitted by: Carolyn McKinney

Debbie Schumaker
JOI Adult Advisor

Carol Schanz
JOI Chair



SAVE THE DATES



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

September 2 Combined Board Meeting
September 4 General Meeting - Board Update
September 6 Twin City Days Bike Helmet Give-Away
September 11 Sponsorship Lunch
September 13 Brenden's Backpack Collection
September 13 Herculeaneum Things That Go
September 18 General Meeting
September 20 De Soto Fall Festival
September 25 Dine to Donate at Panera
September 25 NO MEETING
September 27 BB5K
October 2 Officer Installation
October 7 Board Meeting
October 9 General Meeting - Board Update
October 16 General Meeting
October 23 General Meeting
October 25 Bloomsdale Fun Farm
October 30 General Meeting
November 4 Board Meeting
November 6 General Meeting - Board Update
November 13 General Meeting
November 20 General Meeting
November 23 Art Contest
November 27 Thanksgiving - NO MEETING



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

The last Thursday of the month is an evening meeting held at the United Methodist Church in Festus. Members are invited to bring their own dinner at 5:30 to socialize. The meeting starts at 6:00 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.

**Board of
Directors
2024-2025**

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Cathy Elliott
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**President Elect
Debbie
Hogenmiller**

**Past President
Peggy Scott**

**Secretary
Kathy Todd**

**Secretary Elect
Marian Bozak**

**Treasurer
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**Treasurer Elect
Becky Capps**

Board Members

**2024-2026
Amy Baum
Beth Watts
Kirstie Zych**

**2025-2027
Mary McDowell
Debbie Kettler
Carolyn McKinney**



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