



OPTIMIST CLUB OF WASHINGTON BI-WEEKLY UPDATE 12/10/2018

THIS WEEK.....

JOIN US this Wednesday, Dec. 12th at noon at Moe's Restaurant as we welcome our December "Let Your Optimism Shine" recipients.

See you Wednesday!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

12/12 – Noon Mtg. @ Moe's Restaurant - December "Let Your Optimism Shine" recipients

12/19 – Noon Mtg. @ Moe's Restaurant – Joel Doepker with East Central College as our guest

12/26 – No Meeting – Merry Christmas

01/02 – No Meeting – Happy New Year

If you have not already be sure to "like" us on Facebook at Optimist Club Wash Mo.

And continue to check out our website.

<http://optimistclubwashmo.wixsite.com/optimistclubwashmo>

UPCOMING EVENTS....

12/27 – Club Holiday Gathering

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND THE GRINCH RECAP.....



Part of the breakfast crew... Thanks to everyone that helped with the breakfast this year, **Day Club, Night Clubbers and JOI Club members**. You were all awesome! While it was a crazy 2 hours, or maybe a little more.... Mark's pictures go to prove everyone has a great time visiting Santa and The Grinch! **300 breakfasts later** and we are ready for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny this spring!



Our Santa this year, (**Kevin Blackburn**) and Grinch, (**JOI Club member, Emma Stemmley**) along with our club photographer, **Mark and Barb Trebacz**. Check out the link below to see all the fun pics from the breakfast. Thanks, Mark, for capturing the moments!

<https://mtrebacz.smugmug.com/Washington-Optimist-Club-1/Santa2018/>

Special thanks also go to our cookie bakers, **Karen Koopman and Judy Straatmann**. No cookies left this year!!

And thanks to Judy Straatmann and AnnMarie Hoerr for organizing the event!

TREE LOT STATUS UPDATE....

The trees are moving off the lot fast again this year. Thanks to all the members that have worked the lot. We could not do it without you. At the end of day on Sunday we only had **77 trees left!**

COCOA CAFÉ.....

For those of you that missed last Wednesday's noon meeting you missed a great presentation by the WHS students that operate Cocoa Café. What an inspirational gathering we had and we even walked away with an ornament made by the students.



Some of the day club members with the students from Cocoa Café.

CONGRATULATIONS.....

To **Willard Luecker** and his family on celebrating having a "Century Farm". Pick up a copy of the current issue of The Missourian's Senior Life Times and read an article on this accomplishment. **Congrats Willard and Mary Lou!**

WELCOME....

The Night Clubbers inducted their newest member this past Thursday evening. **Welcome Stefanie Virgen!**



next several weeks. You are helping the community when you do.

Thanks to the committee of Judy, Erin, Carol, Guin, Mary, Joyce and Marietta! Great job ladies!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY SOCIAL...

Invitations were sent out Sunday so join us for an evening of laughs, good food and holiday cheer at the club's **Annual Holiday Social on December 27th!**

Don't forget to RSVP and think about your favorite potluck item you would like to share with the club. Beverages will be provided!

FESTIVAL OF TREES



If you have not been to St. Peter's UCC for the Festival of Trees yet you are missing the club's beautiful entry (the pic does not do it justice) complete with the centennial celebration theme. Stop by and see it along with the other trees and don't forget to vote with those non-perishable items. You can also bring items or even cash (and the committee will go shopping for you) the

THANK YOU JOI CLUB.....

Our JOI Club has been busy in December. Many helped us at the Breakfast on Dec. 1st – (Thank You!) ...and then a group served free hot chocolate to the attendees at the Angel of Hope brick ceremony on Dec. 6th. As you can tell it was a cold evening. JOI Club members raised funds to purchase bricks for some of the children that now have a special place at the Angel of Hope in the city park. **Thank you, JOI Club, for your contributions to the Washington community! You are awesome!**



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OPTIMISTIC THOUGHTS FOR THE BI-WEEK.....

