

FESTUS-CRYSTAL CITY (TWIN CITY AREA) OPTIMIST CLUB
Newsletter
November-December 2018

November 1, 2018 – Halloween Party – There was lots of participation for the annual costume contest. 51 members in attendance!!!! WINNERS: 1st Place: Skeleton Patty Meyer; 2nd Place: Wonder Woman Carroll Metzger; 3rd Place: Steampunk Cheri Phillips



November 2-3, 2018 – 1Q EMO District Conference – TCA was well represented at the 1Q district meeting in Festus, MO, with 18 members in attendance, which included EMO District Governor Mary Hatfield and Zone 10 Lt. Governor Jean Naeger. The local club was responsible for the hospitality room providing food items and decorations for the Friday evening social. TCA received 1st place for the 4th quarter A&A points, received a 365 Patch for the club's donation to the OI Foundation, and was presented with a print for their donation to the OI Childhood Cancer Campaign. The TCA members also participated in the kicking off the General Session with a welcoming performance to the song "Happy"!





November 3, 2018 – Art Contest – The annual art contest was held in conjunction with the District Meeting and was a huge success!



November 8, 2018 –

- New Member Induction - pictured below left: Marsha Greenstreet, sponsor, and Betsy Barnes-Wilson,
- Perfect Attendance Pins - A dozen members of the Twin City Area Optimist Club earned perfect attendance pins for the 2017-2018 year. One member, Pat Doenges, collected a pin for her 31st year of perfect attendance. Also receiving perfect attendance pins: Caryl Harness, 29 years; Sue Boyer, 28; Barb Bates, 24; Pat Parsons, 23; JoAnn Thompson, 11; Mary Hatfield, 7; Judy Kuhlman, 6; Katie Huck, 3; Phyllis Neff, 3; Jean Naeger, 2; and Leisa Spiker, 1. Pictured below right (left to right), front – Sue Boyer, Barb Bates, JoAnn Thompson; back – Judy Kuhlman, Caryl Harness, Pat Doenges, Katie Huck, Mary Hatfield, Mary McDowell.
- A binder full of thank-you letters were received from the Festus Third Graders for their dictionaries. Many of them wrote that they were excited to learn the largest word, braille, sign language, besides playing games to find a word the teacher says.



November 19, 2018 – Shopping for Thanksgiving Food Baskets



November 29, 2018 – Evening Meeting – Christmas Craft / NOW Meeting

Members and potential new members were invited to attend this evening and create a Christmas craft under the direction of Jean Naeger.





November 30, 2018 – Bunco Fundraiser – Raised approximately \$1,300.00



December 3-6, 2018 Head Start Christmas Parties – TCA held six parties for children in Head Start at three locations: De Soto, Hillsboro, & Hematite.





December 7, 2018 – Sponsor Thank You Presentation – Marketing Committee Chairperson, Jean Naeger, and other members presented a thank you letter to Geryl Cash for the Commerce Bank sponsorship.



December 7, 2018 – Pinch of Salt Fundraiser –



Shoe Project – Joint Project with Arnold-Imperial – NEED PHOTOS

JOI Club Activities:

- November 8, 2018 – Shopping for Crisis Nursery Christmas Project
- November 10, 2018 - Leader Shopping Spree – Sold glue slime, photo frames, cookbooks, and bracelets.
- November 29, 2018 – Decorated Ornaments
- December 1, 2018 – Christmas Caroling @ Katie's Neighbor's Home – raised money for Childhood Cancer Campaign
- December 6, 2018 – Christmas Caroling @ Crystal Oaks Nursing Center
- Gave the local police and fire departments a cookie or cake with thank you cards on Thanksgiving Day!
- Also collecting shoes for the Shoe Project.

SECOND QUARTER 2018-2019 EVENTS:

- Board Meeting – January 7, 2018
- Evening Meeting – January 31, 2018 – TBD
- 2Q Zone Meeting – February 2, 2018 – Arnold Ponderosa
- Optimist Day – February 7, 2018
- 2Q Tri-District Centennial Conference – February 15-17, 2018
- Trivia Night – March, 8, 2019