



Twin City Area Optimist Club

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First Quarter 2021 Review: Making a Difference

The Twin City Area (TCA) Optimist Club remains strong and active during the pandemic. Although we have not held in person meetings for over a year we continue our commitment to supporting our community and its youth. Our club has certainly learned to think "outside the box" and discover new ways of continuing our mission. Weekly meetings are virtual via ZOOM and small groups get together for social distancing projects. We have created new ways to raise funds and we continue to remain optimistic in our goals. We thank our sponsors and the community for their continued support.

CLUB PROJECTS

"Rising Together In Optimism"

Twin City Area Optimist Club partnered with other Jefferson County groups to hold a food drive for Hillsboro Food Pantry on January 30th. Together we can accomplish great things.

**HILLSBORO FOOD PANTRY
COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE**

**START COLLECTING NOW!
DROP OFF ON
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30TH
12:00-1:00PM**

Please join us in collecting food to benefit the Hillsboro Food Pantry!
All canned food and other non-perishable donations are welcome.
Contact Jessi at 636-789-2029 for more information at Hillsboro Fair Booth #100 on
Saturday, January 30th from 12-1pm.
Volunteers will be available to unload your donations.

**3,356 Items collected
\$440 donations**

Food Drive is sponsored by:
*Twin City Area Optimist Club
 Hillsboro Lions Club
 Hillsboro Title Company
 Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce
 Hillsboro Community Civic Center
 Southern Gateway Association of Realtors
 Mapaville Fire Protection District
 Hillsboro Fire Protection District*



For more information contact Janice at
Twin City Area Optimist Club 636-789-2029

Volunteers shown below braved the weather to fill the pantry.
Thanks to Janice Boyd for chairing this project.



Nurses for Newborns



Club members made and donated tummy time quilts and hats. Baby clothes and stuffed animals were also donated to Nurses for Newborns organization.
Karen Huskey introduced this need to the club and chaired this project.

Head Start Easter Baskets



Local Head Start program selected five families from a lottery system to receive Easter food baskets. As always, the baskets are in truth one to two months of groceries for the families. In addition, all the children received a basket filled with treats.
Thanks to project chair Carroll Metzger.

The Aunt Rose Project

The Aunt Rose Project founder Renee' Gerlach shared her story with our club in February, and members were immediately ready to assist. A product drive was held to address "period poverty". The Aunt Rose Project provides sanitary supplies to The Jefferson County Foster Children's Fund (JCFCF). TCA Optimist Board of Directors voted to continue supporting this project.

Thanks to project chair Caryl Harness.

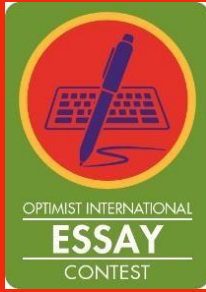


Miscellaneous Donations

During the March board meeting the board of directors approved donations to the following:

- \$ 500 Mary's House of Hope
- \$ 500 Backstoppers
- \$ 500 Ronald McDonald House
- \$1000 Kades Playground

In addition, the board approved a donation to the East Missouri Optimist Golf tournament. \$100 will go for a hole sponsor sign.



Congratulations to our Essay Contest Winners



First Place Winner - Justice Lutes

Justice Lutes is currently a freshman at Jefferson R7 High School where she excels in art, writing, and science.

She received a certificate, medal, and \$500 cash award.

Second Place Winner - Alyssa Vincent

Alyssa Vincent is a freshman at Jefferson R7 High School. She is a competitive dancer at DPU Dance and on the Jefferson High School dance team and track team.

She received a certificate, medal, and \$250 cash award.



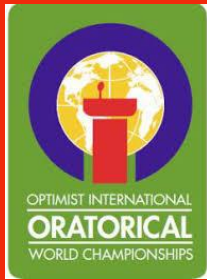
Third Place Winner - Abigail Wilson



Abigail Wilson is a senior at Festus High School. After high school, Abigail will be going to Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota where she will play volleyball and major in psychology.

She received a certificate, medal, and \$125 cash award.

Thank you Geralyn Cash for chairing this contest.



Congratulations to our Oratorical Contest Winners



First Place Winner - Lindsey Darian

Lindsey is a Freshman at Hillsboro High School. She plays the clarinet and just recently started public speaking class in school.

She won a \$500 cash prize along with a certificate and medal.

Second Place Winner - Olivia Drinen

Olivia is a 7th grade student at Senn Thomas Middle School. She is involved in many extracurricular activities including Cross Country, Track, Band, president of Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, American Heritage Girls Troop MO3110, and Calvary Chapel Youth Group.

She won a \$350 cash prize along with a certificate and medal.



Third Place Winner - Teagan Capstick

Teagan is a junior at Jefferson High School. She is involved in NHS, journalism, jazz band, and concert band. Currently she is president of the JOI Club.

She won a \$200 cash prize along with a certificate and medal.

Thank you Oratorical Chair Mary Kay Scott.

Please note: first and second place winners
move onto Regional Oratorical Contest in April.

JOI CLUB

Donations may be made to
Twin City Area Optimist
Club, P.O. Box 475, Festus,
MO 63028 or send to
Venmo @joi63028



DON'T GIVE UP INSPIRATIONAL YARD SIGNS GIVE AWAY

(while supplies last)

SATURDAY MARCH 20, 2021

from 1 PM TO 4 PM

FESTUS LIBRARY PARKING LOT



THESE SIMPLE WORDS HAVE BEEN HELPING
PEOPLE GET THROUGH THE DAY. WOULDN'T
YOU LIKE ONE FOR YOUR YARD?

Sponsored by the Twin City Area Junior Optimist Club

Questions call Katie Huck 314-520-6340

Kids making a difference in our community

Our Twin City Area Junior Optimist Club (JOI Club) continues to distribute "Don't Give Up" inspirational yard signs. These signs help to brighten people's day and let them know they are not alone. JOI Club distributed all 100 signs by 3:30 pm.

Please mark your calendar to come out and support the 3rd Annual BB 5K Suicide Awareness Walk on Saturday, October 23rd, in Festus, MO. Watch for details on our Facebook page as we get closer. [\(20+\) Twin City Area Optimist Club | Facebook](#)

CLUB FUNDRAISERS

Fundraising Goes Virtual

Since our in person fundraising events have been canceled due to COVID-19 we have created online raffles which have been successful. April, May, and June will include lotto tickets, spirits chest, and restaurant gift cards. Please be sure to visit our Facebook page to learn how you can purchase chances. Click link to visit our Facebook page. We appreciate you liking and following our page. [\(20+\) Twin City Area Optimist Club | Facebook](#)

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Members continue to meet every Thursday at Noon - 1 p.m. via **ZOOM**. 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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