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OPTIMISTS bring out the best in youth, our  
communities and ourselves!

## *OPTIMIST CLUB OF WASHINGTON NOVEMBER, 2024 NEWSLETTER*

### *GATHERINGS THIS MONTH....*

*11/06 – No Noon Meeting*

*11/07 – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at KC Hall*

*11/13 – Noon meeting @ Moe's – Kylee Diestelkamp and  
Amanda Griesheimer - Farmer's Market Sprouts Kids  
Club Presentation*

*11/20 – Noon meeting @ Moe's – November Let Your  
Optimism Shine recipients*

*11/27 – No Noon Meeting – Happy Thanksgiving!*

*Wednesday Gatherings – Noon at Moe's Restaurant*

*1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month Gathering – 6:00pm at  
Moe's Restaurant*

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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>

[Club Venmo - @WashMO-Optimist](#)

### *‘TIS THE SEASON....*

Yes believe it or not we are approaching the holiday season! Not sure where the year has gone! But with that comes a couple of Optimist Club events. Keep in mind we decided earlier this year to discontinue the Christmas Tree Lot project so that leaves you available for:

**Breakfast with Santa and The Grinch** on  
Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Miller's Grill. The  
committee will be getting info out, sign-ups, etc in  
the very near future.

On December 5<sup>th</sup> at our Thursday evening meeting  
we do a **Christmas Service Project**. More info on  
that event to follow also.

Both events are always a great and rewarding time  
and gets you in the Christmas spirit!

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### *GUEST SPEAKERS WANTED....*

Don't forget we still could use some guest speakers  
for upcoming meetings. If you or if you have  
suggestions, let **Robin Kluesner** know at  
[rklues@gmail.com](mailto:rklues@gmail.com). We have had some very  
interesting programs over the year, lets keep it  
going.

## ***OCTOBER LET YOUR OPTIMISM SHINE....***

*Meet our October recipients...*



**Dylan Eckman from Immanuel Lutheran School**



**Max Martin from Labadie Elementary School.**

For those of you that remember former member Mitch Martin, Max is his grandson. I am sure Mitch was smiling down on Max beaming with pride. Grandma Candi join us and it was great to see her.

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## ***WARNERS WARM-UP THANK YOU –***

Thanks to the members that donated coats for the JOI Club's project. Thanks also to **Chris Marquart** for delivering them to the High School!

## ***OFFICER INSTALLATION NIGHT.***

At our October 3<sup>rd</sup> evening gathering we held Officer Installation and a Year in Review slideshow.



**Past President Nell Redhage** is passing the gavel onto **President Cory Davis** after the Installation Ceremony. Looking on is your 2024-2025 officers and board members minus Peg Winzenburger who could not attend.



**Past President Nell Redhage** received a standing ovation for all her work with growing our club over the past two years! Thanks Nell!

Thanks also goes to **1<sup>st</sup> Gentleman, Paul Redhage** who created our Year in Review slideshow. It was awesome to reminisce about what we all accomplished over the past Optimist year.

Also thanks to Paul for sharing his wife with us the past 2 years!

Nell also presented “special” attendance awards to many members. She had it all mathmatically figured out!

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### **MEMBER NEWS....**

Well wishes for a continued speedy recovery to **Karen Koopman** who had knee replacement surgery in October. She will be ready to go in August for the Fair!

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### **HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:**

<b>Curt Beers</b>	<b>11/26</b>
<b>Sara Cunningham</b>	<b>11/13</b>
<b>Mary Mahew</b>	<b>11/20</b>
<b>Dawn Miller</b>	<b>11/16</b>
<b>Paul Scheperle</b>	<b>11/08</b>
<b>Annie Vemmer</b>	<b>11/27</b>

### **HAPPY NOVEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO:**

<b>Diane Borovic</b>	<b>12 yrs</b>
<b>Chris Marquart</b>	<b>12 yrs</b>
<b>Liz Stemmley</b>	<b>31 yrs</b>
<b>Judy Straatmann</b>	<b>15 yrs</b>

### **2024-2025 Officers & Board Members**

<b>Cory Davis</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Megan Maurer</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
<b>Judy Straatmann</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Julie Frankenberg</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Nell Redhage</b>	<b>Past President</b>
<b>Guin Yoest (2025)</b>	<b>Board Member</b>
<b>Robin Kluesner(2025)</b>	<b>Board Member</b>
<b>Chris Marquart(2026)</b>	<b>Board Member</b>
<b>Peggy Winzenburger(2026)</b>	<b>Board Member</b>
<b>Sheila Marquart(2027)</b>	<b>Board Member</b>
<b>Shannon Chrisco(2027)</b>	<b>Board Member</b>

### **OPTIMISTIC THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

