



# Twin City Area Optimist Club

P.O. Box 475  
Festus, MO 63028

[www.twincityoptimist.org](http://www.twincityoptimist.org)

*Do It For The Kids!*

**February 2019**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018 - 2019

### PRESIDENT

Mary McDowell

### PRESIDENT ELECT

Phyllis Neff

### PAST PRESIDENT

Jean Naeger

### SECRETARY

Peggy Scott

### SECRETARY ELECT

Gertie O'Leary

### TREASURER

Leisa Spiker

### TREASURER ELECT

Debbie Kettler

### BOARD MEMBERS

#### 2017 - 2019

Marsha Greenstreet

Sandy Mouser

Carol Schanz

#### 2018 - 2020

Shirley Coile

Caryl Harness

Janet Mace

# WHEW!!!!

What a very busy first quarter! First, thanks to everyone who was involved with and / or supported the projects and fundraisers. I appreciate the hard work of the chairs, but it also takes many hands to help. What a way to start the 2018 - 2019 year!!!

At the recent Zone Meeting, there was mention of Optimist International possibly shifting the focus of Honor Club and Distinguished Clubs to more meaningful goals and not just "growing" clubs (increased membership and club building). Growth is important. However, meaningful goals and projects should help retain members. People want to feel that their time and money spent is worthwhile. I feel that the projects of this club are very meaningful (i.e. Art Contest, Head Start, Coats for Kids, JOI Club to name a few). However, there has been decreased student participation in our essay and oratorical contests. Going forward, I am hoping that we can find a way to increase participation (possibly through the social media sites of the schools).

This is also a very social club, which I believe benefits our projects. As members get to know each other, they feel more comfortable in getting involved in club projects and working together.

Speaking of membership, a NOW (New Optimist Wanted or Welcomed) meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2019. The OI Membership Committee is encouraging all clubs to participate in monthly "targeted recruitment". February's focus is "Healthcare Professionals". In addition, don't forget the current OI recruiting promotions: Teachers & School Affiliates (active or retired), "30 & Under", and Homecoming (past members).

However, we welcome any potential members that believe in the mission of the club and who will be active in support of its mission. Please provide Marsha Greenstreet with the name and address for anyone you would like to receive an invitation.

Again, thank you for all you do to make this club successful in its mission!

Sincerely,

Mary McDowell, President  
314-954-4358





# Twin City Area Optimist Club 25th Annual Trivia Night

Benefits Twin City Area Optimist Club Projects  
[www.twincityoptimist.org](http://www.twincityoptimist.org)

- WHEN:** Friday, March 8, 2019
- WHERE:** Festus Knights of Columbus Hall  
316 North Adams St, Festus, MO 63028
- COST:** \$160 (8 players to a table)  
Soda, beer, popcorn  
All players must be 21 years of age or older
- TIME:** Doors open at 6:00 P.M. - Trivia starts at 7 P.M.
- NOTE:** No bottles or containers of alcohol including beer may be brought into the KC Hall. No smoking allowed.

Prizes are awarded to the **FIRST, SECOND & THIRD** place teams scoring the highest number of pints during the evening.

50/50 raffle, baskets and additional raffle items will be available during the evening.

Attendance prizes will be awarded.

For more information:  
Sue Boyer at (636) 937-0540  
or on our FaceBook page.

Mail the bottom of this form and make checks payable to:  
Twin City Area Optimist Club, P.O. Box 475, Festus, MO 63028

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF PLAYERS ON YOUR TEAM \_\_\_\_\_



# Junior Optimists Donate to Backpacks For Foster Kids!



**JOI CLUB OFFICERS  
2018 - 2019**

PRESIDENT  
Ayden Eldridge

VICE PRESIDENT  
Addisen Eldridge

SECRETARY  
Olivia Blair

TREASURER  
Audrey Staley

The Junior Optimist Club delivered the PJ's and backpacks collected to the director of Backpacks For Foster Kids, Kim Bowman on Saturday February 2, 2019. **Thank you** to Jan Norrick for the donation in memory of Sharon Anderson. **Thank you** to Ann Burgan, former optimist member, for the large number of backpacks donated. **Thank you** to all the Twin City Optimist members that donated for this project. The 100 year sign in the photo was for OI 100<sup>th</sup> year of the organization. WOW!

**UPCOMING**

**JOI CLUB MEETINGS**

**7pm at the YMCA**

**Thursday, February 7th**  
**Thursday, March 7th**

We are collecting unperishable food items for our project for the Jefferson County Rescue Mission on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to donate please bring your donations to the weekly Thursday meetings beginning with the meeting on February 21st.

On that day we will:

- visit the mission,
- tour the facility,
- sort the food in their storage pantry,
- have a braille demonstration by director Louise Sardo and
- receive a treat.

**ADULT ADVISER**  
Katie Huck

**CO-CHAIRMAN**  
Debbie Schumaker

The JOI club continues to collect shoes, pennies and soda tabs. I believe we have enough Christmas cards, thank you.

Katie Huck  
Adult Adviser for the JOI Club

# 2nd Quarter Tri-District Centennial Conference

February 15 - 16, 2019

Adams Mark Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri

**International Guest  
& Keynote Speaker,  
Rebecca Butler Mona**

## Schedule:

### FRIDAY

- 5:00 - Midnight Hospitality Open - Restaurant Off Lobby
- 5:00 - 9:00 PM Registration
- 7:00 - 8:30 PM Executive Session - EMO Room B
- 9:15 - 11:00 PM Human Foosball

### SATURDAY

- 7:30 - Midnight Hospitality Open - Restaurant Off Lobby
- 6:30 - 7:50 AM Breakfast
- 7:00 - 11:00 AM Registration - Hall of Optimism
- 7:00 - 7:30 AM First Timers Meeting - room A
- 8:00- 8:20 AM Board of Director's Meeting - room B
- 8:30 - 9:20 AM General Session - room B
- 9:30 - 5:00 PM JOI Conference
- 9:30 - 11:45 AM The Future of Optimists - room D
- Noon - 1:30 PM Lunch
- 1:45 - 2:45 PM OI History and Panel Discussion with past OI Presidents
- 3:00 - 3:45 PM Membership Presentation - membership chairs - room D
- 4:00 - 4:45 PM Marketing and Branding
- 6:00 - 8:00 PM Dinner
- 8:00 - 11:00 PM Ratucky Derby (Mouse Race)





# Optimist Shoe Drive

A joint project of the Twin City Area  
and Arnold/Imperial Optimist Clubs

**We want your gently worn,  
used and new shoes. Children  
and adult shoes of all types.**



funds2orgs™



**Proceeds from this fundraiser  
will benefit the clubs youth  
related programs in southern  
and northern Jefferson County**

Please contact Jean Naeger  
Twin City Area Optimist Club  
314 495 2822  
or Tabitha Warner Arnold/Imperial  
Optimist Club 314 799 0648  
for more information or to arrange  
pick-up/delivery.



Tabitha Warner of the Arnold/Imperial Optimist Club and Jean Naeger of the Twin City Area Optimist Club, co-chairs for the Shoe Drive Project, load another donation of shoes.

## MEETING CANCELLATION POLICY

**MEETINGS:** Meetings will be held on all Thursdays approved by the Board of Directors. Cancellations will be handled as follows:

- a) If the Festus School District is closed due to inclement weather, the luncheon meeting will be canceled; OR
- b) If the President, after conferring with two other officers or Board members, agrees to cancel the meeting before 9:00 a.m. (time needed to notify the venue), the meeting will be canceled and members notified by e-mail prior to 9:30 a.m. Members who do not have email will be called.
- c) If an evening meeting has to be cancelled, members will be notified by email by 4:00 p.m., if possible. Members who do not have email will be called.

# Wanna be a Rookie Rock Star?

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st - Kami Kimes  
4th - Cindy Cherry  
6th - Linda Portell  
9th - Mary Hatfield  
15th - Shirley Coile  
16th - Dorothy Stafford  
22nd - Carol Schanz  
27th - Peggy Scott

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6th - Sharon Wiley  
6th - Janet Mace  
8th - Michelle Franke  
10th - Tracy Anderson  
11th - Pat Sweet  
21st - Martha DeMent  
22nd - Janet Whitmer  
24th - Sarah Chamberlin

# FEBRUARY

## 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					Kami Kimes	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Cindy Cherry	Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 Hostess: Carroll Metzger & Mary Kay Scott	Linda Portell	Update JOI Meeting YMCA, 7pm		Mary Hatfield
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				Happy Valentine's Day Party	Tri-District Centennial Conference	
					Shirley Coile	Dorothy Stafford
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				NOW Meeting	Carol Schanz	
24	25	26	27	28		
			Peggy Scott	Evening Meeting		

## GETTING CREDIT FOR YOUR PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Print your name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Meetings Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

# Make-Up Credits Used: \_\_\_\_\_

List Make-Up Credit Below:

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When completed give this to Peggy Scott.

### INTERESTED IN RECOGNITION FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE?

- Record your attendance on the monthly calendar.
- On the dates of weekly meetings, please mark:
  - ✓ for meeting attended
  - X for meeting missed
  - E for meeting excused, due to illness or out of town
- Make up Credit can be received by:
  - Attending a board meeting
  - Participating in any club activity
- Track your make up credit earned and record it on the monthly calendar when it is used.

# MARCH 2019

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3	4 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 Hostess: Ellie King & Caryl Harness	5	6 Janet Mace Sharon Wiley	7 Update JOI Meeting YMCA, 7pm	8 Michelle Franke	9
10 Tracy Anderson	11 Pat Sweet	12	13	14	15	16
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24 Sarah Chamberlain	25	26	27	28 Evening Meeting		

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**WEEKLY DAY MEETINGS**

When: Noon - 1pm,  
each Thursday except the last  
Thursday of each month

Where: Poppy's Banquet Center  
2002 N Truman Blvd  
Crystal City, MO 63028

Doors open at 11:00 AM, Close at 2:00 PM  
Room is available for committee meetings  
before or after the Lunch Meeting.

**MONTHLY EVENING MEETING**

When: The last Thursday of each month

Where: Will vary each month

Have an idea for our next evening meeting?  
Let us know.

**Newsletter Deadlines**

Deadline for submitting information or photos for the newsletter is the **Tuesday following a board meeting.**

***Newsletter Editor***

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*The Optimist* **CREED**

***Promise Yourself...***

To be **SO STRONG**

that nothing can disturb your

**PEACE OF MIND.**

To talk **health, happiness and prosperity**

to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel

**that there is something in them.**

To look at the **sunny side of everything**

and make your optimism come true.

To **THINK** only of the best,

to **WORK** only for the best and

to **EXPECT** only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about

**THE SUCCESS OF OTHERS**

as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the

**GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS** of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance **at all times** and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have

**NO TIME to criticize others.**

To be **too large** for worry,

**too noble** for anger,

**too strong** for fear, and

**too happy** to permit the

presence of trouble.

***Optimist International***