



Twin City Area Optimist Club

P.O. Box 475
Festus, MO 63028

www.twincityoptimist.org

Do It For The Kids!

March 2019

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018 - 2019

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Mary McDowell

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TREASURER

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TREASURER ELECT

Debbie Kettler

BOARD MEMBERS

2017 - 2019

Marsha Greenstreet

Sandy Mouser

Carol Schanz

2018 - 2020

Shirley Coile

Caryl Harness

Janet Mace

"BE THE COFFEE"

As you know, 11 members travelled ("trekked") to Kansas City, MO, a few weeks ago to the 2nd Quarter Tri-District Centennial Conference. Once again the meeting was interesting, motivating, and inspirational. Session topics included: the history of Optimist, member recruitment and retention, leadership, and communication.



OI President Rebecca Butler Mona is a great speaker. She ended the conference with the 4 C's of Optimism: Be Committed, Be Courageous, Live the Creed, and Be the Coffee. You can easily understand what the first three C's mean, but what is it to "Be the Coffee". It is a story that you may have heard before, but it is always nice to have a reminder. Here's an abbreviated version:

Daughter comes to mother saying "life is so hard". Mother places three pots of water on the stove putting a different item in each pot; in one a carrot, in one an egg, and coffee beans in the last pot. After boiling the items for a period of time, the mother removes each item. The boiling water represented adversities that life brings your way and each item had a different reaction to the adversity. The carrot went in strong and got soft, the egg went in fragile but it's inside turned hard, but the coffee beans changed the water into something better and changed its surroundings.

So, how are we the coffee? Our club projects give us all that opportunity to change the lives of the youth in this community for the better. Each member has a chance to make a difference by getting involved (no matter how big or small). It makes a difference in all the lives you touch (the lives of the youth we serve, the lives of the other members, and your life too)! **BE THE COFFEE!**

Sincerely,

Mary McDowell, President
314-954-4358



THE OPTIMIST

International Junior Golf Championships

The Optimist International Junior Golf Championship provides a unique opportunity for junior golfers from around the globe. In more than 50 qualifying tournaments, Optimists reach out into their own communities to involve children in the game of golf.

Each year 5,000 junior golfers, ages 10-18, participate in Optimist sponsored events. The top 700 junior golfers advance to the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship each summer.



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR GOLF ANNOUNCES THE NEW HOME OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Doral Resort and Spa, Miami's legendary resort and world-class destination is conveniently 8 miles from Miami International Airport. The prestigious resort boasts four championship golf courses – the legendary Blue Monster, Gold Palm, Red Tiger and Silver Fox. Without a doubt, Blue Monster's most famous hole is the 18th. It consistently ranked as one of the 'Top 100 Holes in the World' by *GOLF Magazine*. The Optimist is unique from all tournaments. Junior golfers and their families enjoy golf, off-course activities, meals and housing all on one property.

Nationally ranked by the Junior Golf Scoreboard and *Golfweek*, World Amateur Golf and included in the AJGA Performance Based Entry Process.



WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING



Local Qualifier Information

June 5, 2019
Ste. Genevieve Golf Club
17450 Clubhouse Ct., Ste. Genevieve, MO

Register online at oi-emo.org
or use the attached form

Contact the Optimist Junior Golf Office for information on qualifying tournaments in your area.
(800) 500-8130 ext. 207 • golf@optimist.org • www.optimist.org/golf • www.facebook.com/optimist.golf



Junior Optimists Valentine's Day + Pizza = FUN!

JOI CLUB OFFICERS
2018 - 2019

PRESIDENT
Ayden Eldridge

VICE PRESIDENT
Addisen Eldridge

SECRETARY
Olivia Blair

TREASURER
Audrey Staley



- The JOI club will be collecting and bringing food items to Jefferson County Rescue Mission on Saturday March 16, 2019 at 10 am. We will meet at Aldi's at 9 am to shop before going to the Rescue Mission. We received \$200 from the Twin City Optimist and JOI club to shop.
- We continue to collect pennies for Optimist International Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research. We will continue to accumulate pennies until July or August.
- Please collect soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House tour in June.
- Discussed Fundraiser-Tiger Express Wash. Patti Christopher and Katie have had a conference call about this fundraiser with the company. There are questions of concern but will need to work these out.
- Maddy and Olivia spoke about their experience participating in the Optimists essay contests. They may have not won but are willing to do it again next year.

UPCOMING

JOI CLUB MEETINGS

7pm at the YMCA

Thursday, April 4th
Thursday, May 9th

ADULT ADVISER
Katie Huck

CO-CHAIRMAN
Debbie Schumaker

Katie Huck
Adult Adviser for the JOI Club



Tri-District Centennial Conference



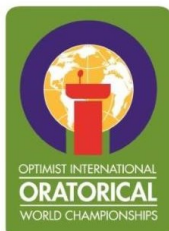
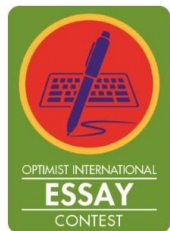
*Calling All
East Missouri Optimists!
3rd Quarter Conference*

May 3-4, 2019

Featuring Educational
Sessions, Inspirational
Oratorical Contest
and Winning Essay!

Bring those District Directories!
Also EMO's own Kentucky Derby

NEW NEW NEW: Register on line at oi-emo.org



SNICKERDOODLE COOKIES

By Phyllis Neff

Mix together thoroughly:

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup soft butter
- 2 eggs

Sift together & stir in:

- 2 3/4 cups sifted flour
- 2 tsp. cream of tarter
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. salt

Chill dough. Roll into balls the size of small walnuts. Roll in mixture of 2 Tbsp. sugar and 2 Tbsp. cinnamon. Place about 2" apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake till lightly browned but still soft. (These cookies puff-up at first then flatten out with crinkled tops.) Bake at 400° for 8 to 10 minutes. Yields 5 dozen 2-inch cookies.

**Donate your shoes to the
Optimist Shoe Drive**

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1st - Debbie Kettler
- 5th - Rosetta Hagan
- 11th - Ginny Skaggs
- 11th - Tracy Sullivan
- 12th - Sue Boyer
- 22nd - Mickie Huskey
- 27th - Dawn Peery

MARCH 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
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 Trivia Night	9
10 Tracy Anderson	11 Pat Sweet	12	13	14 St. Patrick's Day Party	15	16
17 	18	19	20	21 Martha DeMent Teen Advisory Group	22 Janet Whitmer	23 Volunteers Needed Mastodan Fair
24 Sarah Chamberlain	25	26	27 Southside Optimist Oratorical Contest	28 Evening Meeting		

GETTING CREDIT FOR YOUR PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Print your name: _____

Meetings Attended: _____

Make-Up Credits Used: _____

List Make-Up Credit Below:

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
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 - Participating in any club activity
- Track your make up credit earned and record it on the monthly calendar when it is used.

APRIL

2019

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	Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 Hostess: Janice Boyd Debbie Kettler			Update JOI Meeting YMCA, 7pm	Rosetta Hagan BUNCO 6pm	
7	8	9	10	Ginny Skaggs Tracy Sullivan Youth Appreciation	12 Sue Boyer	13 Zone Meeting 9am Arnold
14	15	16	17	18 Easter Party	19	20
21	Mickie Huskey	23	24	25 Evening Meeting	26	27 Dawn Peery South Side Trivia 6pm
28	29	30	<i>Are you a new member in your 1st Year? Then you can be A Rookie Rock Star!</i>			

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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,