

November 2020 News: Making a Difference



CLUB PROJECTS

FOOD DRIVE

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FOOD DRIVE

(Benefiting Ozark Food Pantry)

Thank you

DATE: Thursday October 22, 2020
Optimists come through again! Goal set, goal accomplished.
1052 items received
\$350 in contributions

GOAL: 1000 food items

Dear Friends,
Thanks for your generous donation to the Pantry. Many families will be helped by your kindness during this difficult time.
Thanks Again
Ozark Food Pantry

HEAD START THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

5 Families Are Recipients



Thanks to committee co-chairs, Carroll Metzger and Debbie Hogenmiller, for organizing this year's Head Start Thanksgiving Food Baskets project. Club members did their part by contributing food for each family.

Members shopping for fresh produce, turkeys, and extra food to include with basket donations. From left to right: Carol Schanz, Karen Huskey, Carroll Metzger, Pat Parsons, and Debbie Hogenmiller.



Karen Huskey, Debbie Hogenmiller, Pat Parsons, and Carol Schanz with all the food donated or purchased with club funds.



Head Start teachers, Miss Betty and Miss Monique, accept food baskets from Carroll Metzger, Debbie Hogenmiller, and Janet Mace.

Head Start Food Basket Committee Report

A Very Successful Head Start Thanksgiving Food Basket Project was completed on Monday Nov. 16, when the teachers from the Head Start Program picked up several months of staples, including household items (Laundry soap, dish soap etc.) and personal care items and everything for a complete Thanksgiving Dinner. Of special note were the decorated laundry baskets assembled and donated by Debbie Hogenmiller and the generous purchase of Turkey's, and lots of other "meats" for the families by Carol Schanz.

Members who helped organize at the food drop drive were Mary Hatfield, Janet Mace, and Amy Baum. Amy stored some of the donated items in her Mother's basement until all could be assembled in Carroll Metzger's garage. Carroll gave up parking in her garage as it was full of food! Other shoppers included Karen Huskey, Pat Parsons, Carol Schanz and Debbie Hogenmiller.

The teachers reported how much this means to the families and that they were extremely grateful. Families were chosen this time by lottery at Head Start as there was so much need. As usual, the generosity of our members is overwhelming both for the quantity of food donated and the cash donations. We can be happy 5 needy families will be food secure for the next few months and will have a Thanksgiving dinner.

In addition to the baskets for families, Head Start teachers were given Schnucks gift cards for all their hard work and dedication.

Carroll Metzger
Head Start Baskets Co-Chair



THERMOMETERS



Mary Hatfield presents thermometer to Good Shepherd Principal Mariann Jones.



Ellie King and Mary Hatfield present thermometers to R-7 Plattin Primary nurse Amy Cattoor.



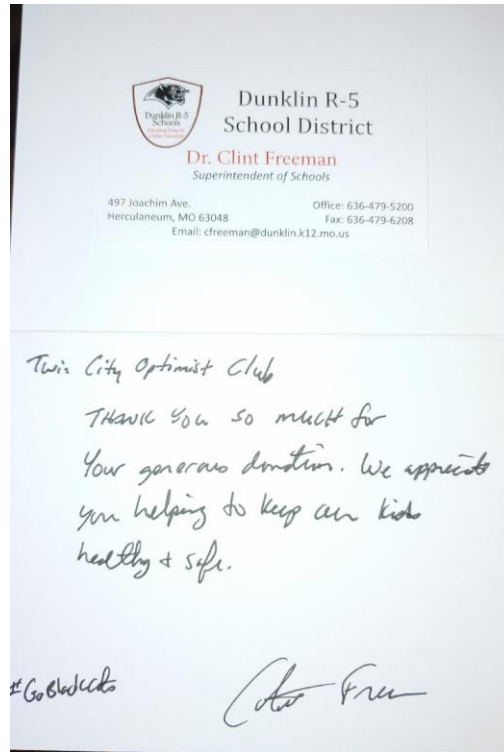
Sunrise nurse Paula Akins with donated thermometers.



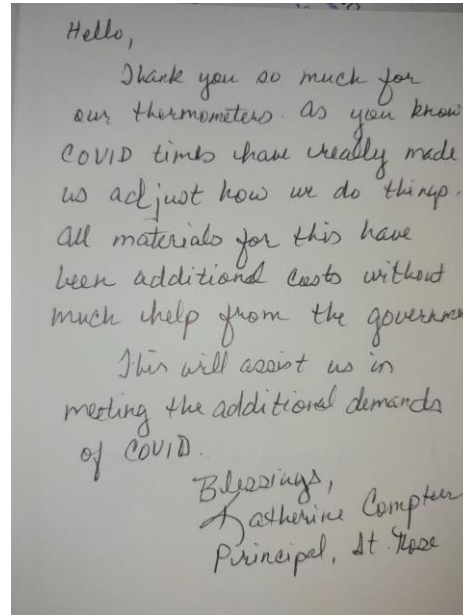
Mary Hatfield and President Mary Kay Scott present thermometers to Twin City Christian Academy secretary Emily Feltmann.



Club President Mary Kay Scott and Mary Hatfield present thermometers to Dunklin R-5 nurses Christina Meyer (center left) and Tonya Goodwin (center right).



Thank you note from Dr. Clint Freeman, Superintendent of Dunklin R-5 School District.



Thank you note from St. Rose of Lima School



Patty Meyer presenting a thermometer to Our Lady's Catholic School's Principal Tracy Kempfer. Also in attendance, President Mary Kay Scott, Mary Hatfield, Ellie King, and Katie Huck.

Thirteen school districts in Southern Jefferson County were offered thermometers with nine schools accepting the offer presented to them by club member Mary Hatfield. Schools expressed gratitude in receiving the thermometers and appreciation for all that our club does for them. \$942 was spent for this project. The following schools received thermometers:

Christian Outreach School
Crystal City School District 47
Dunklin R-5 School District
Good Shepherd School
Jefferson R-7 School District
Our Lady School
St. Rose of Lima School
Sunrise R-IX School District
Twin City Christian Academy

DICTIONARY PROJECT

Area third graders appreciate gift.
A sampling of cute thank you notes from Hillsboro Elementary School.



I love the DICTIONARY
it has so much
stuff in it and
I love that it
- has sign language
because I love it but
I don't now how to
do it

Thank you for the dictionary
that I received It will help with
my schoolwork now and in the
future

Thank you, this Dictionary
is awesome it has anything
you could ever imagine
in it.

JOI CLUB UPDATE

Annual Halloween Party

JOI Club members enjoyed their annual Halloween party with games, food, and social distancing.



Costume Contest

Scariest: Voldemart, Marcus
Funniest: One eyed tutu, Kristen
Best: Knight, Addisen

Pumpkin Contest

Best: Witch, Blair family
Scariest: Wolf, Audrey
Funniest: green one eye, Kristen



JOI/TCA Members

JOI Club members with TCA members Sherry Armstrong, Katie Huck, Mary Hatfield, Phyllis Neff, and Pat Parsons.



**And the game is on...
JOI members enjoy a game of kickball.**



*Katie Huck
JOI Adult Advisor*

*Debbie Schumaker
JOI Chair*

**2nd Annual Take 10 for BB
5K Suicide Awareness Walk**
Date: Saturday, October 3, 2020
Time: 8 a.m.
Place: Festus West City Park North Pavilion #15

ALL AGES WELCOME

Junior Chamber International
Festus
In the Center of It All!
Optimist International
LIFE-CENTRIC GROWTH

Take 10 for BB Update

45 participants attended the second annual BB 5K Suicide Awareness Walk. Students from area schools were invited to write an essay on how suicide may impact them, their family, and friends. The winning essay writers received a cash donation to their school to be used by the departments of their choice.

Essay Winners

Left to right are Jefferson R7 choir teacher, Catie Sikes, receiving \$1000 check from Kristen Hopkins (2nd place essay winner), Teagan Capstick (1st place essay winner) giving her check for \$2000 to band teacher, Ron Sikes.



FUNDRAISERS

Quilt Raffle



This beautiful Stars and Pinwheels King size quilt was created and donated by Optimist member Karen Huskey.



The quilt was briefly on display at the Festus Library. The library is currently closed due to rise in COVID-19 cases.

Karen Huskey, Jean Naeger, and Phyllis Neff set up display.

NOTE: You do not need to use ticket to enter. The drawing will be held using a computerized system for selecting a winner. We only need payment along with name and phone number for each entry. Payment can be made using Venmo or a check mailed to our P.O. Box, or giving to our treasurer, Pat Parsons.

**DRAWING THUR.
DEC. 10, 2020**

Raffle for a Stars and Pinwheels
Navy/White 99"x99" Quilt
One entry for every \$10 donation



NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

Donations can be made thru
Venmo @TC-Optimist
or mail check and this card to:
TWIN CITY AREA OPTIMIST CLUB
PO BOX 475, FESTUS, MO 63028



Oberle Gift Boxes 2020

Twin City Area Optimist Club
 Oberle Gift Boxes 2020
 Questions, Contact Cindy Cherry
 314-808-7091
 or crcherry@sbcglobal.net
 Return orders by **December 8th**
 Pick up: **Cindy's office December 12th**
between 9 a.m-12 noon
 104 Bailey Rd., Crystal City



DESCRIPTION – meat/cheese gift box <small>EACH BOX CONTAINS 1lb OBERLE AND ½ LB GARLIC CHEESE STICK</small>			PRICE \$15 Cash/check <small>Paid at time of order</small>
NAME	PHONE NUMBER	QUANTITY	<u>TOTAL PAID</u>
* NO SHIPPING * NO TAX			
Contact Cindy or mail order form with payment to:			
TWIN CITY AREA OPTIMIST CLUB. PO BOX 475, FESTUS, MO 63028			

NOTE: You can also pay for your Oberle orders using Venmo @TC-Optimist. Pat Parsons' name is on the account. If using Venmo, please include your phone number and note payment is for Oberle order. Don't forget Cindy needs to receive your order by **December 8th.**



**Members 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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