

October 2020 News: Making a Difference

Installation of Officers President's Roast

Date: Thursday September 24, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: West City Park, Pavilion #11



President #32

Phyllis Neff retires as club President 2019 - 2020. Thank you Phyllis, for your leadership, positive attitude, and laughter during the most trying times.

Changing of the Guard

Welcome Mary Kay Scott,
President 2020 - 2021.

We wish her well as she
continues to keep our club
active and engaged.



Past President Phyllis Neff, Treasurer-Elect Laura Elbl, Treasurer Pat Parson, Board Member Patty Meyer, Secretary-Elect Mickie Huskey, Secretary Cathy Elliott, President-Elect Gerty O'Leary, President Mary Kay Scott, Board Member Barb Schmidt, and Board Member Janice Boyd. Not present Board Members Judy Kuhlman, Megan Meyer, and Debbie Schumaker.



Marsha Greenstreet, the club's first President, installed the 2020-2021 Board of Directors.



Ellen Bridgewater presents to Phyllis, the President's scrapbook.



President Phyllis presents the President's Citation Award to Peggy Scott.



Honored for their service with the Making a Difference Award were Carol Schanz, Peggy Scott, Jean Naeger, Carroll Metzger. Not present Debbie Hogenmiller.



Carol Harness continues the time honored tradition of the President's Roast. Many laughs were shared.



Judy Lowe presents Phyllis with some real treasures to remember her presidency such as Toilet Paper, a much sought after essential!

SPECIAL AWARDS

2020 iMagine Presidential Incentives Winners

During the 2019-20 year Optimist Clubs were encouraged to nominate a Member as their "Make a Difference Member". The Clubs were asked to nominate someone and give a description in under 500 words of why they were selected as the Club's "Make A Difference" member.

Congratulations to the 8 winners:

MIDDLE AMERICA WINNER

Peggy Scott
Festus-Crystal City TCA, Missouri

NE + GREAT LAKES WINNER

Sharon England
Centerville-South Metro, OH

SOUTHEAST WINNER

Lorna Moseley Grant
Kingston, JA

MID-ATLANTIC WINNER

Bobbi Hague
Carolina Cardinals, NC

WEST COAST WINNER

Heather McDaniel
Lebanon, OR

SOUTHWEST WINNER

Nancy DeNiro
Tamarac Denver, CO

GREAT PLAINS WINNER

Ray Morley
Ankeny, IA

ST. LAWRENCE WINNER

Pauline Langeller
Granby, QC



Peggy Scott receives the "Make a Difference" Award from President Phyllis. Peggy was nominated by the Board of Directors and was chosen by Optimist International as the Middle America winner, one of eight winners internationally. Congratulations Peggy for your out-of-the-box thinking and designing The Leader Art/Science Challenge. The club, The Leader, and the entire community benefited from this unique project.

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE DONATION



Joachim Plattin Emergency Medical Service's Administrator Curtis Stueve along with a few of his staff accept donation to the JPAD Paramedic Recovery Fund from President Phyllis Neff. Club members Jean Naeger, Laura Elbl, Pat Parsons, Mary Hatfield, and Mary Kay Scott were also present.

CLUB PROJECTS

Thermometers



Club President Phyllis Neff and President Elect Mary Kay Scott presented digital thermometers to teacher/coach Laura DeClue and Superintendent Matt Holdinghausen of Crystal City High School. The thermometers will be used to take students temperatures prior to athletic practice/events. This will eliminate the need for teachers/coaches to share supplies. Additional schools within southern Jefferson County have been notified to see if they have a similar need. Mary Hatfield inspired this project when she realized there was a need. That is what this club is all about, finding a need and providing the means.

Club members Pat Parsons, Jean Naeger, Laura Elbl, and Mary Hatfield also attended the presentation.

Dictionary Project



Dictionary Project volunteers Barb Schmidt, Phyllis Neff, Debbie Hogenmiller, Pat Parsons, Janet Mace, Mary Kay Scott, and Jean Naeger



Dictionary Co-Chairs, Kelly Winkelman and Laura Elbl with Gerty O'Leary, Elizabeth Check, Sue Joggerst, and Ginny Skaggs



**Dictionary Co-Chairs
Laura Elbl and
Kelly Winkelman**



**Sue Joggerst with
Pat Parsons**



**Mary Kay Scott
with Janet Mace**

It's All About the Kids Area Third Graders Receive Dictionaries



**Students from Sunrise School
in the Sunrise School District
receive their dictionaries.**



**Not to be forgotten, a virtual
Sunrise student received her
dictionary.**

Thank you so much Twin City Optimist Club for your generous donation to Sunrise School! We are blessed to be part of this community- your giving hearts are appreciated.

Sunrise students and staff will benefit from these.

Stay healthy! Thank you for thinking of us!

Sunrise R-IX "We enter to learn, leave to achieve"



Today was "Dictionary Day" for our third graders. Every year the Optimist Club provides dictionaries for all 3rd graders in Jefferson County. Unfortunately, this year, members of the Optimist Club could not come in to deliver them to the students, so Dr. Siefert filled in for them. This year's dictionary looks different. This year, the traditional cover of the planet earth is now covered with a face mask that reads "6 Feet." We want to offer a huge "Thank You" to the Twin City Optimist Club for the dictionary donation. "

Dr. Darin Siefert is the Festus Elementary Principal.

A note from St. Rose in De Soto: Our students love the dictionaries you sent them! Thank you so much. The students wanted to thank you. They really enjoyed the section on the Presidents and sign language. Thanks again!

Over 1000 dictionaries were distributed to the following schools:

Athena Elementary School
Crystal City Elementary School
Christian Outreach
Vineland Elementary
Festus Elementary
Good Shepherd Catholic School
Grandview Elementary

Hillsboro Elementary
Our Lady School
Pevely Primary
Sunrise Elementary
Telegraph Intermediate
Twin City Christian Academy
St. Rose Catholic School

EMO DISTRICT NEWS

First Quarter EMO District Conference Friday Oct. 23 - Saturday Oct. 24, 2020

Past EMO Governor Mary Hatfield, President Mary Kay Scott, Past President Phyllis Neff, Past EMO Secretary Treasurer Ellen Bridgewater, and EMO Conference/Convention Chair Jean Naeger will represent the club at this conference.



**1st Quarter EMO Conference
Fri. Oct. 23- Sat. Oct 24**

**HOPE ALLIANCE
OF MISSOURI**

Please bring individual serve packages of snack crackers for Rolla's Backpack Program.

Suggestions:
peanut butter/cheese crackers
Animal Crackers
Cheez-Its



<https://www.hopeallianceofmissouri.org/>

Community Service

The EMO First Quarter Service Project will benefit the Rolla Backpack program.

**You can drop off
crackers to Leisa Spiker
at the Optical Shop by
Thursday, October
22nd.**

JOI CLUB UPDATE

- Halloween Party is scheduled for Sunday October 25, 2020 from 2 to 4 pm at Larry Crites Memorial Park at pavilion #20 by the front gazebo. They will have a scavenger hunt and Pumpkin and Costume contest for Best, Funniest, and Scariest. We will need Optimist judges. Mask and social distancing will be required. No homemade food. Food to be packaged only.
- Shopping for the Crisis Nursery will be done in November at Walmart. No date confirmed yet. The JOI club wishes to shop for the items that Jessica needs for the children's Christmas. Any donations are appreciated and may be made by mail to the Twin City Area Optimist Club with Crisis Nursery in the memo on the check. You may also drop check off during the Food drive on October 22nd at Quonset parking lot.

*Thank you,
Katie Huck*

JOI Adult Advisor

BB5K UPDATE



10/12/2020

The JOI club hosted BB5K on 10/3/2020 at Larry Crites Memorial Park, formerly West City Park at 8:00 a.m. We had approximately 45-50 participants and were limited due to Covid -19.

Our proceeds from the walk was \$3,000.00. We received 2 essays, one from Teagan Capstick and one from Kristen Hopkins both are students at R7. We will be presenting these checks to Jefferson R7 on behalf

of Teagan and Kristen. Jefferson R7 will contact us when it is safe/and we are allowed to present the checks with Teagan and Kristen present.

In addition to awarding R-7 the \$3,000.00 we were able to purchase 20 inspiration signs to boost morale and to recognize we are all important. They have been placed throughout Festus for the kids to read and feel better about themselves.

Katie and I have already received excellent feedback on signs, and the community is requesting more signage to go up all throughout our community.

Debbie Schumaker
JOI Chair

SAVE THE DATE/FOOD DRIVES

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FOOD DRIVE

(benefiting local food pantry)

*Non-perishable food items
(no glass please)*

DATE: Thursday October 22, 2020

TIME: drop off 12-1 p.m.

PLACE: Quonset Lanes parking lot
2004 N. Truman
Crystal City

GOAL: 1000 food items

**COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS WILL
BENEFIT: OZARK FOOD PANTRY** *(Please share this event with
your local friends, family, neighbors to increase support.)*

SUGGESTED ITEMS, although any donation is welcome.

- HAMBURGER HELPER®
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- PANCAKE MIX, BISQUICK®, CAKE MIX
- MACARONI & CHEESE, DRY PASTA, BOXED PASTA MEALS, SPAGHETTI SAUCE
- JIFFY CORN BREAD MIX®
- PANCAKE SYRUP, JELLY, PEANUT BUTTER
- KETCHUP, BBQ SAUCE

Please contact Food Drive Chair Pat Parsons if you have questions.



PLEASE BRING 5 LIKE ITEMS
SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR HEAD START FOOD BASKETS

STAPLES LIST:

- canned: vegetables, fruit, soup, chili, beans, beef stew, chicken, tuna
- peanut butter, jelly, applesauce
- ketchup, mustard, mayo
- dried beans, rice, pasta and sauce, mac and cheese
- salt/pepper, flour, sugar, boxed cake mix, cookies

PERSONAL ITEMS:

- soap/body wash
- tooth paste/brushes
- shampoo/ conditioner, baby shampoo
- deodorant, razors

OTHER:

- dish soap, laundry soap, sponge
- paper towels, toilet paper

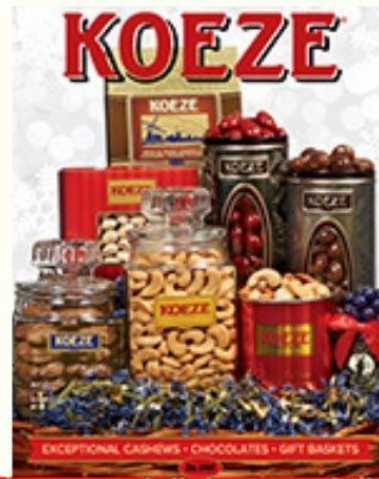
**Please contact Head Start Co-Chairs Carroll Metzger or
Debbie Hogenmiller if you have questions.**

FUNDRAISERS

In Time for the Holidays

Order deadline: Nov. 17th
Arrive: Early December

10% discount
off catalog
prices



SELL - - - SELL - - - SELL

Contact Patty Meyer, chairperson for this fundraiser, if you need a catalog or have questions. She will also bring catalogs to our food drive on October 22nd. In addition to the full catalog, a modified catalog/order form with our most popular items has been created. This modified list was sent to you via Constant Contact and Facebook. Please **SHARE--SHARE--SHARE** email or Facebook post with family, friends, neighbors, and corporate contacts. With the loss of our fall fundraiser it is important to increase our KOEZE sales this year. **You can also access this modified catalog and order from by clicking on Visit our website button below and clicking on Fundraiser tab.**



Oberle Gift Boxes

Oberle sausage/cheese gift boxes will be sold in time for the holidays. Cindy Cherry will again chair this fundraiser. Further details will be provided soon.



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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