



Twin City Area Optimist Club

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October 2021 News Making a Difference

AWARDS



Outgoing President Mary Kay Scott presented Karen Huskey with the President's Citation Award for her service to our club.

I chose Karen Huskey for the President's Citation Award for the 2020 - 2021 year because she has brought her energy and talents to the club in ways that have helped us do more for the community. Karen made a beautiful quilt and donated it to the club for fundraising. We were unable to have our big Trivia Night and Fall Fundraiser this year due to COVID. Karen suggested that we raffle it off, and members got on board! We decided to have several raffles over a number of

months. This brought in needed revenue, making up for our lost events. Karen also found a way for members to contribute while staying at home. She inspired others to join her in making tummy-time quilts and knitted hats for Nurses for Newborns. Many items for infants were generated by this idea. We are all pleased that Karen is a member of Twin Cities Area Optimists!

Mary Kay Scott

IT'S OFFICIAL INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS



New member Anita Bieberly with sponsor Arlene DeGonia



New member Vicki Campbell with Mary Kay Scott (Sponsor Jean Naeger)



New member Ruth Ann Adams with sponsor Katie Huck



New member Cheyenne Pratt with sponsor Katie Huck



New member Karleh Brauch with sponsor Tabitha Brauch



New member Katy Lewis with sponsor Tabitha Brauch



New member Kathy Todd with Tabitha Brauch (Sponsor Carol Schanz)

EMO DISTRICT NEWS

**EMO 1st Quarter
Conference**
Meet OI President Patsy Garner



Oct. 22-23, 2021



Club President Gerty O'Leary accepts an incentive check from past EMO Governor Michael Boles. The club received a \$120 check for recruiting eight new members during the third and fourth quarters of 2020-2021 Optimist year. This reward was achieved during Mary Kay Scott's administration.



Club Members Attend First Quarter EMO Conference

Club President Gerty O'Leary, Lt. Governor Zone 10 Phyllis Neff, past President Mary Kay Scott, President Elect Peggy Scott, Past EMO Governor Mary Hatfield, OI Ambassador for EMO District Jean Naeger

ZONE 10



Zone 10 Meeting

Date: Wed. October 13, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Pietro's

3801 Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO

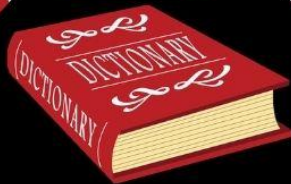


EMO Governor Lauren Dell with President Gerty O'Leary, Past President Mary Kay Scott, and Zone 10 Lt. Governor Phyllis Neff attend first quarter Zone 10 meeting.



Lauren Dell installs new South Side Club officers and board members

CLUB PROJECTS



Dictionary Project

1,083

Dictionary will be delivered to southern Jefferson County Schools third graders.



Thanks to everyone who assisted with the Dictionary Project. It takes many hands to sort, label, and deliver books.

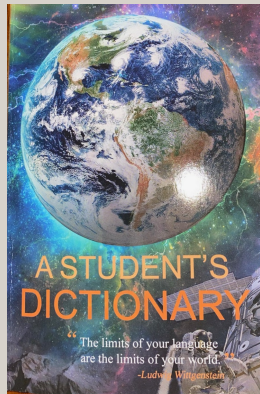


Volunteers help sort and label dictionaries

**top row: Carroll Metzger, Martha DeMent, Mary Kay Scott, Sue Boyer,
Elizabeth Check, Janice Boyd, Ruth Ann Adams, Debbie Hogenmiller
Bottom Row: Arlene DeGonia, Mary Hatfield, with project co-chairs Kelly
Winkelman and Laura Elbl; Barb Schmidt (behind the camera)**



Dictionary Project co-chairs
Laura Elbl and Kelly
Winkelman are always smiling
and ready to help. Thank you
both for chairing this project.



Top photo: Mary Kay Scott and
Debbie Hogenmiller

Bottom photo: Mary Hatfield, Sue
Boyer, Debbie Hogenmiller,
Martha DeMent, and Mary Kay
Scott are hard at work labeling
dictionaries.





Barb Schmidt and
Elizabeth Check

It's never too soon to volunteer.
New member Ruth Ann Adams



Barb Schmidt received quite a few smiles when she delivered dictionaries to the Sunrise students.



Our Lady Catholic School students show off their new dictionaries.

Twin City Area Optimist Club



Annual Art Contest

November 14, 2021

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Elks Lodge 1721

4 Elks Acres, Festus, MO

**TWIN CITY AREA OPTIMIST
ANNUAL ART CONTEST NOVEMBER 14, 2021
APPLICATION FORM**

(Use one application for each piece of art you submit, fill in the entire form, attach to back of entry, please print)

NAME _____
PHONE _____ AGE _____ TOTAL # of Works Submitted _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE _____ ZIP _____
SCHOOL _____ ART TEACHER _____
TITLE OF WORK _____ MEDIUM _____

RULES:

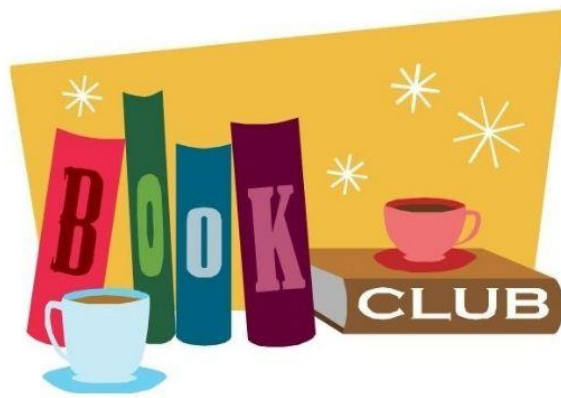
1. The Art Contest is open to students, ages 12-19 who attend Jefferson County middle and high schools.
2. All art must be original and created only by the student. Copies not permitted.
3. The art medium may be charcoal, pencil, oils, tempera, watercolor, or any other medium on paper, canvas or three-dimensional. All photography must be the student's original work.
4. Each entry **MUST** be matted (rigid backing).
5. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed Application Form and attached to the back of the mat or canvas. Please tape top edge only. Please print name and information clearly.
6. Entries will be limited to (3) per artist.
7. Entries will be accepted at Festus Public Library, 400 W. Main Street, Festus, Missouri on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 10, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
8. All entries must be picked up on Nov. 14 following the exhibit and awards presentation. Note: The Twin City Area Optimist Club, Festus Library, and Elks Lodge 1721 are not responsible for loss, theft, or damage of the artwork.
9. The art contest showcasing exhibits for the student artists and guests will be held Sunday, Nov. 14 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. with an awards presentation at 3:00 p.m. and attendance prize drawings at 3:30 p.m. at Elks Lodge 1721, 4 Elks Acres, Festus, MO 63028

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STUDENTS: Complete all the information below, but do not detach form. Please print.

Name _____ Age _____
School _____ ENTRY # _____
Title of Work _____
Medium AGE GROUP _____
Total number of works _____

BOOK CLUB



Discussion for September-October Books

The Lost and Found Bookshop by Susan Wiggs, September
The Magic Hour by Kristen Hannah, October

Please note: Book Club will meet 45 minutes before October 28th evening meeting at Poppy's. We will discuss both September and October books. All are welcome.

**Please note November book selection:
The House We Grew Up In by Lisa Jewell**

JOI CLUB



Induction of New Officers

TCA President Gerty O'Leary installed officers
(JOI officers pictured above right to left)

President: **Addisen Eldridge**
Vice President: **Kristen Hopkin**
Secretary: **Olivia Blair**
Treasurer: **Audrey Staley**

October 2021 Junior Optimist Update

- The date for the Halloween party is Sunday, October 24 from 1 to 3 PM at the second pavilion on the right by the gazebo. We will have a costume contest a pre-carved/decorated pumpkin contest (scariest funniest and overall best) we will also have art contest with these same categories; art must be finished prior to the party.
- The crisis nursery shopping date is November 4 at 7 PM at Walmart this is in place for the monthly meeting. **NOTE to TCA Members:**

We would appreciate your help on November 4th. We would also appreciate donations. These donations could be given monetarily or through product donations. Some items we need are listed below:

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Detergent
- Cleaning Supplies (dish soap, hand soaps, wipes, etc.)
- Kids' Hygiene Products (toothbrushes, (~~toothpaste~~ -already donated), body wash, etc.)

The JOIC Members would greatly appreciate your donations for this great cause and I am sure the people at the Crisis Nursery would appreciate your donations as well. Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

JOIC Treasurer
Audrey Staley



Debbie Schumaker
JOI Adult Advisor

Carol Schanz
JOI Chair

CHILDHOOD CANCER

Kaitlyn's scans came back clear on October 5th. She will continue treatment. A fundraiser was held at Quonset Lanes.



KAITLYN'S FIGHT

AGAINST
SARCOMA
CANCER

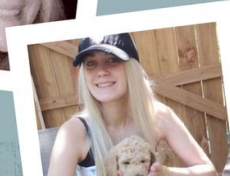
RAFFLE BASKETS
50/50
LOTTERY BOARD

October 22nd 7:00 PM UNTIL 11:00 PM



\$15.00 PER PERSON

INCLUDES 4 HOURS OF COSMIC
BOWLING
& SHOE RENTAL



FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT
KIM DOLLAR 573-366-6074

Emma the little girl with leukemia is officially in remission. Her bone marrow biopsy on October 8th was clear of cancer cells. However, since leukemia is a blood cancer that travels throughout the body she will remain on intense chemo therapy for six month with continued treatment for two years. This is to protect Emma from developing cancer in others parts of her body.

FUNDRAISERS

CRAVER COMMUNITY NIGHT

Support: Twin City Area Optimist Club
Castle Address: 1905 Richardson Rd., Arnold
Date: 10/26/2021 Time: 5:00 pm-8:00 pm

**WHITE CASTLE WILL
DONATE 15% OF YOUR PURCHASE TO:**



**Twin City Area
Optimist Club**



STORE GIFT CARD RAFFLE

Drawing Thur.

NOV. 11, 2021

**One entry for every
\$10 donation
(Please include name
and phone number)**



Chico's \$25
Home Goods \$25
Bath & Body Works \$25
Crate & Barrel \$25
Old Navy \$25
Nordstrom \$25
Kohl's \$25
Macy's \$25
Gap \$25
Harbor Freight \$50
Amazon \$50

Cabela's \$25
Lowe's \$50
Scratcher Tickets \$60
Twin City Car Wash \$50
Wal-Mart \$60
Thirty-One \$25
Dunn's Sporting Goods \$50
Buchheit's \$50
Home Depot \$25
Schnucks \$10
Target \$25

TOTAL \$755

Donations can be made thru Venmo

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or mail check to:

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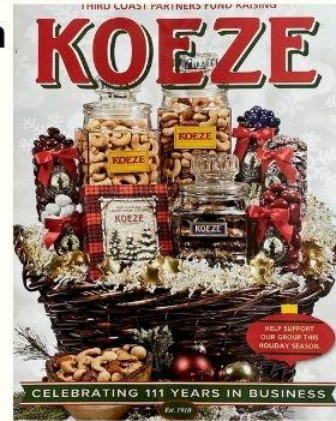
In Time for the Holidays

Contact Fundraiser Chair
Patty Meyer to receive
catalog and place order.

Call/text 314 313 7744 or email:
patty342001@aol.com

Order deadline: Nov. 18th

**10% discount
off catalog
prices**



MEETINGS



**Perfect Attendance 2019-2020
Phyllis Neff's Administration
October 21, 2021**

A long time coming, Phyllis personally presented perfect attendance pins.

1 year Cathy Elliott , Megan Siracusa, and Mary Kay Scott

2 years Patty Meyer
3 years Debbie Schumaker
4 years Jean Naeger
5 years Phyllis Neff, Katie Huck, and Barb Schmidt
6 years Ellie King
8 years Judy Kuhlman
9 years Mary Hatfield
13 years JoAnn Thompson
25 years Pat Parsons
26 years Barb Bates
30 years Sue Boyer
31 years Caryl Harness
33 years Pat Doenges

Congratulations ladies. To learn more about how you can earn perfect attendance please contact Secretary Elect Debbie Hogenmiller.



Halloween Costume Contest

Tied for first place Ruth Ann Adams as Hawaiian Punch and Slugger Joann Thompson.

Honorable mention went to Elizabeth Check as Old Waiter, Queen Karen Huskey, and Blood Donor Kim Smith.

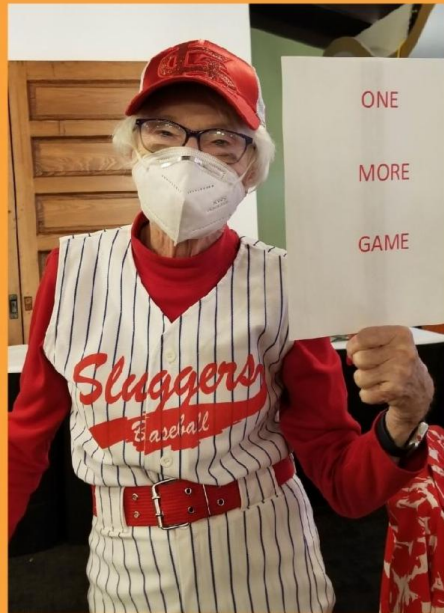


TRICK OR TREAT HALLOWEEN 2021









Members meet at Taytro's every Thursday at Noon - 1 p.m. The last Thursday of the month is an evening meeting. Time and place TBD.

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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