



‘CHOOSE OPTIMISM’

OPTIMIST CLUB OF WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

GATHERINGS THIS MONTH:

11/02 – Evening gathering at the home of Nell & Paul Redhage for a Bonfire and Hot Dog Roast

11/08 – Noon meeting @ Moe’s – Christmas Tree Lot Orientation

11/15 – Noon meeting @ Moe’s – November “Let Your Optimism Shine” recipients

11/22 – No Noon meeting – “Happy Thanksgiving”

11/29 – Noon meeting @ Moe’s – SOAR into STEM update presentation

Wednesday Gatherings – Noon at Moe’s Restaurant

1st Thursday of each month Gathering – 6:00pm at Moe’s Restaurant

If you have not already be sure to “like” us on Facebook at Optimist Club Wash Mo.

And continue to check out our website.

<http://optimistclubwashmo.wixsite.com/optimistclubwashmo>

[Club Venmo - @WashMO-Optimist](#)

SAVE THE DATE:

11/24 – Opening Day of Christmas Tree Lot

12/02 – Breakfast with Santa & the Grinch

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT OPENING SOON.

Yes believe it or not it is less than a month away from opening day of our Annual Christmas Tree Lot on November 24th. This year we will again be at Iron Spike Model Train Museum at Hwy 100 & High Street. Thanks to fellow club member, Don Burhans for allowing us to sell from this location.

- 1.) The Tree Lot Committee has been hard at work getting things ready!
- 2.) The FFA students have been putting their magic touches on the wagon with many updates.
- 3.) There will be new Yard Signs advertising the fundraiser. Be thinking of good locations these could go not just in Washington but in other communities.

A few dates to keep in mind:

- 1.) Tree Lot Set-up with the FFA students is scheduled to **start on November 8th** with the pickup of the panels at the storage area on

Luecker's Farm. More info to follow if you would like to help!

- 2.) Delivery window of the Christmas Trees is tentatively scheduled for **November 16th or 17th**. As soon as an exact time and date is scheduled you will receive a text message asking for help. The more help the better!

Now is where you the members come in....The Sign-Up Sheet to volunteer was sent out previously and was attached to the Monday evening email.

Training is scheduled for the **November 8th** meeting so you will know all the ins and outs of the stand.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND THE GRINCH.

The committee is hard at work preparing for our annual Breakfast with Santa and the Grinch on **Saturday, December 2nd at Miller's Grill!** The committee has sent out the sign-up sheet already so you can get your favorite task. The link will appear in the Monday emails until the spots are filled.

This is a fun and fast based event but it only takes the morning and then you are done and have the rest of your day.

The smiles on the kiddos as well as the adults is all worth it!

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE.....

The Annual Club Dues notices were mailed out in early October with a due date of November 1st. Thanks to all the members that have paid their dues already. If you have not please do so as soon as possible.

OCTOBER "LET YOUR OPTIMISM SHINE" RECIPIENTS.



Gwen VanLeer from Immanuel Lutheran School.



Alexis McBride from Labadie Elementary School

OPTIMIST PARK RIBBON CUTTING.

Several club members joined the City of Washington Parks Department and city officials at the ribbon cutting for the improvements to **Optimist Park on October 4th**. We as a club should be so proud to have this park named for us and the contributions we have made.

By Antjea Wolff • Reporter • wolffa@emissourian.com
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City employees, Parks & Recreation board members and Washington Optimist Club members gather to cut the ribbon for the recent renovations of Optimist Park Oct. 4 in Washington. The Parks & Recreation Department completed \$150,000 worth of upgrades to the skate park.
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YAY FOR US ON THE DISTRICT LEVEL....

We were mentioned several times at the 1st Quarter East Mo Optimist District Conference in October. **Nell Redhage and Chris Marquart** attended representing the club.

- 1.) For the 2022-2023 Optimist year we came in 3rd overall in Activites and Achievements.
- 2.) For 1st Quarter 2023-2024 Optimist year we once again reached Platinum level in Activites and Achievements along with three other clubs.
- 3.) We received an “Honored Benefactor” patch to attach to our Honors Banner. This is for

Life-To-Date Total of \$2,500.00 or more donations to Optimist International Foundation. Thanks **Chris Marquart** for adding the patch on the banner!

- 4.) Finally we received our 20+ Dime-A-Day pins for our individual club member donations. Thanks to all the donors!

We rocked it again this quarter and we could not do it without all of you so....Thank You!

RAFFLE CHECK PRESENTATION TO CASA:



We presented recently **CASA** with their share of the proceeds from our Raffle this year in the amount of **\$5,629.88!** A very successful raffle which gave the club **\$5,629.87** to help support all of our youth related activities.

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

<i>Curt Beers</i>	<i>11/26</i>
<i>Sara Cunningham</i>	<i>11/13</i>
<i>Mary Mahew</i>	<i>11/20</i>
<i>Dawn Miller</i>	<i>11/16</i>
<i>Paul Schepeler</i>	<i>11/08</i>
<i>Annie Vemmer</i>	<i>11/27</i>

HAPPY NOVEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO:

<i>Diane Borovic</i>	<i>11 yrs</i>
<i>Chris Marquart</i>	<i>11 yrs</i>
<i>Liz Stemmley</i>	<i>30 yrs</i>
<i>Judy Straatmann</i>	<i>14 yrs</i>

2023-2024 Officers & Board Members

<i>Nell Redhage</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Cory Davis</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Judy Straatmann</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Julie Frankenberg</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Tim Willard</i>	<i>Past President</i>
<i>Megan Maurer (2024)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Sheila Marquart (2024)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Guin Yoest (2025)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Robin Kluesner(2025)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Chris Marquart(2026)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Peggy Winzenburger(2026)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>

OPTIMISTIC THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

