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OPTIMIST CLUB OF WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

GATHERINGS THIS MONTH

11/06 – 6:00pm evening meeting at Moe's – "Coltyn's PJ Party" Collection Presentation.

11/12 – Noon meeting @ Exceptional Equestrians

11/19 – Noon meeting at Moe's – November Let Your Optimism Shine recipients

11/26 – No meeting – Happy Thanksgiving!

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 FOR UPCOMING EVENT:

11/12 – Road Trip to Exceptional Equestrians for our Wednesday Noon meeting.

11/21 – High 5 Friday at Washington West (see below article)

12/06 – Breakfast with Santa & The Grinch

HIGH 5 FRIDAY AT WASHINGTON WEST –

Every Friday at Washington West Elementary the community volunteers and shows up to give the students a "High 5" to start their day. A great way to show our support to our students in the community.

The club has volunteered to give those High 5s on **Friday, November 21st**. This is a short timeframe from **7:20am – 7:45am** but an enjoyable time. You just need to bring your id (drivers license) and be at school between **7:05-7:10am** to get checked in. Park in the Early Learning Center parking lot across the street.

If you are interested in joining in on the fun please contact Chris Marquart at chris_marquart@hotmail.com by 11/12.

LUNCH COST INCREASE –

Periodically we review our meal cost at Moe's to make sure we are in line. As we all know food costs have been increasing (as well as drink cost) so with that being said effective **November 1st** our lunch price will go to **\$13.00**. The evening meal price will remain the same at **\$15.00**. If you want to participate in the **50/50** that will be the additional **\$1.00** as always.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND THE GRINCH

Yes believe it or not we are less than a month away on **Saturday, December 6th** for our annual breakfast at **Miller's Grill**. The committee is hard at work already preparing. Be looking for tickets to sell/purchase in the very near future. Also the volunteer sign-up sheet for that morning will be out soon.

Let's get the holiday season off to an optimistic start with our breakfast.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BUILD DAY

On **Saturday, October 11th** several of us helped build 11 beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace in partnership with New Life Church. What an awesome morning and experience it was. Special thanks goes to **Judy Straatmann** for organizing between the two groups and Sleep in Heavenly Peace to pull this off.

For more photos check out our facebook page – Optimist Club Wash Mo.



Our President branding one of the beds!



Club members that helped with the build



Some things take a village and we had a great village between club members, New Life Church members and Sleep in Heavenly Peace members.

Thanks to all the club members that participated. It was a beautiful October Saturday morning to work on the build.

LET YOUR OPTIMISM SHINE FOR OCTOBER –

Meet our October 2025 recipients:



Anna Birkes from Immanuel Lutheran School. Presenting her certificate is Maranda Anderson.



Laney Lampitt from Labadie Elementary. Presenting her certificate is AnnMarie Hoerr.

PRESIDENT CITATION



Our 2025 Optimist of the Year **Megan Maurer** received her President Citation from 2024-2025 **Optimist International President, Jan Oord Graves** at a recent meeting. Making the presentation was **Judy Straatmann**, past secretary.

2025-2026 OFFICER INSTALLATION

We had an awesome Officer Installation celebration on October 2.



Your 2025-2026 Team being installed by our Lt. Gov. Joe Hatfield. Unable to attend were Chris Marquart and Shannon Chrisco.



Cory Davis, retiring President and Megan Maurer, 2025-2026 President welcomed Lt. Gov. Joe Hatfield and his wife Mary to the Installation.

COLTYN'S PJ PARTY

Thank you to everyone that donated pajamas for this service project helping patients at St. Louis Children's Hospital. Join us this **Thursday, 11/6** and meet Coltyn as we make our presentation and see how many pajamas we collected.

CASA CHECK PRESENTATION



We wrapped up our Summertime Splash for Cash Raffle with our check presentation to CASA for their share of the proceeds on this fundraiser. **Trista Stockhorst, Diana Hall and Glenda Volmert** joined us October 8th and accepted a check for **\$5,273.25**. Also pictured is Optimist **Judy Straatmann**. We also received an update on their program.

ALUMINUM CAN TABS REMINDER –

To date we have collected **\$242.36!** Thanks for the support!

Just a friendly reminder about the collection of tabs from drink cans and other pop top cans. As **Chris Marquart** mentioned in an email in July we now have an account set up at **Franklin County Recycling** at **6365 Bluff Rd** under **Optimist Club**

of Washington. You can take items from the list and donate the funds to the club's account which will benefit **Ronald McDonald House and the club**. You can also bring the tabs to a weekly meeting and give them to Chris.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to fellow Optimist **Diane Borovic**. Diane's father Stephen Voss passed away recently. Please keep Diane, Matthew, Jessica and Diane's extended family in your thoughts and prayers

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to fellow Optimist **Tracy Moreland** on the recent marriage of her daughter, Emily! Congrats to the Moreland Family!

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

Curt Beers	11/26
Mary Mahew	11/20
Paul Scheperle	11/08
Annie Vemmer	11/27

HAPPY NOVEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO:

Diane Borovic	13 yrs
Chris Marquart	13 yrs
Liz Stemmley	32 yrs
Judy Straatmann	16 yrs

2025-2026 Officers & Board Members

Megan Maurer	President
Robin Kluesner	Vice President
Judy Smith	Secretary
Julie Frankenberg	Treasurer
Cory Davis	Past President
Chris Marquart(2026)	Board Member
Peggy Winzenburger(2026)	Board Member
Sheila Marquart(2027)	Board Member
Shannon Chrisco(2027)	Board Member
Carol Maune(2028)	Board Member
Judy Straatmann(2028)	Board Member

OPTIMISTIC THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

