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OPTIMIST CLUB OF WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

GATHERINGS THIS MONTH

02/06 – *Respect for Law Dinner at 6:00pm*

02/12 – *Noon meeting at Moe's. Alex Pennock and Carmella DeJesus will be our guests. They are with Peace Lutheran Church's Weather Relief Center.*

02/19 – *Noon meeting at Moe's – February "Let Your Optimism Shine" recipients.*

02/26 – *Noon meeting at Moe's – Joel Doecker with East Central College*

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:

Saturday, April 12th – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny



HELPING CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS....

I forgot to include this photo last month from all the wonderful things we do for the community during Christmas.

Rita Griesheimer and Peggy Winzenburger went shopping for foster children in December. As you can see they got shopping carts full of items.

Thanks ladies for being our shoppers and for delivering the items in December.

NEW YEAR GAME NIGHT FUN –

It might have been a small group but it was a fun time as we played “Left, Right, Center” for this year’s New Year Game Night. Overall winner of 36 - \$1 scratchers was me (Julie). I normally never win anything so it was very exciting! No worries, like I said in a Monday evening email I did not win big and I am still working!

Thanks to everyone that joined us for a fun evening. Lots of laughs! Thanks to **Robin Kluesner and Sheila Marquart** for the guidance of the game for some newbees as well as some that needed a refresher!



JANUARY LET YOUR OPTIMISM SHINE

Meet our January recipients:



Ava Fischer from St. Francis Borgia High School

And




Alexis Nahlik from Four Rivers Career Center

WHAT AN HONOR....

The club was recently informed that we received “Honor Club” status with Optimist International for 2023-2024. We are listed under East Missouri on the below list. Congrats also to our fellow district recipients, Festus-Crystal City(TCA) and Jackson-Noon. This could not have been possible without you the members for all your help and participation! Yay to us!

Honor Clubs 2023-2024	
ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI 29325 Pleasure Island Optimist Club, AL 29084 Hernando, MS	INDIANA NORTH 04430 Portland-Evening, IN
ALBERTA, MONTANA, SASKATCHEWAN & NORTHERN WYOMING 13020 Billings-Bft, MT 13874 Safestart-Edmonton, AB 13880 Caribbean Optimist Club of Edmonton, AB 13069 Regina-High Noon, SK	IOWA 40048 Des Moines-Western-Noon, IA 40050 Des Moines, IA 40157 Urbandale, IA 40015 Bloomfield, IA 40096 North Liberty, IA 40088 Dubuque-Morning, IA 40077 Kalona, IA 40118 Washington, IA
CARIBBEAN 78338 Barbican Pines, JA 78025 Kingston Central, JA 78317 Kingston-West St. Andrew, JA 78026 Royal-Kingston, JA 78472 Caymanas, JA 78142 Falmouth, JA 78607 Custom Made-Montego Bay, JA	KANSAS 37105 Junction City Bft Inc., KS
CENTRAL ONTARIO 47255 Welland, ON 47000 Ancaster Township, ON 47060 Dunnville, ON 47100 Hamilton, ON 47030 Burlington, ON 47110 Keswick, ON	MICHIGAN 17569 Mecosta County Optimist Club, MI 17425 Flint – West, MI 17050 Clarkston Area, MI 17504 Central Macomb, MI 17508 Hartford Community, MI
COLORADO-WYOMING 25077 Denver-Denver Tech Center, CO	MIDWESTERN ONTARIO 46010 Bayfield, ON 46113 Kirkton-Woodham, ON 46127 Lucan, ON 46155 Town of Minto, ON 46209 Kitchener-Southwest, ON 46140 London-North, ON 46250 Centre Wellington-Fergus, ON
EAST MISSOURI 30500 Washington, MO 30165 Festus-Crystal City (TCA), MO 30206 Jackson-Noon, MO	PACIFIC SOUTHEAST 15500 Los Angeles, CA
GATEWAY 21546 Sawnee-Cumming, GA 21267 Senola, GA	SOUTH CAROLINA 22010 Spartanburg-Bft, SC 22375 Rock Hill-Central City, SC 22113 Lugoff, SC
ILLINOIS 12030 Highland, IL	



Optimist International - 2023-2024 Presidential Awards

“TWINNING “



How often do club members show up in almost the same outfit(and not an Optimist shirt) to a meeting. Peg, you just needed the necklace!!!

MEMBER NEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS –

To **Annie and Robert Vemmer** on the arrival of **Louis James Vemmer** on Tuesday, January 7th. Louis came into this world at 7 lbs, 12 oz and 20.5 inches.

Congratulations to the Vemmer’s on your bundle of joy!

WELL WISHES –

To **Erin Marquart** who recently had a procedure. We hope you are feeling better and we will see you soon.

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

Maranda Anderson	02/06
Matt Busekrus	02/28
Brianna Clift	02/11
Carole Lohmeyer	02/06
Erin Marquart	02/19
Carol Maune	02/24
Guin Yoest	02/28

OPTIMISTIC THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



HAPPY FEBRUARY CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO:

Matt Busekrus	5 yrs
Cory Davis	3 yrs
Julie Frankenberg	26 yrs
Tonya Meyer	3 yrs

2024-2025 Officers & Board Members

Cory Davis	President
Megan Maurer	Vice President
Judy Straatmann	Secretary
Julie Frankenberg	Treasurer
Nell Redhage	Past President
Guin Yoest (2025)	Board Member
Robin Kluesner(2025)	Board Member
Chris Marquart(2026)	Board Member
Peggy Winzenburger(2026)	Board Member
Sheila Marquart(2027)	Board Member
Shannon Chrisco(2027)	Board Member