



Promise Yourself

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear: and too happy to permit the presence of trouble!

OPTIMIST CLUB OF WASHINGTON OCTOBER, 2024 NEWSLETTER

GATHERINGS THIS MONTH....

10/03 – Evening Gathering at Moe's at 6:00pm. Come celebrate the new Optimist year and reminisce about the past year. See related story!

10/09 – Noon meeting at Moe's.

10/16 – Noon meeting @ Moe's – October "Let Your Optimism Shine" recipients.

10/23 – Noon meeting @ Moe's

10/30 – Noon meeting @ Moe's

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>

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START OF A NEW OPTIMIST YEAR....

Join us Thursday evening, **October 3rd at Moe's at 6:00p.m.** Partake in some dinner, witness the installation of your 2024-2025 Officers and Board Members, Thank our retiring members and then reminisce about all of the great things we did in 2023-2024 with our "Year in Review".

PROGRAMS NEEDED....

What makes our meetings so enjoyable are presentations from members of our community as well as Optimist members. With a new year comes time to round up some presentations. If you know of an interesting topic/presentation, etc. Contact a board member with any suggestions.

75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION....

By now you should have received your invitation to a night of celebrating a big milestone for the club. While the actual date was August 15th there is going to be a "party" on **November 7th** to celebrate the Optimist Club of Washington 75 years as a civic club in Washington. The committee is working on a special evening so be sure to get your RSVP in by **October 18th**.

LET YOUR OPTIMISM SHINE....

With the start of a new school year comes our once a month celebration of outstanding students. Meet our September recipients.



Corinne Piper from St. Vincent's School



Bradley Kuenzel from Clearview Elementary.

CELEBRATE COMMUNITY....

A group of us came away having a “feel good kind of day” helping at the 20th Annual Rotary Trail Day in September. For it to fall in the week of “Celebrate Community” worked out great. Thanks to **Brandy Koch and co-worker Hannah Kimminau, Sheila Marquart, Chris Marquart, Helen Brinker, Larry Brinker, Julie Frankenberg and Paul Redhage**(who missed out on the photo opt). We are ready to do it again next year!



MISSOURI BOOK FESTIVAL.....

While we do not have final numbers yet we feel our first attempt at selling drinks and snacks at the Missouri Book Festival was a success. Thanks to **Megan Maurer** for the suggestion/offering for the club to take part in this event and special thanks to all the volunteers that worked a shift and the Fundraising Committee for all their hard work on planning a first time event. Also thanks to some JOI Club members that joined in and helped and we heard they were big helpers!

WELCOME ROBIN....

At the September 25th meeting the club inducted and welcomed our newest member – **Robin Bellis!**



Robin has already volunteered at the Fair and we look forward to many more events. **Welcome Robin!**

MEMBER NEWS....

Congratulations to **Tonya Meyer** who was recently promoted to **Vice President at Exit 11 Coffee**.
Congrats **Tonya!**

DUES ARE DUE....

By now you should have received your annual dues invoice. Thanks to everyone that has paid already. Please have your dues paid by **October 31**.

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO:

Robin Kluesner	10/26
Judy Smith	10/19
Liz Stemmley	10/26
Tim Willard	10/04

HAPPY OCTOBER CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO:

Nick Frankenberg	8 yrs
Paul Redhage	8 yrs
Gary Winzenburger	8 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	Board Member
Shannon Chrisco	Board Member

OPTIMISTIC THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

