St. Louis South Side Newsletter

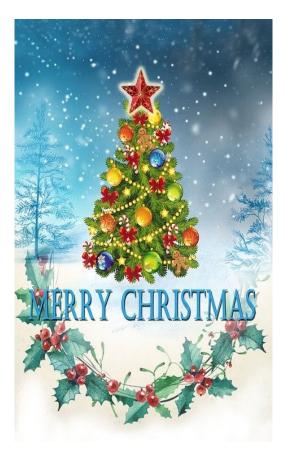




As we all prepare for the 2020 Pandemic Holidays let us take time to remember many who are having tough times making ends meet. As the South Side Optimist gather baskets for 10 families in need let us remember the many things we have and share with those less fortunate. Please see the list of families and give with a joyous heart.

Please send donations to:Mr. Bill Vorhies6016 Terri Lynn DriveSt. Louis, Missouri 63123

Let's make this a huge success!!!! :) 2020-2021 <u>Club Officers</u> <u>PRESIDENT</u> CHERYL ROTHE <u>1ST VICE PRESIDENT</u> ALLYSON BURNS <u>TREASURER</u> BILL VORHIES <u>SECRETARY</u> JOHN OBERLOHR <u>SARGENT AT ARMS</u>



Hancock family #1:

The mother in this family recently had a stroke which has limited her ability to communicate. The father of the children is trying to offer financial support, but he lost his job recently.... found another one right away, but they are all without health insurance for the next 90 days. The 14 year old is trying to balance virtual school while caring for her mother.

Hancock family #2

These are grandparents who took in their 2 teenage granddaughters as their parents are not making good decisions. These grandparents also have an adult disabled daughter who they are caring for. The grandmother is on oxygen 24/7 and is unable to leave their home. The grandfather just retired so he could help take care of everyone at home.

Hancock family #3

A grandmother who took in her 2 grandsons after they were severely abused by their biological mother. She also has other extended family that are staying with her. If they didn't have her, they would all be homeless.

Hancock family #4

A great grandmother who has taken in 3 of her great grandchildren. This is another case of both parents making poor choices. She took them in so they would not have to live with strangers in the foster care system.

Hancock family #5

This mom of 3 children is a very loving mom, but has severe mental health issues which are currently prohibiting her from working. She recently left an abusive situation, and is on a healthier track of taking care of her children and making them her #1 priority.

Hancock family #6

This mom is due any day with her 3rd baby girl. Her husband does work, but they are struggling to make ends meet on just his income. Their middle child is 3 and has already undergone several surgeries for a cleft lip and palate. Their oldest daughter is in kindergarten with us.

Hancock family #7

This is a single dad who works extremely hard to take care of his 2 boys. He often works 2 jobs in order to make ends meet.

Hancock family #8

This is a single mom with 5 children who does not receive assistance from their estranged husband. She works full time, but picks up secondary work when she can in order to make ends meet.

Hancock family #9

This grandma took in her granddaughter and grandson when their mom was making unhealthy choices years ago. She is fighting stage 4 cancer and has the most positive outlook on life. She truly believes God is keeping her alive because these children desperately need her.

Hancock family #10

This single mom is raising 5 children on her own. Three of the children have special needs and she has limited support from their father (who is also special needs).

THE SOUTH SIDE ELVES WILL BE PICKING UP THE GROCERIES ON DECEMBER 19TH AT SCHNUCKS AT 9:00 AM -7057 CHIPPEWA STREET.

WE WILL PROCEED TO BILL & MARY VORHIES HOUSE—6016 TERRI LYNN DRIVE TO DIVIDE THE GROCERIES AMONG THE FAMILIES.

ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 20TH WE WILL MEET AT BILL & MARY VORHIES HOUSE AT 9:30 AM FOR A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST. THE BASKETS WILL BE DELIVERED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BREAKFAST.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN AND SHARE THE LOVE DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!

PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING YOUR MASK TO BOTH DAYS!

NOTE: For the safety of our Delivery Crews we will place the groceries on the front porch of the Families, due to Covid. We can ring the bell or knock on the door and then move 6 feet away while they come to the door. The Families can take the groceries inside their house.

Thanks.

Bill Vorhies



Look who had a birthday!!!

Congratulations George Kacic and Happy 90th Birthday!

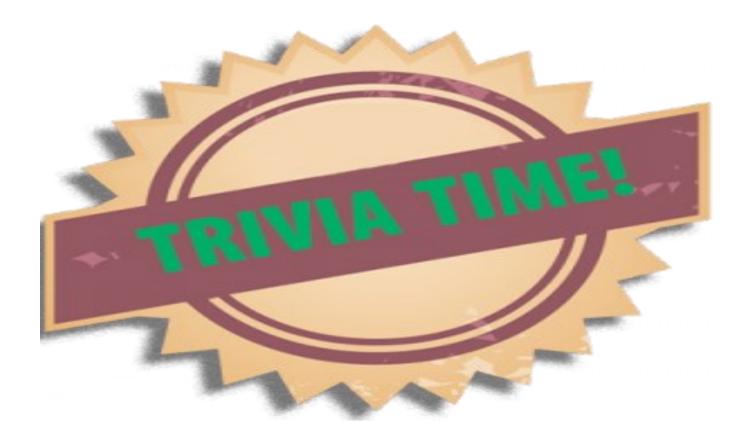
On November 12th a few South Side Optimist did a drive by at Friendship Village to help celebrate George Kacic's birthday.

Kurt Warner gave us an update on the Arnold-Imperial Club events:

Tree Lot at Planthaven 6703 Telegraph Rd Starting November 21st.

Try to support other clubs when possible.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR TRIVIA ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2021 AT ST. JAMES THE GREATER CHURCH IN DOGTOWN. ALL OPTIMIST HANDS ON DECK....

THIS IS A BIG FUNDRAISER FOR US PLEASE SUPPORT THIS FUN NIGHT BY BUYING TABLES OR VOLUNTEERING. ONCE AGAIN WE WILL BE HAVING THE BOOZE BASKET SO PLEASE HELP US WITH FILLING THE BASKET.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE HAS CHANGED FROM MAY TO SEPTEMBER

Our Meeting Place: PIETRO'S RESTAURANT

3801 WATSON ROAD ST. LOUIS, MO 63109 314-645-9263

Meeting Schedule:

2ND AND 4TH Wednesday of the month @ 6:00 p.m.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS DEC. 16TH-DR. GERALD GRUSZKA DEC. 24TH-SEAN COCHRAN

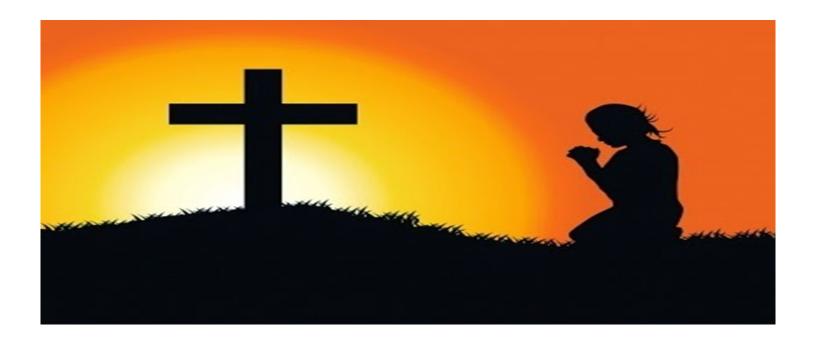


DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9 PIETRO'S 6:00 PM	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	l 9 GROCERY PICKUP
20 GROCERY BASKET DELIVERY	21	22	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26
27	28	29	30	31		

PRAYER REQUEST:

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND TO THIS LIST PLEASE LET CHERYL ROTHE KNOW.(crothe@budrovich.com)



Please Pray for:

ELISE TIERNEY—READY TO LEARN

LORETTA KELLY—SOUTHSIDE MEMBER

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY OF RICHARD VIRGIL WAGNER— MR WAGNER PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 20, 2020 AT THE AGE OF 84. HE JOINED THE SOUTH SIDE OPTIMIST CLUB ON SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1963. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER FOR 57 YEARS.

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