

The Sunny Side

The newsletter of The Lebanon Optimist Club



New Optimist Year Begins

New Members This Year

- Roxanne Cash
- Karen Ervin
- Cheryl Jeffers
- Britt Pitcher
- Victoria Schnorr
- Michelle Schooley
- Erin Underwood
- Jacob Webb
- Scott Webb
- Amy Zeitenstein
- Mark Ebel
- Missy Rodzinak

Mark Your Calendars

Lebanon Band Invitational	9/24
Dinner Meeting Golden Lamb	9/26
Lebanon Chamber Dinner	9/29
Lunch Meeting Golden Lamb	10/10
Board Meeting	10/13
Dinner Meeting	10/24

Sometimes we are so busy concentrating on the to-do list of the day, week, or month we lose sight of our accomplishments and achievements. With a new Optimist year on the horizon beginning October 1, let's look back at our 2021-22 Lebanon Optimist Club year.

After many years managing our Avenue of Flags community service project and fundraiser, Eric Sotzing moved on from the role. Our club was fortunate to have Scott Webb step up as our new AOF Coordinator. Josh Marsh and Chuck Locy, also LOC members, joined the team as well. By creating crews of community partners to work our flag

Did you know that our club is a certifying organization for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award? In the spring, we presented a gold-level award to our own William Smith, Cubmaster of our scout pack. Will's devotion to the children of East Ridge is tireless. Our Cub Scout pack is in it's sixth year, and Will has been the driver since we began. If you have some time on Monday nights, Will would welcome your help.

routes, the Avenue of Flags program offers youth organizations a fundraising opportunity as we are paying them for each flag placed/ picked up. Our AOF team has grown the program from just over 300 flag subscriptions to over 650 as of Labor Day. Congratulations to Scott, Josh, Chuck, and the entire AOF team!



Scott and Tammy Webb inspect and repair damaged flags after wind storms this spring.

In keeping with our tradition, this summer our club was honored to award the Officer of the Year plaque to Officer Nate Trout of the Lebanon Police Dept. Every year, Chief Jeff Mitchell asks his officers to cast their votes for the officer of the year. This opportunity to promote Respect for Law and appreciation for our own dedicated police officers is always a highlight of our Optimist year.

In January, Cub Scout Pack 528 chartered by our club got the opportunity to move into the former Homework Club unit in East Ridge Metropolitan Housing Village. After several weeks of clean out, clean up, and spiff up Will, Adrienne, and other volunteers christened the new East Ridge Family Learning Center. In addition to our Cub Scout pack program, Adrienne Mrozek, Cathy Feinauer, and others offer homework help during the school year. Over the summer, they led cooking classes and a gardening club for kids. If you have some free time, your help with this program is really needed. Please reach out to Adrienne.

Once again, our Lebanon Blues Festival was a highlight of our year. We were thrilled to partner with the Dayton Blues Society to bring the Pinetop Perkins Foundation Alumni to our stage on Friday night. Some of the best blues music of the festival was a product of the collaboration of these young, gifted musicians. If you missed it, you can watch the whole thing on our YouTube channel.