

March 2020



Optimist Club of  
St. Charles

# OPTIMIST NEWS

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## SPECIAL GUESTS

In our meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> we were treated to special guests from the St. Charles City Police K9 Unit. Officer Rick Fischer and his K9 partner Phoenix, and Officer Dan Allen and his K9 partner Nitro put on an interesting program that demonstrated the law enforcement capabilities of the K9s and provided information about their training and care. Police Sergeant Susan Shields and Trainer Tim Wandling were emcees for the program and answered club member questions. Many thanks to these special guests for such an interesting program!!



## President Steve Harker



*To be too large for worry. This is the beginning of the very last line of our creed. Although it is at the end, it could easily be argued that this is one of the most important lines of our creed. Let me explain.*

*When I was in my youth, I worried about a lot of things, all the time. Most of the things I worried about were beyond my control. One day (at a funeral for a friend) I heard the "Serenity Prayer". I'm sure most of you have heard it. It goes like this; "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."*

*Regardless of your religious beliefs, this is a profoundly wise prayer. You see, many of us worry about things we can do absolutely nothing about. When you worry, it disturbs your peace of mind, it's difficult to look at the sunny side of everything, it's hard to expect only the best and to be enthusiastic about the success of others, it is very difficult to wear a cheerful countenance at all times, etc. Do you see where I'm going with this?*

*To be an optimistic person, and live by the creed, we must put our mind in the right place. If we begin by thinking only the best, working only for the best, and expecting only the best, we know we have done all we can do. Everything else is out of your control. You are now too noble for worry. Everything else will follow.*

*Optimistically yours,  
Steve*

# POLICE K9 UNIT PROGRAM



**Officer Rick Fischer and Phoenix (upper left photo) and Officer Dan Allen and Nitro (upper right photo) prepare for apprehending “suspects”. In the two bottom photos, the K9s capture their men.**



**President Steve with our Police Department guests**



# FEBRUARY SPEAKERS & CLUB EVENTS

## Autism Advocate



Kristin Wilmes, Nurse Practitioner at Christian Hospital, has first hand knowledge about autism and the challenges faced by families with an autistic child. Kristin gave an informative presentation on autism and her desire to establish a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to further her cause. In the photo above, Kristin describes a “Help Bag” she developed to assist first responders during an autistic emergency.

## Happy Hour at Ruma’s Deli



Prior to going to the Optimist Night at Lindenwood University Basketball, club members and their guests enjoyed a Happy Hour at Ruma’s Deli in St. Charles. Ruma’s did an excellent job hosting the event and will be considered for future Happy Hours. If you have an idea for holding an Optimist event at a local attraction, please let us know.

## Optimist Night at Lindenwood Basketball



Women’s Basketball Coach Katie Falco suggested an Optimist Night at a game this season. With the help of Assistant AD Scott Stark, arrangements were made for club members and their guests to attend on Feb 27. A PA announcement was made about our club and our logo shown on the message board during the game. It was fun to watch exciting games won by both the Women’s and Men’s teams.

## Items of Interest to Club Members:

1. **YIN GALA:** Club member Mary Krogmeier is being honored for her service to Youth in Need at their 33rd Annual Celebration of Youth Gala on March 7, 2020 at Ameristar Casino Resort & Spa. Congratulations Mary on your well deserved recognition by YIN!!!
2. **SPAGHETTI DINNER:** Sharon North, Club Chair for the Spaghetti Dinner, is requesting members get out and sell tickets to the event scheduled April 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, please solicit sponsors for the paper placemats (need company business cards). Club volunteers are needed to cook and serve. This is one of our largest fund raisers. Your help is needed.
3. **SPELLING BEE WINNERS:** The winners of the Elementary and Intermediate Spelling Bee contests were recognized in our noon meetings on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, respectively. The students attended the meetings with their parents and St. Charles School District representatives and provided interesting information about their strategies for excelling in the spelling bee contests.
4. **CLUB ORATORICAL CONTEST:** This year's contest will be held at Hardin Middle School on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Club members are invited to attend and watch the contestants compete with their speeches on an Optimist topic.
5. **GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Fred McGinley, Club Chair for the Golf Tournament, is getting an early start on this year's event. This is another of our big fund raisers and a good turnout of golf teams and sponsors is needed. The event is being held at St. Peters Golf Course on June 1<sup>st</sup>. See the player and sponsorship flyers below for more information. Full-size flyers are available on the Club's website or on our Facebook page.

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# GOLF TOURNAMENT

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
THE YOUTH OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY

**Monday, June 1, 2020**




**PAYMENTS**  
Mail form and check to:  
Optimist Club of St. Charles  
Golf Tournament  
P O BOX 234  
St. Charles, MO 63302  
or turn in to a member

**DEADLINES**  
Player reservations must be received by May 28, 2020  
Sponsorship confirmations must be received by May 26, 2020

**CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS**  
Fred McGinley: 314.393.0706  
fmginley@sbcglobal.net  
Alan Suit: 314.330.4838  
alansuit@gmail.com  
Dave Borgmeyer: 636.723.0275

**LOCATION**  
St. Peters Golf Club  
200 Salt Lick Rd.  
St. Peters, MO 63376  
636.397.2227

- FUN CONTESTS -  
- GOOD PRIZES -

**Registration begins: 10:45 am**

**Lunch: 11:00 am**

**Shotgun Start: 12:00 Noon**

**Pork Steak Dinner after golf**

- ✓ 4 person scramble = \$400 per team
- ✓ Individual = \$100 each
- ✓ Includes: green fee, cart, lunch, dinner and refreshments

**Registration Information:**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Player Reservations:**

Player 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DINNER SPONSOR \$500**  
Sponsor will have a large banner, and be recognized at the dinner following tournament.

**BEVERAGE SPONSOR \$350**  
Sponsor will have exclusive right of your company's name displayed on every beverage cart.

**LUNCH SPONSOR \$400**  
Sponsor will have a large banner, and be recognized at the luncheon meal.

**LONGEST DRIVE SPONSOR \$250**  
Sponsor will receive a sign with the company's name on longest drive hole in the fairway.

**CLOSEST TO THE HOLE SPONSOR \$250**  
Sponsor will receive a sign with the company's name next to green.

**HOLE SPONSOR \$100**  
Sponsor will receive a sign with the company's name on a hole.

**SPONSOR INFORMATION:**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (minor edits for space)  
February 18, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President Bob Beckman called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Roger Deppe, Mike Ebert, Ellen Parker, Gerry Prinster, Jack Ross, Carl Sandstedt, and Dale Westby. Also, in attendance was Jean Kent.

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Jack Ross moved to approve the minutes of January 21, 2020. Gerry Prinster seconded. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Bob Beckman stated that Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer transferred \$1,000 from the NFB savings account to the checking account as general funds are needed to cover the costs for the Spelling Bee expenses, two Youth in Need Gala tickets, the ad honoring Mary Krogmeier, and other start of the year expenses. The transfer is reflected in the January treasurer's report.
- As of January 31, 2020, the general checking account has a balance of \$545.10 The savings account has a balance of \$6,767.66. The c/d's total \$36,892.04. General Accounts Total is \$44,204.80. The Scholarship Funds balance is \$186,095.12. The dues account shows a balance of \$839.77.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the financial report with the auditor. Dale Westby seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

- Vice-President Beckman stated that the Optimistic Hour will be held at the Lindenwood basketball games on Thursday, February 27, with a pregame happy hour to be held at Ruma's Deli from 4-5 pm. Ruma's will charge \$10 per person for the happy hour appetizers. Bob needs an accurate head count by Tuesday, the 25th for all those attending both the happy hour at Ruma's and the basketball games at Lindenwood. Those attending the basketball games will have their names put on a list at the ticket window. Give them your name at the window and you will receive your free ticket. Bob also stated that he is preparing a statement that will be read at the game to recognize our club.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Fishing Derby: Chairman Mark Cook reported that the annual Community Living Fishing Derby will be held on June 6th at Busch Wildlife. The lake has been reserved and he has acquired the fishing permit, medals, and food and water needed for the event. He also stated that because of leftover medals from last year, the event will probably be under budget.
- Membership Committee: Members have divided up a call list and are still in the process of contacting absentee members.
- Golf Tournament: Will be held on June 1, 2020 at St. Peter's Golf Course for the same price as last year, \$100 per golfer. The committee is in the process of preparing for the event.
- Essay Contest: Chairman Bob Beckman reported that the three winners will be recognized at a noon meeting in April.
- Oratorical Contest: Chairman Bob Beckman reported that he still needed two more volunteers, one to judge and the other to work as a timer. The contest will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 10:00 am at Hardin Middle School. Judges need to be there by 9:30 am.
- New Awards Recognition for First Responders and School Resource Officers: Dale Westby reported that recognition for First Responders will be held on May 26. School Resource Officers will be recognized on June 16. Letters have been sent requesting award winners and he is waiting on bids for the plaques. Respect for Law recognition will be held on May 5.
- Scholarship Committee: Chairman Mike Ebert is asking for volunteers to judge the scholarship applications. Recognition for the winners will be held at the noon meeting on May 12, 2020.
- Ford's "Drive for Your Community": Waiting to hear from Rick Pundmann about the event. Jack Ross will coordinate with Rick. Volunteers will be needed to work the "Drive for Your Community" table and the food truck.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Process to analyze charitable groups seeding donations over and above budgeted items: Ellen Parker moved to table the discussion until President Harker and Treasurer David Borgmeyer are present. Dale Westby seconded. Motion passed.
- Ellen Parker reminded the board that a club representative will need to attend the EMO 3rd Quarter Conference to present our annual check to OI. The conference will be held on May 1-2, 2020 at the Drury Inn & Suites Forest Park in St. Louis.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ellen Parker reported that she received an email from the OI Foundation about two possible grants that we could apply for. One is for starting up a new project, and the other is a childhood health and wellness matching grant. She will investigate and look into the application process for the next board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Generic donation request from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Mike Ebert moved to adjourn the meeting. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Parker, Secretary

## Events Calendar



<b>March 3</b>	Noon Meeting
<b>March 10</b>	Noon Meeting
<b>March 14</b>	Oratorical Contest (Hardin)
<b>March 17</b>	Noon Meeting (Board Meeting at 1pm)
<b>March 24</b>	Noon Meeting
<b>March 31</b>	Noon Meeting

## Birthdays



<b>March 2</b>	Megan Hallam
<b>March 22</b>	Jack Ross

## February Attendance

<b>February 4</b>	12 Members & 1 Guest
<b>February 11</b>	16 Members & 7 Guests (and 2 talented K9s)
<b>February 18</b>	13 Members & 9 Guests
<b>February 25</b>	18 Members & 8 Guests

## Anniversaries



None listed this month

## Speakers Preview

<b>March 3</b>	Jeanne Spencer — CCRB / Showers of Love
<b>March 10</b>	St. Charles Animal Shelter (tentative)
<b>March 17</b>	Kurt Bahr — St. Charles County Director of Elections
<b>March 24</b>	To be announced
<b>March 31</b>	To be announced



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## **ST. CHARLES CLUB OFFICERS**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>STEVE HARKER (636-947-3179)</b>
<b>PRESIDENT-ELECT</b>	<b>FRED MCGINLEY (314-393-0706)</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	<b>BOB BECKMAN (636-947-9023)</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>ELLEN PARKER (636-441-6857)</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>DAVE BORGMEYER (636-723-0275)</b>
<b>PAST PRESIDENT</b>	<b>JACK ROSS (314-287-0569)</b>

## **CLUB BOARD MEMBERS**

<b>ROGER DEPPE (636-723-1937)</b>	<b>GERRY PRINSTER (314-973-2928)</b>
<b>MIKE EBERT (314-402-9039)</b>	<b>CARL SANDSTEDT (636-293-9559)</b>
<b>MARY KROGMEIER (636-734-5903)</b>	<b>DALE WESTBY (314-550-7723)</b>

## **CLUB MAILING ADDRESS**

**Optimist Club of St. Charles**  
**P.O. Box 234**  
**St. Charles, Missouri 63302**

**Club Website:** <https://scoptimists.weebly.com/>

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