

# OPTIMIST NEWS

Club of St. Charles, Missouri

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## A Word from Mark Cook

Thank you Optimists and friends for volunteering to work the Budweiser Beer Booth for the Frenchtown Heritage Museum during the Festival of the Little Hills.

I will let you know the final payment to our Club for your “donation of labor” when notified from Frenchtown Heritage Museum.

## Optimistic Hour

August 30 –6:30 pm-Culpeppers



## Labor Day 2018 (Jack Ross)

Labor Day, what is it to you? Like so many of us in America I think we have lost the significance of the celebration. If it's just a day off work to BBQ and hang out we are missing it. Just check around the world and see the poverty and the lack of employment. I have been so blessed in this United States of America for many years of productive employment that, for most of the time, I took much too casually. As much as I



complain about the state of affairs today, I'm still very cognizant of how blessed I have been and still am. Take time to honor the past and present workers here in the USA that keep things running, grow our food and manufacture goods. If you have a choice, consider looking for the Made in America label.

## Board Actions

At the August meeting, the board once again approved a \$2500 donation to SC Care to Learn as a Gala sponsor.

This year's "Gatsby Gala" will be held on October 27th at the Ameristar Casino. For more Information, check out the link below:

<https://www.sc-care-to-learn.com/>

The board also approved payment for Jefferson Intermediate School to participate in the Regional Spelling Bee!

# GRAND OPENING - SC EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



## (Danielle Tormala-Associate Supt., SC School District)

The St. Charles School District is so thankful to have the St. Charles Optimists as partners for our new Early Childhood Center. The Optimists sponsored the Food Truck in the Our Town, Saint Charles room. The Our Town room is an indoor, gross motor developmental play space where children can build community through play while being a part of their own town. This amazing space was 85% funded by community support and would have not have been possible without sponsors like the St. Charles Optimist Club. The Optimist Club also graciously grilled hot dogs and served lunch to 1,000 visitors at the Grand Opening of the Early Childhood Center on August 11, 2018. We simply could not have taken on that massive task without their help. The Grand Opening was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended!

# GRAND OPENING - SC EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (CONTINUED)



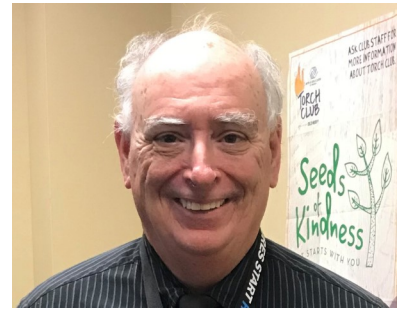
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About The Early  
Childhood Center  
\(click here!\)](#)

Classy crew in action! Ready for business!



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## TIM HORTON



### **Tell us a little about yourself.**

I spent most of my early life in Minnesota where I graduated from high school and college. I earned my bachelors degree at the University of Minnesota-Duluth and my Masters at Mankato State which is now Minnesota State. I earned my teaching certificate at the University of Alabama - Birmingham. Most of my teaching career was in Texas where I taught social studies and speech and debate. During my early years, I coached athletics, but most of my coaching was in speech and debate. Most of my debate speech coaching was at a school district which was in the eleventh poorest school district in the country. 98percent of the student body was Hispanic. Despite competing against many wealthy schools we qualified almost every year to the state debate meet and took second place three times in speaking events. We also advanced to the national meet four times.

### **Why did you choose to become an Optimist Club member?**

I chose to become an optimist club member because as a speech coach in Texas we competed at many optimist club oratorical contests and the optimist creed that was always expressed at the end of each contest. It made a great impression on myself and my students who came from disadvantaged backgrounds to think only of the best to work only for the best and to expect only the best. At the present time, I am the reading director at the St. Charles Boys and Girls cCub and I attempt to follow that creed everyday. The administration of the club also reinforces this optimistic belief.

### **What has been your fondest memory related to the club?**

My fondest memory is the fact that my speech coaching career started at an optimist oratorical contest 30years ago It opened the doors for me but more importantly for my students. In fact, the very first student I entered in the oratorical contest was so moved by the impact this experience had in her life she donated 500 dollars this year to our club contest She came from poverty to a career as a lawyer and her very first speaking experience was also at this optimist contest in 1988.

### **What is something that most members may not know about you?**

Not being a native of St Charles and only being here since 2010 probably not much is known bout me. I have lived in ten different states , but still consider myself a Minnesota Viking, Gopher and Twins fan... but I now consider St Charles as my home and it's a wonderful place to be.

### **What do you hope to see the club do in the future?**

I would like to see the club continue to grow in its support of the oratorical and essay contest and not only keep our relationship with Hardin but build one with our two high schools.

## Events Calendar



**August 30** Optimist Hour at Culpeppers  
6:30 pm—8:30 pm

**September 4** Noon Meeting at Pio's

**September 11** Noon Meeting at Pio's

**September 18** Noon Meeting at Pio's with  
Board Meeting to follow

**September 25** Noon Meeting at Pio's

**September 28** Installation Dinner  
6:30 pm @ Pio's

## Birthdays



**September 3** Bob Beckman

**September 7** Andrew Stewart

**September 19** Larry Kraft

Tina Queen

**September 22** Dean Krogmeier

Dale Westby

## Anniversaries



**September 3** Mark/Jodi Cook

**September 7** Dean/Mary Krogmeier

**September 18** Jack/Debbie Ross

**September 22** Jackie/Tom Borgmeyer

**September 23** Chris/Jean McCoy

**September 28** Barbara/Buddy Hall

## SPEAKERS PREVIEW



**September 4** tbd

**September 11** Rachael Meuser (Connections to Success)

**September 18** Todd Barnes (Community Council)

**September 25** tbd

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