

October 2021



Optimist Club of
St. Charles

OPTIMIST NEWS

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School Supplies Appreciation

Mary Krogmeier is the chairperson for our Club's annual Back to School Supplies program that she spoke on at one of our meetings in July (see the August 2021 Newsletter for details). Prior to the start of school, Mary delivered the supplies she had acquired to schools in the St. Charles and Orchard Farm school districts. We recently received thank you notes from several schools (too many to show here) expressing their appreciation to our Club for much needed supplies. The note below is one example. Thank you, Mary. Good job with the project again this year!!

Optimist club,
Thank you so much for all the wonderful school supplies! It's such a high need for Jefferson to have these supplies in the beginning of the year and without these resources, we would really struggle. Thank you for your thoughtfulness + time!
The Jefferson Counseling Office

President Bob Beckman

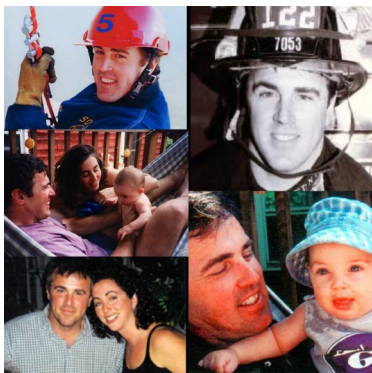


There was a joke at work that went something like this.....“Yesterday I couldn’t spell “manager”, today I am one.” That’s how I feel about becoming President of the Optimist Club in the coming year. What an honor, but also very frightening for me personally. I’m following very successful people in our community who have served as President before me. In recent years, they ranged from City Councilman, to School District Superintendent, Head of Security, Firefighter, local Business Owner, and Real Estate Executive. Under each of these leaders, our Club has flourished. I have joked to my wife that my primary goal is that the Club still exists when my term is completed! But seriously, the credentials and experience I bring from my professional career should serve me well in this new role. Plus, our Club has a wealth of knowledgeable and dedicated individuals that will carry on our mission to serve the youth in the community. Here’s to a prosperous year. I look forward to working with everyone!

“Celebrate Community”: In the month of October, our Club is participating in OI’s initiative focused on community service. Voluntary contributions of non-perishable food items and gently worn casual clothing are welcomed. Bring items to our noon meetings for collection.

SPEAKERS & RECENT EVENTS

9/11 Tribute Video



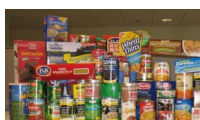
Retired Firefighter, Steve Harker, told a moving story about his annual dedication to FDNY Firefighter Dave Fontana (pictured above), who was killed in the line of duty following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Every year, Steve puts on his firefighting gear and climbs 220 stairs representing the 110 stories in each twin tower. Steve has made a 9/11 tribute video to honor Dave. We should plan to show this video yearly to never lose sight of that day.

Showers of Blessing



Every Wednesday, First St. Charles United Methodist Church welcomes the homeless to come in for a hot shower and a meal. In addition, they supply clothes, personal hygiene products, sleeping bags, etc. All the clothing and items are donated. Paul Boughton, who organizes this church ministry, presented facts and figures about homelessness in the St. Charles area and about Showers of Blessing. Donations of casual shorts and jeans, pull-over shirts, belts, and shoes can be dropped off at the Church (back entrance)

Backpack and FISH Ministries



Kathy Avery, a member of First St. Charles United Methodist Church, is co-leader of the Church's program to provide essential food items to local elementary and middle schools and to food pantries in the St. Charles area. Kathy works with schools, other churches, and charitable organizations to distribute food and personal items to students with the greatest need. The Church collects food items on Wednesday mornings via drop-off on the back parking lot. See a list of food items needed at: <https://firststcharlesumc.org/connect>

Fairwinds River's Edge Golf



Charity Golf Tournament



Reciprocating Fairwinds River's Edge entering a team in our Optimist Club Golf Tournament in June, Bob Beckman, Dave Borgmeyer, Dean Krogmeier and Fred McGinley formed (and paid for) a team to enter Fairwinds Golf Scramble on September 17th. Although our team did not win any golf flights or raffle prizes, we had a good time on a great weather day for golf. We hope both organizations can enter each other's tournaments again next year.

50TH ANNIVERSARY AND INSTALLATION BANQUET



County Executive Steve Ehlmann presented the Proclamation from St. Charles County.



Proclamations for our Club's 50th Anniversary were issued by the City of St. Charles, St. Charles County, and the Missouri House of Representatives.



Mayor Dan Borgmeyer presented the Proclamation from the City of St. Charles.



Ellen Parker and Dave Borgmeyer were recognized for their service as Club Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.



Jan Beckman handed out name tags and programs to guests as they arrived.



East Missouri District Governor Lauren Dell was a surprise guest.



Sharon North donated floral arrangements, decorations, and party favors for every table.



Mayor Dan Borgmeyer, Allen Field, Jack Ross and Dean Krogmeier.



Steve Ehlmann, Ernie Dempsey, Mary Laherty, Lauren Dell, Carl and Sallie West-barger.



Founding President Rich Green, Marge Green, Rich and Janel Krill.



Paul & Terri Hauser, Dave and Sharon Borgmeyer, Mark and Jodi Cook.

More pictures of the Banquet and the Installation of the Board of Directors are posted on our Club's Facebook page.

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: President-Elect Bob Beckman called the meeting to order at 1:13 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Allen Field, Steve Harker, Mary Krogmeier, Ellen Parker, Gerry Prinster, Jack Ross, and Dale Westby. Also in attendance was Roger Deppe.

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Dale Westby moved to approve the minutes of August 17, 2021 as read. Steve Harker seconded. Motion passed.
- Secretary Parker reported that she sent out 16 second notices for membership dues on Thursday, August 19, 2021.
- We currently have nine members who have not yet paid their dues and four members who have dropped.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Main income in August was from paid lunches, donation from Pundmann Ford's Mustang Club event, and the Festival of the Little Hills Fundraiser.
- Main expense in August was reimbursement to Mary Krogmeier for Back to School Donations project.
- As of August 31, 2021, the general checking account had a balance of \$10,435.26. The savings account had a balance of \$5,572.11. The CD's total \$30,484.34. General Accounts total was \$47,674.65. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$182,771.95. The dues account showed a balance of \$1,182.94.
- Dale Westby moved to file the August financial report with the auditor. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Nothing to report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- [50 Year Anniversary/Installation Banquet](#): It was reported that we currently have a list of 40 people attending the banquet with maybe two more. The Installation/Banquet Committee will meet immediately following the board meeting. Dale Westby moved that the club also pay for drinks for the invited guests at the banquet. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed .
- [Club Marketing Committee](#): Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Replacement for Bob Beckman as monthly newsletter editor: Bob is looking for someone to take over the creation of the monthly newsletters as he steps into the role of president next year. Please volunteer and contact him if interested.

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NEW BUSINESS (continued):

- Replacement for Roger Deppe as noon meeting photographer: Jack Ross volunteered to take over the job and Steve Harker volunteered to assist.
- Ol's "Celebrate Community" Initiative: Ol is working with Kiwanis International, Lions Club International, and Rotary International to launch a joint effort this fall around a theme of "Celebrate Community," focusing on local community service during the week of October 10-16, 2021. Suggested service projects are environmental, food insecurity, and health & well-ness. It was suggested that club members donate items at the noon meetings on 10/5 and 10/12. What is collected will then be dropped off at the First St. Charles United Methodist Church. The Board agreed. Bob Beckman will send out a list of items that the church would accept.
- Salvation Army Request: Ellen Parker moved to table this item until the next board meeting. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.
- Pride Report: Secretary Ellen Parker asked questions about various projects completed by the club this year in order to fill out Ol's "Pride Report" that is due at the end of September.
- New Member Approval: Dale Westby moved to accept James Borgman as a new club member. Steve Harker seconded. Motion passed.
- The Board would like to officially thank Mike Ebert, Mary Krogmeier, and Dale Westby for their service as Board members for the past two years. We would also like to thank Steve Harker for his service as he leaves the board as Past President .

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you notes were received from Blackhurst, Harris, Monroe Elementary schools, Jefferson Intermediate, St. Charles High, and Care to Learn for school supplies donated by the club .

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Deadline for the next newsletter will be September 30, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: Gerry Prinster moved to adjourn the meeting. Allen Field seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Parker, Secretary

MILESTONES AND LOOK-AHEAD



Club Schedule - October

October 5	Noon Meeting
October 12	Noon Meeting (at Fairwinds River's Edge)
October 19	Noon Meeting (Board Meeting to Follow)
October 26	Noon Meeting

Birthdays

October 3	Sharon North
October 7	Dulcie Couillard
October 14	Gerry Prinster
October 15	Paul Heid
October 22	Rick Pundmann



Membership Anniversaries



October 2021	Paul Heid — 6 years
	Cathy Lenihan — 2 years
	Shelly Reuther — 16 years

Wedding Anniversaries



October 6	John & Vicki White
October 6	Rich & Janel Krill
October 16	Paul & Terri Hauser

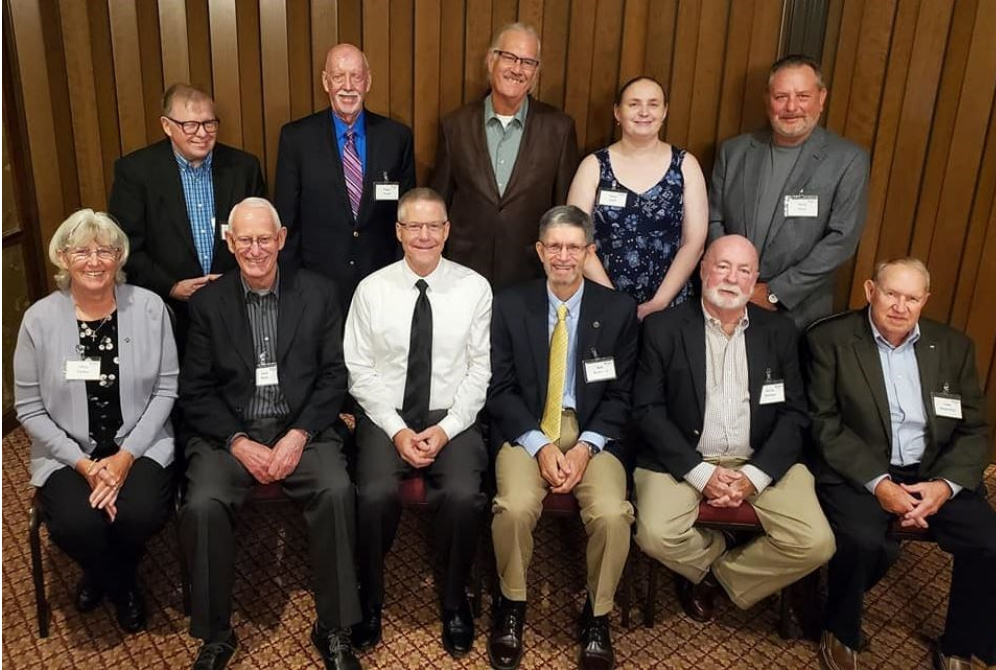
Speakers Preview

October 5	Tom & Mary Stephenson—Franklin School
October 12	N/A—Meeting at Fairwinds River's Edge
October 19	Susan Noonan—President of Duchesne High School
October 26	Sheriff Scott Lewis—St. Charles County Sheriff's Department



Note: The Club will follow St. Charles City & County government guidance/guidelines for holding club events and meetings during the pandemic crisis.

2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT	BOB BECKMAN
PRESIDENT-ELECT	GERRY PRINSTER
VICE PRESIDENT	PAUL HAUSER
SECRETARY	ELLEN PARKER
TREASURER	DAVE BORGMEYER

DIRECTORS:

1 YEAR TERMS

MARK COOK
ALLEN FIELD
JACK ROSS

2 YEAR TERMS

ELENA COOK
ROGER DEPPE
DEAN KROGMEIER

CLUB INFORMATION:

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St. Charles, Missouri 63302

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

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<https://www.facebook.com/Optimist-Club-of-St-Charles-MO-416164208567872/>

Meetings: We meet weekly on Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. in Pio's Restaurant,
403 1st Capitol Dr, St. Charles, MO 63301. Visitors are welcome.