

April 2021

OPTIMIST NEWS

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50 Years Ago in Club History

The Optimist Club of St. Charles was the vision of a small group of individuals who met in the lower level of Pio's Restaurant. Bob Gebbons from the Brentwood Optimist Club and Richard Green from St. Charles sent out notices to local businesses encouraging the owners or someone from their companies to join this new service club. As interest increased, these early participants were encouraged to invite other prospective members, though most of the recruiting was done by Bob and Richard. The club was formally established with 45 members on April 27, 1971. The club's first community service project was Respect for Law and the first fund-raising event was the Spaghetti Dinner. Richard Green was the charter President and Ed Kruse (Sharon North's father) was the charter Secretary/Treasurer. Charter members celebrating their 50-year anniversaries with the Club are listed under "Milestones and Look-Ahead" on Page 6.

President-Elect Bob Beckman



This month, our Club “unofficially” celebrates its 50-year anniversary as an Optimist Club. I say “unofficially” because our official celebration will occur during the Officer Installation Banquet in September. However, this month’s milestone is important to remember because five charter members are still in the Club and deserve recognition for their many contributions. Over the past 50 years, the Club has done much to benefit both the youth in our community and the community itself through charitable programs, donations to organizations, contests, sponsorships, and holiday events. During this time we have worked closely with local institutions such as the Boys & Girls Club of St. Charles County, the City of St. Charles School District, St. Charles Parks & Recreation, St. Charles County Fair, and Festival of the Little Hills to name a few. Likewise, local businesses such as Pio’s Restaurant, Pundmann Ford, Buse’s Flower Shop, Fred’s Complete Car Care and many others have provided valuable support to our programs and events. Although a more complete history of our Club will be shown during the official celebration, for now all members, past and present, should be proud of our accomplishments and thankful to those that have enabled our Club to accomplish so much.

SPEAKERS & RECENT EVENTS

St. Charles Proposition R



Fire Department Captain Kelly Hunsel and Police Department Interim Chief Ray Juengst and Lt. Tom Wilkison spoke on Proposition R, which is on the April 6th ballot. Prop R is for a no tax increase general obligation bond issue by the City of St. Charles. If passed, funds will be used to upgrade and repair aging Fire facilities and for facility improvements needed by the Police Dept. See the following website for more information:

www.stcharlescitymo.gov/844/Proposition-R

ACE Learning Programs



Jennifer Williams is the Regional Director for ACE Learning Programs. ACE provides a virtual credit recovery program for several school districts in the St. Louis School District. The program helps at-risk youth earn a high school diploma and be prepared to be successful in their lives and within society. Jennifer is the daughter of club member Mary Krogmeier and spoke at our noon meeting on March 23rd.

St. Charles Proposition SCSD



Club members Jason Sefrit, Superintendent of the St. Charles School District, and Andrew Stewart, Director of Lewis & Clark and a leader of the Proposition SCSD Informational Team, provided information on this no tax increase bond issue that allows the District to borrow money to fund capital projects such as building renovations, repairs, technology costs and other building upgrades. If approved, Proposition SCSD will generate approximately \$50M for the District without raising the District's debt service tax rate. The proposition is on the April 6th ballot. See the following website for more information:

www.stcharlessd.org/propscsd

TEDx Video on STEM



"STEM Education: Developing 21st Century Problem Solvers"

National Teacher of the Year Finalist, Rob Stephenson, focuses on why STEM should be integrated into every child's learning, and features strategies on how to facilitate STEM curriculum into the classroom.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xi2Qm87kC7o>

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

⇒ Project Invite Status:

Team Alpha has 30 Points. Team Beta has 45 Points.

The contest runs through the end of April. Members are encouraged to invite friends and family to a noon meeting and consider joining our Club.

⇒ 2021 St. Charles Optimist Club Golf Tournament:

This year's golf tournament is scheduled Monday morning, June 7th at St. Peters Golf Club. The golf tournament is possibly our sole fundraiser for the year. It's imperative that every member contribute to the effort by soliciting as many contributions, sponsorships, gift & raffle prizes, and team entries as possible to make this a successful event for the club.

Tournament flyers are shown below. The entry fee for a day of golf, good food and drinks, and unlimited fun with your friends is a super bargain!!

33rd ANNUAL OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES

GOLF TOURNAMENT

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
THE YOUTH OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY

Monday, June 7, 2021

ST. PETERS GOLF CLUB




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

DEADLINES
Player reservations must be
received by June 2, 2021
Sponsorship confirmations must be
received by May 31, 2021

CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS
Fred McGinley: 314.393.0706
fmginley@sbcglobal.net
Dean Krogmeier: 636.795.1273
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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: 6:30 am
Breakfast: 6:45 am
Shotgun Start: 7:30 am
Pork Steak Lunch after golf

- ✓ 4 person scramble = \$400 per team
- ✓ Individual = \$100 each
- ✓ Includes: green fee, cart, breakfast, lunch 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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SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

LUNCH SPONSOR \$500
Sponsor will have large banner, and be recognized at the lunch following tournament.

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

BREAKFAST SPONSOR \$400
Sponsor will have large banner, and be recognized at the breakfast.

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
March 16, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: President Fred McGinley called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Dave Borgmeyer, Mark Cook, Allen Field, Fred McGinley, 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 February 23, 2021. Mark Cook seconded. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer reported that:

- The annual dues for Sam's Club went up about \$20 to \$140.
- Scholarship funds are fine.
- \$2000 has been transferred from savings to checking to cover the regular expenses and budgeted items.
- Most budgeted items for the year have already been paid except for the donations to local schools for their drug-free grad nights.
- CD matures in July of 2021. At that time he will withdraw \$7,000 and put it in savings to cover expenses as needed since we haven't been able to hold our usual fundraisers.
- As of February 28, 2021, the general checking account had a balance of \$1,490.36. The savings account had a balance of \$3,071.31. The CDs total \$37,316.77. General Accounts total was \$41,878.44. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$185,933.53. The dues account showed a balance of \$1,636.23.
- Bob Beckman moved to file the February financial report with the auditor. Allen Field seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Nothing to report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Essay and Oratorical Contests:** Chairman Bob Beckman reported that essay winners will be recognized on Zoom at the noon meeting on April 13, 2021. The top two winners of the oratorical contest will compete at the regional level competition on Zoom on April 17.
- **Golf Tournament:** Chairman Fred McGinley reported that flyers and posters for this year's tournament on June 7 are being printed. Members should start spreading the word and getting teams together. We hope to match or surpass last year's total of 73 golfers. He also reported that he is looking into a computer program that will make registration accessible by credit card.
- **50 Year Anniversary/Installation Banquet:** Chairman Dale Westby reported that plans are still in the working stages. Nothing new to report.
- **Scholarship Committee:** Entries are still coming in.
- **Fishing Derby:** Chairman Mark Cook reported that we will probably not be able to hold the event this year.
- **Election Committee:** Discussion centered around potential candidates. The committee will meet after the board meeting.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

- **Project Invite:** Roger Deppe reported the Omega team (last half of alphabet) has earned 30 points, the Alpha team (first half of alphabet) has 15 points. Keep your eyes and ears open for guests and potential new members to invite to a noon meeting.
- **Respect for Law:** Chairman Jack Ross has sent out letters to the County Police, City Police, and Sheriff's Department and is waiting to hear back about potential honorees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Virtual Fundraiser Letter:** Bob Beckman drafted a sample letter to members requesting donations. Suggestions were given for revision. Bob will revise it and present it for approval at the April board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **OI Messages from the President:**
 - March 20 is International Day of Happiness.
 - March 20 at 10am, Optimist International is hosting the Music Makes People Happy Optiforum, a fun look at musical happiness with Emmy award-winning actor and musician Bill Myers. You can register to view this online through the Optimist International website.
 - **OI Updated Guidelines for In-Person Meetings:** The following guidelines were presented by Secretary Ellen Parker: Optimist International provides the following guidance for Club and District Meetings occurring through June 28, 2021.
 - In person meetings must abide by all local government and health department regulations.
 - Regardless of local regulations, Optimist International requires masks be worn at all times, except while actively eating or drinking.
 - Regardless of local regulations, Optimist International requires six foot physical distancing for people not from the same household. Meeting rooms should be set up with this in mind, and it is recommended hospitality sessions be held outdoors when possible.
 - Safety of our members is the highest priority. Common sense should always prevail amid changing local conditions.

(Adopted by the Board of Directors March 02, 2021)

- Dave Borgmeyer moved to allow our usual \$300 regular donation for a girls' softball team from the St. Charles Junior Baseball/Softball organization to be transferred to a second boys team if needed, for this year only. (There were not enough girls signed up this year to have softball teams.) Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you letter received from Duchesne High School for our \$250 ad donation to their 2021 Pioneer Expedition Auction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Deadline for the next newsletter will be March 31, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: Dave Borgmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting. Allen Field seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Parker, Secretary

MILESTONES AND LOOK-AHEAD



April Schedule

April 6	Noon Meeting
April 13	Noon Meeting
April 17	Oratorical Regional Contest
April 20	Noon Meeting (Board Meeting to Follow)
April 27	Noon Meeting (Election of Officers and Board members)

Birthdays

April 12	Chris McCoy
April 30	Barbara Hall



Membership Anniversaries



April 2021:	Dave Borgmeyer — 50 years
	Ernie Dempsey — 50 years
	Roger Deppe — 50 years
	Richard Green — 50 years
	Dale Westby — 50 years
	John White — 10 years

Wedding Anniversaries

April 6	Rick & Kelly Daleen
April 21	Bob & Blanche Avery



Speakers Preview

April 6	Marc Sikma — We Love St. Charles
April 13	Recognition of Essay Winners (via Zoom)
April 20	Cindi Hrabko — Fairwinds River's Edge
April 27	To Be Announced



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



ST. CHARLES CLUB OFFICERS (2020-2021)

PRESIDENT	FRED MCGINLEY (314-393-0706)
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TREASURER	DAVE BORGMEYER (636-723-0275)
PAST PRESIDENT	STEVE HARKER (636-947-3179)

DIRECTORS

MARK COOK (314-520-0913)	MIKE EBERT (314-402-9039)
ALLEN FIELD (314 398-8742)	MARY KROGMEIER (636-734-5903)
JACK ROSS (314-287-0569) (Jack also serves as Zone 7 Lt. Gov.)	DALE WESTBY (314-550-7723)

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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