

August 2021

OPTIMIST NEWS

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Member Donations

Following a tough period of Covid-related cancellations of many of our fund-raising events the past two years, the Board of Directors sent out a solicitation to Club members to consider donations to the Club in order for us to continue our historical level of sponsorship and giving to charities, schools and other community organizations. This was not a decision made lightly as we realize funds are tight for many families and that other organizations are making similar pleas for donations. We are happy to report that the response by Club members has been positive and shows the level of commitment to the Club by our membership and recognition of the benefits we provide in the community. Thank you to those who have already made a donation. We invite others to consider making a donation you feel is appropriate.

President-Elect Bob Beckman



I believe most community organizations want their members to feel “welcome and wanted.” The methods they use and the successes they achieve in maintaining good member relationships can vary greatly between organizations. Some organizations have policies to contact members whenever they unexpectedly miss meetings or events to check on their well-being. Some create call lists for active members to periodically contact inactive members to encourage their return or just to stay in touch. Happy Hours or group events are a good way to make members feel they “belong” in an organization. Good social media can play a part as well. However, there are also organizations that do little to build or maintain relationships within their memberships. Some of these organizations have good intentions but don’t follow-through on a regular basis. So, where does our Club stand in making all members, both active and inactive, feel welcome and wanted? What can we do to improve in this area? If you have ideas or suggestions, let us know. In the meantime, reach out and let your fellow members know you care!

RECENT SPEAKERS:

Milicia de San Carlos



Stephen Jacob, a former History teacher and now a military historian, gave an interesting and informative overview of Spanish occupation in the St. Charles area during the late 1700's and early 1800's. Stephen was in full military attire as a Spanish soldier would have dressed at that time, and demonstrated the use of antique black powder weapons that the soldier would have used in battle. The flag of Spain was one of the "Three Flags" that flew over this territory in the past. See additional information about Milicia de San Carlos reenactments at the following site:

<https://www.facebook.com/MiliciadeSanCarlos/>

Back to School Supplies Program



Club member Mary Krogmeier gave a very informative presentation about the Back to School Supplies Program she has chaired for several years. Accompanied by her granddaughter, Lilian Williams, Mary described the process she uses to solicit the local school districts for their urgent needs, then shopping accordingly. Mary is the ultimate "saver" who gets the most out of our sponsorship funds while meeting the needs of schools we support. Pictured above is Lilian with items purchased during one of their recent shopping excursions for this important program.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ⇒ **Mustang Car Show at Pundmann Ford, Saturday, August 7th:** We will be setting up our food trailer to sell hot dogs, brats and drinks. Mark Cook volunteered to chair this event and is asking volunteers to come and help cook and serve.
- ⇒ **Festival of the Little Hills Beer Booth, August 20-22:** Club members can sign up on-line to serve in the Frenchtown Museum beer booth during the Festival. Be sure to include "Optimist Club" with your name when you sign up.
- ⇒ **50th Anniversary and Board Installation Banquet, Friday, October 1st at Pio's Restaurant:** The Banquet committee is busy making plans for an enjoyable evening. We are planning to have several founding members, community leaders and Optimist International officials in attendance. Formal invitations will go out in mid-August.

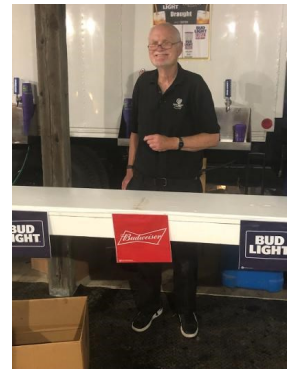
ST. CHARLES COUNTY FAIR:

Dale Westby, our chairman for the County Fair Beer Garden project, gives a big *“Thank You”* to members, family and friends who volunteered to serve the patrons attending this year’s Fair. It was a fun night getting together with fellow members while helping out the Fair.

Volunteers who served (listed alphabetically):

Bob Beckman, Dave Borgmeyer, Mark & Jodi Cook, Ernie Dempsey, Mike Ebert, Mike, Julie & Tyler King, Rich Krill, Fred McGinley, Carl Sandstedt, Dale Westby, Karen Workman

Pictures from the evening’s event:



**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: President-Elect Bob Beckman called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Dave Borgmeyer, Mark Cook, Steve Harker, Ellen Parker, Gerry Prinster, and Jack Ross. Also in attendance was Roger Deppe

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Jack Ross moved to approve the minutes of June 15, 2021. Mark Cook seconded. The minutes were approved.
- Secretary Ellen Parker reported that she will send out Club dues invoices in the middle of August with the due date set as September 15, 2021. Second notices will be sent out after Sept. 15th. Third and final notices will be sent out after September 30th. Members whose dues are not received by September 30th will be dropped from the roster. When dues are paid after September 30th, those members can be reinstated .

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer reported that:

- He cashed in \$7,000 from the CD.
- The golf tournament profit was right at \$4,000.
- As of June 30, 2021, the general checking account had a balance of \$6,542.63. The savings account had a balance of \$5,571.63. The CDs total \$30,484.34. General Accounts total was \$37,026.97. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$184,610.64. The dues account showed a balance of \$1,002.17.
- Approval of this month's financial report will be postponed until next month when revised numbers have been published.
- We have gotten a pretty good response from the donation letter request sent out July 1. Ellen Parker will send out thank you notes to those who donated. Mark Cook moved to deposit donations into the General Fund. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- [50 Year Anniversary/Installation Banquet:](#) Bob Beckman will (ask his wife to help him) create a flyer announcing the 50 year celebration on October 1, 2021. Ellen Parker will send out these flyers with the dues invoices set to go out in the middle of August .
- [Festival of the Little Hills Beer Booth:](#) Chairman Mark Cook desperately needs more workers for the Saturday and Sunday shifts on August 21 and 22. A notice has been sent through email. Please volunteer to help as this is a fundraiser for us.
- [Mustang Car Show - August 7, 2021:](#) Chairman Mark Cook is coordinating with Pundmann Ford about the food and drink for this event. Nothing new to report today.
- [Back to School Donations:](#) Chairman Mary Krogmeier will speak on this program at next week's regular noon meeting.
- [Club Marketing Committee:](#) This committee has been formed to help market our club with the intent of increasing membership. The committee consists of Bob Beckman (chairman), Roger Deppe, Mike Ebert, and Allen Field. An informational flyer has been created and they will be calling a meeting soon.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Possible formation of Fundraising Committee:** Ellen Parker moved to postpone any discussion on this topic and/or formation of a committee until the new Board of Directors takes over in October of 2021. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.
- **Fairwinds River's Edge Lunch Date Reschedule:** Mark Cook moved to reschedule the noon luncheon for sometime in October. David Borgmeyer seconded. Motion passed. Bob Beckman will check with River's Edge for a firm date.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **21-22 Schedule—Chairpersons and changes of planned club events:**
Discussion centered around events/fundraisers that we were not able to host this past year due to Covid restrictions or other reasons. Be thinking of any possible changes to our list of regular fundraisers and events. This will help Dave in preparing next year's budget.
- **EMO 4th Quarter Conference Donation Request:**
Ellen Parker moved to donate \$600 to the OI Foundation and \$600 to Childhood Cancer (both are budgeted items) for the 4th Quarter EMO district meeting August 13-15, 2021, either by mail or in person if one of our members attend. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed .

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Apology card received from Fairwinds River's Edge for having to reschedule club luncheon.
- Invitation received to the St. Charles City- County Library Gala and Auction on Saturday, October 16, 2021.
- Invitation received to the Youth in Need Celebration of Youth Gala and the Golfing for Youth Benefit Tournament .

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

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Cook moved to adjourn the meeting. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Parker, Secretary

MILESTONES AND LOOK-AHEAD



August Schedule

August 3	Noon Meeting
August 7	Mustang Car Show Pundmann Ford (<i>Volunteers</i>)
August 10	Noon Meeting
August 17	Noon Meeting (Board Meeting to Follow)
August 20-22	Festival of the Little Hills Beer Garden (<i>Volunteers</i>)
August 24	Noon Meeting
August 31	Noon Meeting

Birthdays

August 24	Fred McGinley
August 25	Dave Borgmeyer
August 26	Rick Daleen



Wedding Anniversaries

August 2	Bob & Jan Beckman
August 3	Jason & Tanya Sefrit
August 10	Rick & Marge Pundmann
August 11	Pat & Kathie McDonnell
August 29	Dennis & Shelly Reuther



Membership Anniversaries



August 2021: None to Report

Speakers Preview

August 3	Sandi Swift, Irish Historian
August 10	Lauren Tucker, Odd Couples Housing
August 17	Chief Ray Juengst, St. Charles Police Department
August 24	Open
August 31	Amanda Brauer, SC County Roads and Traffic Manager



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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)

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