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Optimist Club of
St. Charles

OPTIMIST NEWS

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Service Club Collaboration

Our Optimist Club is involved in an initiative to coordinate the community service efforts of local service clubs in the St. Charles County area. Currently, there are many service organizations and churches in the County that are performing similar types of services. While each of these individual organizations accomplish good things in their efforts, the goal of this initiative is to work together to have an even greater long term impact compared to what is being done today. So far, there have been two group meetings to discuss this initiative and how to effectively implement it in a meaningful way. In our club meeting on August 2nd, club members expressed a desire to be a part of the initiative and a preference to focus on projects that serve the youth in the community. We look forward to seeing what develops from this initiative and having the support of all our club members on projects where we have lead roles and supporting projects being led by other organizations!

President Bob Beckman



This month's message comes from an OI article (July 2022) on the 2021 "Walter Payton Man of the Year", Andrew Whitworth. As the oldest starting offensive lineman in Super Bowl history, Whitworth urged fellow players to make a kid smile, tell kids they believe in them, step up financially, and use their platforms to advocate for programs and funding that give children "an equal playing field to chase every dream they ever had."

"You can apply three things to any charity or passionate cause" Whitworth said. "You can invest your time, you can invest your finances, or you can invest your voice. It doesn't matter which; we must invest in each other. Let your heart lead the way."

Walter Payton stood only 5'10", but his heart made him the biggest, baddest player on the field. That heart also led him to give his time, money, energy, and soul to make a difference in so many lives. Andrew Whitworth also has that heart—believing that anytime you make things more than about yourself, or putting a smile on someone's face, or making a difference in their lives, there is a significant victory in community service.

"Similarly, Optimists are members with loving, giving hearts who are passionate about the future of our youth" observes the writer. "Some invest their time by simply making a kid smile. Some invest their finances to support Club programs and youth activities. Some infuse their voices thru Club leadership and make changes in their communities to better serve our youth in society."

Yes, Andrew Whitworth, there is no more significant victory in community service. We are investing in each other, leading with our hearts!

SPEAKERS & RECENT EVENTS

Lindenwood University Athletics



Jason Coomer, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics at Lindenwood University, spoke on his new position at Lindenwood following 14 years at SIUE. Lindenwood recently moved to Division I in scholarship athletic programs. Jason explained his philosophies on what the move means to the school and athletes, the benefits that accompany the move, and early challenges they will face being the “new kids” in their divisions and playing new opponents. We hope to sponsor a club event at Lindenwood in the coming year.

CCRB of St. Charles County



Bruce Sowatsky, Executive Director of Community & Children's Resource Board (CCRB) of SC County provided an overview of the 10 categories of support the CCRB provides for children living in the County. In 2022, the CCRB will fund 33 nonprofit agencies and 54 service programs in this mission. The results of these programs include drops in school suspensions and drop-out rates, increases in graduation rates, and decreases in crime. They still face Covid-related issues but are working to reduce the impact.

Website: <https://stcharlescountykids.org>

Mustang Show at Pundmann Ford



Following a two year absence due to Covid-19, Pundmann Ford hosted the Show-Me Mustang Car Show at their dealership on August 6th. As in prior years, our Club served food and soft drinks from our food trailer to car show staff and participants. Our sincere thank you to Rick Pundmann, Mike King and Pundmann Ford for the opportunity to again hold this fundraiser while serving the needs of those attending the show. Also, a big thank you to Mark Cook and club members who braved the heat to cook and serve. Our 10:00 a.m. crew is shown above.

St Charles County Fair



Following two days of epic rain storms across the region, our Club persevered the muddy conditions and sloppy parking to again serve beverages at the upper beer garden at the County Fair. We have held this event at the Fair for many years (Chairman Dale Westby is investigating how many) along with making our annual \$600 club donation to the Fair and 4-H youth organization. Thanks to all who volunteered to serve and to Dale for organizing the event with the Fair Board and Club volunteers. The early shift of volunteer servers is pictured above.

OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
July 19, 2022

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

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Dave Borgmeyer, Elena Cook, Mark Cook, Roger Deppe, Paul Hauser, Dean Krogmeier, Ellen Parker, and Gerry Prinster. Also in attendance Dale Westby.

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Gerry Prinster moved to approve the minutes of June 21, 2022 minutes as read. Dave Borgmeyer seconded. Motion passed.
- Roger Deppe moved to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2022 special board meeting minutes as read. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.
- Secretary Parker reported that invoices for the Optimist year 2022-23 will be sent out at the beginning of August with a due date of September 15. Second notices will be sent out at the end of August.
- Gerry Prinster moved to increase individual membership dues by \$15 to offset the increase of \$15 per member by Optimist International. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed. Ellen will attach a note to the invoices explaining the reason for the increase.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Main June expenses and income centered around the Golf Tournament and lunches. The last scholarship fund has been paid out and scholarship funds are stable.
- As of June 30, 2022, the general checking account had a balance of \$13,978.03. The savings account had a balance of \$5,574.44. The CDs total \$30,560.63. General Accounts total was \$50,113.10. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$182,792.75. The dues account showed a balance of \$1,240.15.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the June financial report with the auditor. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- President Beckman stated that there are events coming up where members will be volunteering to serve alcohol. Even though there will be security at these events, we still have a personal responsibility to protect our community, our Club, and ourselves as servers of alcohol. The board has recently looked into ways of increasing our awareness of responsible alcohol service techniques through Alcohol Server/Training Certification. Bob took the online training class and said the one point that was made repeatedly is that even though there are security measures in place by the organizers of the event, the server is also responsible for making sure a minor or intoxicated customer is not being served. He emphasized that we as servers should be cautious about not serving anyone whom we suspect as being intoxicated or underage and to communicate this caution to volunteers not in attendance at today's board meeting. Completing the on-line training would be beneficial for members who volunteer at events where alcohol is served. Please see the President's Message in July's newsletter for details about this training.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- [Golf Tournament](#): Chairman Dean Krogmeier submitted the final expense and income report for the 2022 Golf Tournament Fundraiser. Total income was \$15,730.00 plus a \$125 reimbursement from a bad check. Total expenses were \$8,433.57 which netted the club a total profit of \$7,421.43.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

- **STEM Expo**: Chairperson Elena Cook reported that the STEM Expo was a success. She had the children make mini catapults and paper rockets launched through a straw. She said 350 children and 150 adults attended. With the trend in education emphasizing STEM, she felt that this was a great project for our club to continue.
- **County Fair Beer Booth**: 4-5 more volunteers are still needed to serve beer at the County Fair on July 28, 2022.
- **Mustang Car Club Show**: Volunteers are needed to serve hot dogs from our trailer at the Car Show at Pundmann Ford on August 6, 2022. Sign up with Mark Cook.
- **Festival of the Little Hills Beer Booth**: Volunteers are needed to work at the beer tent at the FOLH on August 19, 20, and 21. Chairperson Mark Cook reported that we will receive \$1500 for our club by partnering with Kiwanis at their beer booth. Bob Beckman will send out an email detailing the work times and number of people to fill each slot.
- **Backpacks for Students**: Mary Krogmeier is in contact with the St. Charles and Orchard Farm School Districts to find out their needs for this school year.
- **Banquet Committee**: President Beckman reported that he needs volunteers to help organize the end of the year Optimist Banquet. Ellen Parker and Gerry Prinster volunteered. The banquet will be held on Friday, September 30, 2022 at Pio's.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- The EMO 4th Quarter Convention will be held August 26-28 at the Crowne Plaza St. Louis Airport. If any members are interested in attending, the club will pay for your registration fee. Contact Bob Beckman if you are interested.
- EMO Governor's Choice Awards: See the EMO website for a list and explanation of awards. Nominations are due August 1, 2022. We are nominating Bob Beckman for the First Time Club President Award and our club for the Best New Club-Project Award.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

ADJOURNMENT:

- Mark Cook moved to adjourn the meeting. Paul Hauser seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Parker, Secretary

MILESTONES AND LOOK-AHEAD



August Schedule

August 2	Noon Meeting
August 6	All-Mustang Car Show (at Pundmann Ford)
August 9	Noon Meeting
August 16	Noon Meeting (Board Meeting to Follow)
August 19-21	Festival Beer Garden (Volunteers)
August 23	Noon Meeting
August 30	Noon Meeting

Birthdays

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 Jim & Diane Borgman
August 11	Pat & Kathie McDonnell
August 13	Ken & Pam Mullen
August 29	Dennis & Shelly Reuther



Membership Anniversaries



August 2022: None to report

Speakers Preview

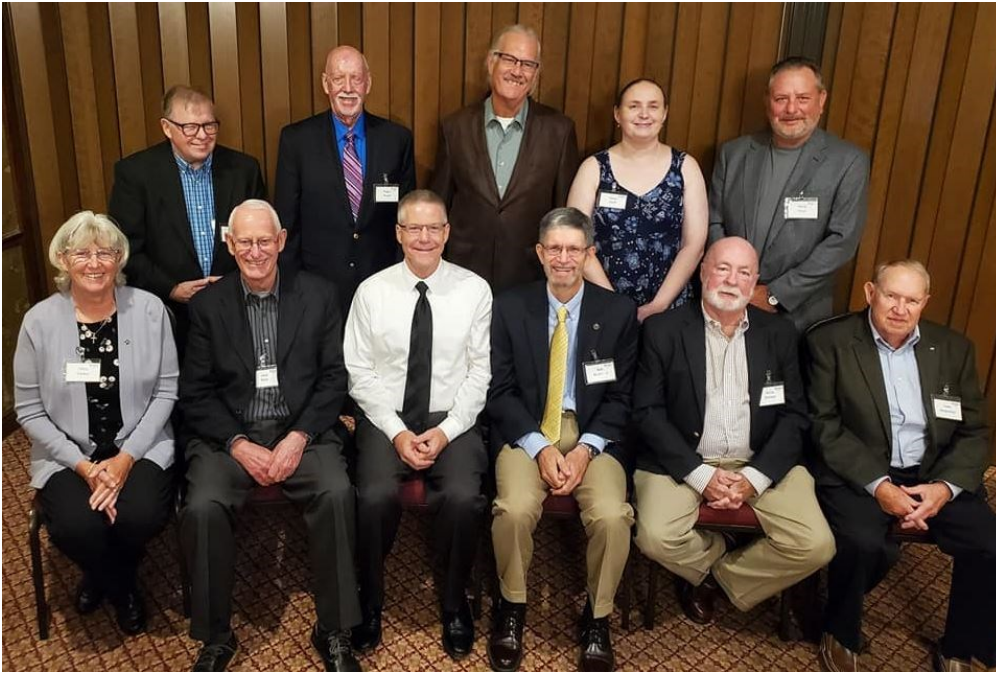
August 2	Coordination of Local Service Organizations
August 9	Coordination of Local Service Organizations (Part 2)
August 16	Anya Cook—Scotland/England Trip
August 23	Maralee Britton, Director, St. Charles City Parks & Recreation
August 30	To be announced



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

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

(Jack serves as Zone 7 Lt. Gov.)

2 YEAR TERMS

ELENA COOK

ROGER DEPPE

DEAN KROGMEIER

CLUB INFORMATION:

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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,
401 First Capitol Dr, St. Charles, MO 63301. Visitors are welcome.