# Optimist Club of St. Charles

#### **OPTIMIST NEWS**

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#### **Optimist International News**

- \* Optimist Day is Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>! Members are encouraged to photograph themselves, family and friends in Optimist gear doing something optimistic or in community service and post on social media #OptimistDay2022. You can include our Club name and website with your post.
- \* Optimistic February—Why stop at one day when you can be an Optimist throughout the month of February? Optimistic people are happier, and is an emotion we want to share. See Page 3 for daily suggestions for making February your most positive month of the year.
- \* East Missouri District's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Conference will be held at Embassy Suites located at Two Convention Center Blvd in St. Charles on February 25<sup>th</sup>—26<sup>th</sup>. Club members are welcome to attend and the Club will pay their registration fee. A sign-up sheet will be available at our noon meetings. See the EMO website for details: <a href="https://oi-emo.org/">https://oi-emo.org/</a>

## President Bob Beckman



Following two years of canceling or holding modified fundraiser events, we hope to resume more normal activities this year. These events are the lifeblood of our Club's ability to fund youth and community activities and provide support to local organizations.

First on the calendar is the <u>Spaghetti Dinner</u>, scheduled April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Blanchette Park Memorial Hall. Chair Sharon North is working on plans for this important event and will provide details as they become available. Please save the date on your calendars.

Golf Tournament Chair Dean Krogmeier is hard at work preparing for this year's event scheduled June 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Peters Golf Course. Members are encouraged to solicit family, friends and businesses to enter teams and provide sponsorships. See Page 3 for details and our social media for an official entry form.

Information on these and other events will be communicated as available. Your support of our Club's fundraisers is greatly appreciated!



2022 OPTIMIST DAY FEBRUARY 3RD



#### **SPEAKERS & RECENT EVENTS**

#### Frank's Heroes





Four members of Frank's Heroes, a non-profit organization that provides guitar lessons at no cost to military veterans, were guests at a noon meeting and entertained by playing 3 songs. The group was formed by Bill Dennis and named in honor of his father, Frank Dennis, who fought at the Battle of the Bulge in WWII. Meetings are held every Saturday from 10 am—Noon at Christview Christian Church, 64 Terrie Lane in St. Charles. Local veterans are encouraged to join their group and will be given lessons geared to each person's capability.

#### **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**



Bill Brunner, co-President and Build Manager of the Wentzville chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) spoke on a topic closely aligned with our Club's mission to serve youth in the community. SHP is a volunteer and donation-driven nonprofit organization that builds and donates beds to families with children who are without a bed to sleep in. They work with local organizations to encourage families needing assistance to apply for beds, and organize Build Days to build beds to donate.

Website: https://www.shpbeds.org/chapter/mo-wentzville

#### **New Member Inductions**



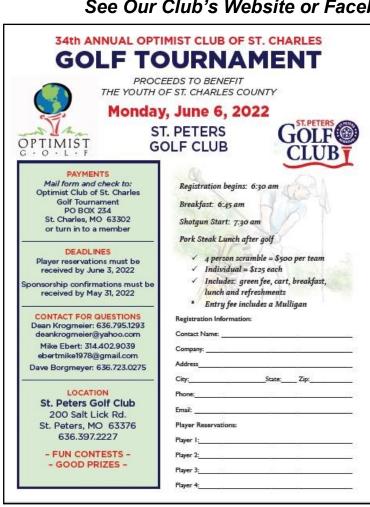
New members Earl Kennedy (left) and Ken Mullen (middle) were formally inducted into the Club during our noon meeting on January 11th. Ken is a retired teacher living in St. Peters. Earl is Principal at Ekcomed LLC in St. Charles, which develops innovative products that meet the needs of healthcare providers and patients. Be sure to introduce yourself if you have not done so already!

#### **UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & INFORMATION**

#### "Optimistic February" Calendar

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Read for JOI - Reading Month	Motivate someone else	3 Optimist Day Visit Optimist.org	Forgive the actions of another	Focus on a positive thought	6 Weekly Positive Journal
7 Send a card to a Friend Day	8 Thank someone	9 Make a list of things that inspire you	10 National Giving Hearts Day	11 Surround yourself with positivity	12 Help someone else with a task	Focus on a solution not a problem
Give a stranger a Valentine	15 Read something motivational	16 Make an Optimistic playlist	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	18 Share a positive message to others	19 Learn something new	20 Laugh for 30 seconds for no reason
21 Listen to someone else without giving feedback	Be a positive role model to someone else	23 Think of something that brings you happiness	24 Make a list of things to celebrate	25 Read an inspirational book or article	26 Compliment yourself on something	Let go of a mistake
Read the Optimist Creed		R				

#### See Our Club's Website or Facebook Page for Full Size Entry Forms:



	PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE YOUTH OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY
6	CT PETERS
5	Monday, June 6, 2022 GOLF
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0	SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS
3	LUNCH SPONSOR \$500
	Sponsor will have large banner, and be recognized at the lunch following tournament.
	BEVERAGE SPONSOR \$350
1	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 \$125
-	Sponsor will receive a sign with the company's name on a hole.
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### OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES January 18, 2021

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, Allen Field, Paul Hauser, Dean Krogmeier, Ellen Parker, and Gerry Prinster.

#### **SECRETARY REPORT:**

• Gerry Prinster moved to approve the minutes of December 21, 2021 as read. Roger Deppe seconded. Motion passed.

#### TREASURER REPORT:

- Main December expenses were Junior Baseball/Softball Sponsorships, Christmas Event donations, and the Chamber of Commerce dues. Income was from lunches and pig money. Second Quarter OI dues have been paid.
- As of December 31, 2021, the general checking account had a balance of \$5,482.92. The savings account had a balance of \$5,572.81. The CDs total \$30,522.56. General Accounts total was \$41,578.53. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$183,937.32. The dues account showed a balance of \$2,667.27.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the October financial report as amended with the auditor. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- President Bob Beckman received a request from the Lion's Club to coordinate community service efforts with an emphasis on homelessness. Allen Field moved that our club attend the kickoff meeting to get more information on what is involved. Dean Krogmeier seconded. Motion passed. Bob Beckman and Gerry Prinster volunteered to attend the meeting.
- President Beckman presented info on Optimist Day Club Activities and Social Media Posts.
  Optimist Day is February 3, 2022. Members are encouraged to take a picture of them in Optimist gear and post it on social media. He also will be sending out Ol's calendar of daily events for February to support optimistic attitudes. Bob will forward the calendar to all members.
- The Second Quarter EMO District Conference will be held February 25-26 at the Embassy Suites in St. Charles. Since it is local, we would like all members to consider attending. The club will pay the registration fee. Elena Cook has volunteered to attend. Please consider attending. Contact President Beckman if interested.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Helping Hands: Chairman Elena Cook attended this event in December to see what it was
  about. She reported that even though community turnout has dwindled over the past couple years, it would still be an opportunity to publicize our club and distribute a Christmas
  gift to the children in attendance. We will consider this opportunity at next year's event.
- <u>Jefferson Spelling Bee</u>: Chairman Ellen Parker reported that the spelling bee will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Jefferson gym. Recognition will be at the noon meeting on February 15, 2022.
- Essay Contest: Nothing new to report.

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#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):**

- Oratorical Contest: Will be held either the first or second Saturday in March. Hopefully it will be held in person at Hardin Middle School. If that is not possible, it will be held on Zoom like last year. Roger Deppe, Gerry Prinster, Paul Hauser, and Mary Krogmeier (first Saturday only) have volunteered to help. We still need one more judge and a timekeeper.
- Golf Tournament: Chairman Dean Krogmeier reported that the flyers have been printed up with the new pricing but some places had the incorrect year on it. Dean will have the corrections made. The tournament will be held at St. Peters Golf Course on June 6, 2022 starting at 7:30 am. Please consider forming a team, sponsoring a hole, etc. as this is one of our bigger fundraisers.
- Spaghetti Dinner: Chairman Sharon North told the club at the general meeting that this
  year's dinner will be held on April 22, 2022 at Blanchette Memorial Hall. Decisions will be
  made at a later date concerning in-person dining and/or carryout only based on the future
  state of the pandemic and CDC guidelines at the time
- Ford Fest: Nothing new to report.
- Fishing Derby: Nothing new to report.
- <u>Membership/Marketing Committee</u>: The committee consists of Bob Beckman, Roger Deppe, Mike Ebert, and Allen Field. They will meet after next week's general noon meeting.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Contract for Accounting Services: Hottenrott and Associates, LLC (formerly Moon Accounting). Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer reported that the IRS is now requiring a contract with accounting services. Gerry Prinster moved to complete the contract authorization letter enlisting Hottenrott and Associates, LLC as our accounting firm. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.
- Nominating Committee: Roger Deppe volunteered to chair the committee to put together a
  ballot for next year's Board of Directors. Bob Beckman volunteered to serve. Still looking
  for three more volunteers. Please consider serving on this important committee.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

 Invitation received from Youth in Need for their Gala on March 5, 2022. Mark Cook moved to take out a Quarter Page ad for their program at the cost of \$150. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Deadline for the next newsletter will be January 28, 2022. Please contact Bob Beckman if you have any suggestions for improving the newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT: Gerry Prinster moved to adjourn the meeting. Allen Field seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Parker, Secretary

#### **MILESTONES AND LOOK-AHEAD**



Birthday!

#### Club Schedule - February

February 6 Richard Green

February 9 Allen Field

Birthdays

February 9 Carl Sandstedt

February 12 Joe Gegg

February 20 Alan Suit

February 1 Noon Meeting

February 8 Noon Meeting

February 15 Noon Meeting

(Board Meeting to Follow)

February 22 Noon Meeting

#### Membership Anniversaries



Wedding Anniversaries



February: Ellen Parker — 9 years

Alan Suit — 9 years

Rick Daleen — 1 year

February 27

Alan & Brenda Suit

#### **Speakers Preview**



February 1 Tom McIntyre — The Neptune Society

February 8 Marc Sikma — We Love St. Charles

February 15 Spelling Bee Winners — Jefferson Middle School

February 22 Open

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** 

(Jack serves as Zone 7 Lt. Gov.)

2 YEAR TERMS

**ELENA COOK** 

ROGER DEPPE

**DEAN KROGMEIER** 

#### **CLUB INFORMATION:**

Mailing Address: Optimist Club of St. Charles

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

Like us on Facebook! Search "Optimist Club of St. Charles, MO" or the following link: 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.