

March 2021



Optimist Club of
St. Charles

OPTIMIST NEWS

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Project Invite Update

“Project Invite”, which is a “friendly competition” among members to invite people to attend meetings and increase club membership, is underway. Currently, the Alpha team (the first half of our roster) has 10 points. The Omega team (the second half of our roster) has 30 points.

As the weather moderates and people feel more comfortable about getting out, we hope to have many members inviting friends to attend a club meeting, learn about the programs we undertake to benefit the youth in our community, and ultimately join our optimistic group.

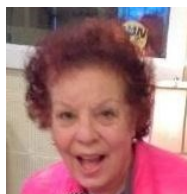
Remember: Invite a friend and send their name and email address or phone number to Roger Deppe and 5 points will be awarded. When the invitee attends a luncheon meeting, 10 points will be awarded. When the invitee joins, 25 points will be awarded.

The project is being held until the end of April. But don't delay! Lunch is riding on it!!

President-Elect Bob Beckman



Remember when New Year's Eve 2020 arrived, and everyone was so happy about leaving the old year behind and getting a fresh start? I believe our feelings ranged from joyous relief to overwhelming jubilation, even while wearing a mask! Granted, there remain “hang-overs” from the challenges of last year, and there will be new challenges in the coming year. However, I'm optimistic that steps are being made, however small, towards returning to a more normal way of life. Our club has an important role in a “return to normal.” Our mission of serving the youth in the community is more important now than ever before. Everyday in the news we hear about a crisis faced by children of all ages. The programs, opportunities, and charitable donations our club provides to youth can help them combat these challenges. My message to all members is to find a way to assist the club in fulfilling its mission, whether through financial means, volunteering, or other avenues available to you. With the help of everyone, we can surely meet the goal in the Optimist Creed to “press on to greater achievements of the future.”



Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathy Lohmann, who is at home under hospice care. Kathy volunteered at many of our Optimist functions and was an active member and officer of the Cape Girardeau Optimists while living there.

SPEAKERS & RECENT EVENTS

Boone Center Inc (BCI)



Troy Compardo, CEO, and Ron Kloppenburg, VP of the BCI Board, gave a presentation on the many aspects of BCI, from supplier of a diverse mix of products and services to providing care to special needs individuals. Many of these individuals work in BCI's in-house workshops and others have taken the skill training provided by BCI to land jobs in outside organizations. See more at their website:

<https://www.boonecenter.com/>

Loren Cook—Cyber Security



Loren works in cyber security in the St. Louis area and spoke about topics ranging from the early days of hacker scams on telephones and copier machines to today's sophisticated cyber criminals and the methods they use to break into personal accounts and industrial data bases. He gave several good suggestions on password diligence, password manager applications, how SPAM emails work, and how to avoid falling prey to hackers.

St. Charles School District Foundation



Since 1992 the Foundation for the St. Charles School District has been fulfilling a dream to encourage classroom innovation throughout the school district. Funded by donations and gifts from the community and staffed by volunteers, the Foundation sponsors educational programs that are not being funded with existing tax dollars. With the help of parents, teachers and businesses, they are able to support the schools, children and community. Examples are (1) Grants to teachers to initiate classroom projects, (2) Support of existing programs, and (3) Endowment for the future. Pictured are Tracie Fraun, President and Suzanne Engel, Past President via Zoom.

Website: <http://www.thescsdfoundation.org/>

BRRRR!!



Although it was not an official club event, how could anyone forget the polar vortex and the extreme cold and snow it brought to our area and to the nation. President Fred wisely canceled that week's meeting so we could stay safe in our homes and out of the bitter cold. Hopefully Spring is right around the corner and we can once again enjoy the great outdoors.

Source of Image: Pinterest

CORRESPONDENCE AND OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Fellow Optimists:

Rocky Vercher has reached out to our Club for help with the Missouri AAU State Wrestling tournament to be held on Saturday, March 20th & Sunday, March 21st at Seckman High School in Imperial, MO. Rocky and Scott Anderson spoke to our club last fall regarding the St. Charles junior wrestling program and our club donated \$1000 to cover rental of space at the Boys & Girls Club.

Rocky needs help at the tournament with such jobs as concessions; run a table score card; medals & pictures and other duties. Optimists could work a morning or afternoon shift on either March 20th or 21st.

Rocky assures us the junior wrestling community is very cautious regarding social distancing and masks.

If you are interested, please contact Mike Ebert or Fred McGinley. Any help will be appreciated.

Thank you.

Missouri AAU State Wrestling Tournament

**SECKMAN HIGH SCHOOL
2800 Seckman Rd. – Imperial, MO – 63052**

Saturday - March 20, 2021 & Sunday – March 21, 2021

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

**Midget
Novice**

**Saturday, March 20th - 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, March 20th - 1:00 p.m. (Approx. Start)**

**Tot-Bantam
Schoolboy-Cadet**

**Sunday, March 21st - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 21st - 1:00 p.m. (Approx. Start)**

QUALIFICATIONS

A wrestler must be a current registered AAU member and attend school in the State of Missouri to be eligible to compete in the Missouri AAU State Wrestling Championships.

DIVISIONS

Due to COVID-19 there will not be a Gold or High School Division this year.

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: President Fred McGinley called the meeting to order at 1:23 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Dave Borgmeyer, Mark Cook, Allen Field, Steve Harker, Mary Krogmeier, Fred McGinley, Ellen Parker, Gerry Prinster, Jack Ross, and Dale Westby.

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Gerry Prinster moved to approve the minutes of January 19, 2021. Mary Krogmeier seconded. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer reported that:

- Due to dwindling funds, he will have to move \$2,000 from the New Frontier Bank Savings Account to the General Checking Account to pay for Golf Tournament deposit and other expenses. This should hold us over through next month.
- The Enterprise Bank CD should read \$37,316.77 for the January financial report. We can still withdraw \$7,000 from the CD per the motion that was passed at the November board meeting.
- The license for the trailer is due. Discussion centered around whether we should continue to license it if we haven't been using it. If things open up this Spring, we might need it for the Pundmann events and the fishing derby. Mark Cook moved to renew the license for the trailer. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.
- The 990-N form has been prepared and submitted to the IRS for small tax-exempt status.
- As of January 31, 2021, the general checking account had a balance of \$1,131.05. The savings account had a balance of \$5,071.13. The CDs total \$37,316.77. General Accounts total was \$43,518.95. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$185,933.51. The dues account showed a balance of \$1,636.23.
- Ellen Parker moved to file the November financial report with the auditor. Jack Ross seconded. Motion passed.
- Gerry Prinster moved to file the January financial report with the auditor. Steve Harker seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- **Monthly speakers:** Suggestions were presented and discussed for possible guest speakers. Board members were encouraged to continue looking for and arranging future guest speakers.
- President McGinley stated that he will be out of town for next week's meeting (3/2/21). Jack Ross agreed to run the meeting.
- **Election committee:** The 2021-22 Election Committee includes Bob Beckman, Allen Field, Fred McGinley, and Ellen Parker. The election will be held Tuesday, April 27th, 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Essay Contest:** Chairman Bob Beckman reported that winners have been chosen. Recognition will be in April, possibly April 13, 2021.
- **Oratorical Contest:** Chairman Bob Beckman reported that the Oratorical Contest will be held through Zoom on March 13, 2021. Recognition will possibly be April 20, 2021, or may be moved to May.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

- **Golf Tournament**: The annual golf tournament fundraiser will be held this year on Monday, June 7, 2021 at St. Peters Golf Course. We are switching to a morning event this year. Tee off time will be 7:30 am. Breakfast and lunch will be included.
- **Spaghetti Dinner**: Chairman Sharon North spoke at the general meeting about having the spaghetti dinner at Pio's in September of 2021 or holding off until April of 2022 and having it at Memorial Hall as usual. The general consensus was to wait until April of 2022. She has reserved Memorial Hall on April 22, 2022 for the next spaghetti dinner. It was suggested that since we will be losing a lot of income from not having our main fundraiser for two years in a row that we have a "virtual" fundraiser to help replenish our accounts. Bob Beckman volunteered to draft a letter of appeal for donations to be sent out to all members.
- **50 Year Anniversary/Installation Banquet**: Plans are coming along for the celebration which will be held at this year's installation banquet. Steve Harker requested that we send photos that he could use to update his video from last year. Ellen Parker suggested that we create a video or skit that centers around the theme of our creed. Friday October 1, 2021 is the tentative date for the Installation Banquet and 50th Anniversary celebration.
- **Scholarship Committee**: Applications have been sent out to schools and are being returned. Recognition will take place in May.
- **Fishing Derby**: Chairman Mark Cook is still checking with contacts to see if we will be able to hold the event this year. Medals and awards will carry over from previous two years that we have had to cancel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **East Missouri 2nd Quarter Virtual Conference**: If anyone is interested in attending this virtual conference on Friday, February 26 and Saturday, February 27, you can register on the link at <https://oi-emo.org/>. Even though it is virtual, there is still a registration fee.
- **Approval for membership**: Ellen Parker moved to accept Rick Daleen as a new member. Dale Westby seconded. Motion passed. Secretary Parker will add him to the OI roster at the beginning of the 3rd quarter.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Missouri Leadership Seminar donation request**: No action taken.
- **Youth in Need request for donation**: No action taken.
- **Gerry Prinster moved to table all donation requests, except for budgeted items, until the June board of director's meeting**. Allen Field seconded. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Deadline for the next newsletter will be February 28, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: Jack Ross moved to adjourn the meeting. Allen Field seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Parker, Secretary

MILESTONES AND LOOK-AHEAD



March Schedule

March 2	Noon Meeting
March 9	Noon Meeting
March 13	Oratorical Contest
March 16	Noon Meeting (Board Meeting to Follow)
March 23	Noon Meeting
March 30	Noon Meeting

Birthdays

March 22 Jack Ross



Membership Anniversaries



No membership anniversaries listed on Roster

Wedding Anniversaries



None listed on Roster

Speakers Preview



March 2	STEM Education — Developing 21st Century Problem Solvers (video)
March 9	To be announced
March 16	To be announced
March 23	To be announced
March 30	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)

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PAST PRESIDENT	STEVE HARKER (636-947-3179)

BOARD 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)

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