# **Optimist**INTERNATIONAL Optimist Club of St. Charles

## **OPTIMIST NEWS**

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### 2021-2022 Election Results

Many thanks to members who cast ballots for the 2021-2022 Club Officers and Directors, either by voting inperson or absentee. The newly elected Board members will join those with terms that carry over another year, along with our Secretary and Treasurer who graciously accepted another year in these positions. As of October 1, 2021, the Board of Directors will be:

### Officers (1 year terms):

President — Bob Beckman President-Elect — Gerry Prinster Vice-President — Paul Hauser Secretary — Ellen Parker Treasurer — Dave Borgmeyer Past President — Fred McGinley

### **Directors:**

1 year remaining: Mark Cook, Allen Field, Jack Ross

2 years remaining: Elena Cook, Roger Deppe, Dean Krogmeier

A special thank you to members leaving the Board as of October 1: Steve Harker, Mike Ebert, Mary Krog-

meier, and Dale Westby

## **President-Elect Bob Beckman**



There is a saying in sports that there is no "I" in Team. My interpretation of this is no one individual should get all the credit or receive all the blame for how the team performs. It also means that for the team to perform well, everyone needs to work together as a unit and not as individuals, which fits another saying that a well-oiled machine is greater than the sum of its parts. Well, there is no "I" in Club either. Over the years, our Club has accomplished many amazing feats in serving both our community's needs and the youth in the community. All you have to do is look at the awards banner hung at every Club meeting for this to become evident. To continue these achievements, we need everyone to pitch in, whether it be as a volunteer or participant in a fund-raiser, a finan-

cial sponsor (a hole sponsor in our upcoming Golf Tournament comes to mind), a chairperson for a club event, or simply by attending Club meetings and functions as often as you are able. I can almost guarantee that the Club will benefit by your actions and you will feel good about what you have done to improve the outlook of those in need.



## **SPEAKERS & RECENT EVENTS**

### **Jefferson Love Awards**



We Love St. Charles is a non-profit that "loves" the city of St. Charles through numerous activities. Founder Marc Sikma spoke on the 2021 Jefferson Love Awards ceremony and accepted our Club's donation as a major financial sponsor of the event. 10 Jefferson Intermediate students were recognized as Love Award winners and one teacher was awarded the Lori Wooten Love Award. Lori was an active member of our Optimist Club and other charitable organizations and a St. Charles High School counselor before her death in 2018. See this Facebook page for event highlights.

https://www.facebook.com/cityofstcharlesschooldistrict/videos/congratulations-to-the-2020-21-iefferson-intermediate-love-award-winners-who-wer/284803966648861/

See this YouTube video of the entire event:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8RJMxlfqhQ

### **Charter Members Celebration**



On April 27, we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first meeting of the Optimist Club of St. Charles. In attendance were five original (charter) active members: Dale Westby, Roger Deppe, Ernie Dempsey, Rich Green (1<sup>st</sup> president) and Dave Borgmeyer. 50 years of their lives dedicated to giving back to our community! The official celebration of our 50 year anniversary will be held during the Installation Dinner on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Don't miss it!!

### **Essay Recognition**









Winners of this year's Essay contest were (clockwise from top left) Alyssa Baker, Emily Johannes and Elizabeth Pellow. They were recognized via Zoom and, in turn, they rewarded our Club by reading their essays on "Reaching Your Dreams by Choosing Optimism." Also on Zoom was Randi Riggins, leader of the Hardin Peer Ambassadors group. Randi was cochair of the contest and outstanding in her work with the contestants.

### Fairwinds River's Edge



Cindi Hrabko and Michael Robertson spoke on "Fairwinds River's Edge — It's More than Retirement, It's Five-Star Fun." Their presentation included a fun quiz to unscramble letters into words to describe their facility, information on services offered to residents, and benefits they provide to the community such as hosting SC County Golden Games events. See the following website for more information:

<u>www.leisurecare.com/our-communities/fairwinds-rivers-edge/</u>

## **CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ⇒ "Project Invite" Final Results:
  - Team Alpha finished with 30 Points. Team Omega finished with 45 Points. Team Omega (bottom half of the club roster beginning with Dean Krogmeier) wins and will be treated to lunch for our meeting on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ⇒ 2021 St. Charles Optimist Club Golf Tournament:

This year's golf tournament is scheduled Monday morning, June 7<sup>th</sup> 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 true bargain!!

⇒ Optimistic Hour: Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 — 7:00 pm at Culpeppers!!





## OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES April 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: President Fred McGinley called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Dave Borgmeyer, Mark Cook, Mike Ebert, Allen Field, Steve Harker, Mary Krogmeier, Fred McGinley, Ellen Parker, Gerry Prinster, Jack Ross, and Dale Westby. Also in attendance was Roger Deppe.

#### SECRETARY REPORT:

- Bob Beckman moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2021. Jack Ross seconded. The minutes were approved.
- Secretary Ellen Parker reported that her Optimist Club credit card has expired. Gerry Prinster moved to renew the secretary's credit card. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed. Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer will look into getting it renewed.

### TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer reported that:

- Main income from March includes paid lunches and \$300 reimbursement from St. Charles
  Junior Baseball and Softball organization since there were not enough girls signed up to
  sponsor a softball team.
- Main expenses from March included Essay & Oratorical contest expenses and prizes.
- As of March 31, 2021, the general checking account had a balance of \$1,401.36. The savings account had a balance of \$3,071.44. The CDs total \$37,399.50. General Accounts total was \$41,872.30. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$185,933.56. The dues account showed a balance of \$1,636.23.
- Mary Krogmeier moved to file the March financial report with the auditor. Mike Ebert seconded. Motion passed.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Jefferson Love awards will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 12:45 at the St. Charles
West Stadium. President-Elect Bob Beckman will be representing our club on stage. Those
interested in attending gave their names to President McGinley. Those attending should
meet at the concession stand about 12:30.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- <u>Essay and Oratorical Contests</u>: Chairman Bob Beckman reported that Anastasia Cook finished second in the Regional competition and will be moving on to the District contest on May 1, 2021 on Zoom.
- <u>Golf Tournament</u>: Chairman Fred McGinley reported that we currently have about 10 teams signed up. Members should continue to solicit sponsors and golfers for the event.
- <u>50 Year Anniversary/Installation Banquet</u>: Chairman Dale Westby reported that he is contacting members who were original members of the club to invite them to the banquet in October. Dave Borgmeyer moved to order a cake from Midtowne Market for our meeting on April 27, 2021. Allen Field seconded. Motion passed. Ellen Parker will order the cake.
- Scholarship Committee: Chairman Mike Ebert reported that applications are still being judged and that we will also have a Community College entry this year. Recognition for winners will be held at the noon meeting on May 18, 2021.
- <u>Fishing Derby</u>: Chairman Mark Cook reported that we will definitely not be able to hold the event this year.

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

- <u>Project Invite</u>: Roger Deppe reported the Omega team (last half of alphabet) is ahead in the contest. Recognition for winners will be at the noon meeting on May 11, 2021.
- Respect for Law: Chairman Jack Ross has received the names of the two recipients, one
  each from the St. Charles City Police and St. Charles County Police Departments. He will be
  ordering the plaques from Schumsky through OI. Recognition will be held at the noon meeting on May 25, 2021.
- <u>Election Committee</u>: The ballot has been sent out to the membership. The election will be held at the noon meeting on April 27, 2021.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Virtual Fundraiser Letter: Bob Beckman presented the sample letter with changes suggested
from last month's board meeting. Discussion centered around the timing of sending out the
request for donations. Fred McGinley wants to appeal to members for hole sponsorships for
the golf tournament before we send out the letter request. It was also suggested that we add
the year of the Board to the signature closing. Mark Cook moved to approve the fundraiser
letter as revised and send it out to every member of the club on July 1, 2021. Gerry Prinster
seconded. Motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- EMO 3rd Quarter Conference will be held on April 30-May 1, 2021 at the Drury Inn & Suites in Arnold, MO. Jack Ross will be attending:
- Donations to EMO "Country Store" and Silent Auction at the 3rd Quarter Conference: President McGinley will send an email to all club members requesting donations of individual items or gift baskets to take to the conference. Proceeds will go to the OI Foundation and Childhood Cancer. Any members who have items should bring them to the noon meeting on April 27, 2021. Jack Ross will take them to the conference.
- Possible Formation of Fundraising Committee: Tabled until next meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Received some sponsorships for the golf tournament.
- Received thank you note from Boy Scouts of America for our annual donation.
- Received invitation from the Boys and Girls Club of St. Charles to sign up for their golf tournament on June 21, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Deadline for the next newsletter will be April 30, 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**



## May Schedule

4/30—5/1	East Missouri District Conf.	IVI
May 4	Noon Meeting	M
May 11	Noon Meeting	M
May 18	Noon Meeting (Board Meeting to Follow)	M M
May 25	Noon Meeting	M
May 27	Optimistic Hour at Culpeppers 5:00 — 7:00 pm	

## **Birthdays**



May 4	Mary Krogmeier
May 5	Jean Kent
May 11	Steve Harker
May 19	Elena Cook
May 20	Paul Hauser
May 22	Mike Ebert

## Membership Anniversaries



## Wedding Anniversaries



**May 2021:** Bob Avery — 32 years

Bob Beckman — 6 years Mark Cook — 11 years Steve Harker — 5 years Jean Kent — 15 years

Dean/Mary Krogmeier — 5 years

Pat McDonnell — 11 years Sharon North — 23 years

### May 6 Dave & Sharon Borgmeyer

## **Speakers Preview**



May 11 Recognition of Oratorical Winners

May 18 Recognition of College Scholarship Winners

May 25 Respect for Law Recognition





## ST. CHARLES CLUB OFFICERS (2020-2021)

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PAST PRESIDENT STEVE HARKER (636-947-3179)

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MARK COOK (314-520-0913) MIKE EBERT (314-402-9039)

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JACK ROSS (314-287-0569) DALE WESTBY (314-550-7723)

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