

OPTIMIST NEWS

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Service Club Collaboration

More developments were reported on the initiative to collaborate the work of service clubs in the St Charles area on several community projects:

1. **Mobile Market:** Hopefully we can finalize holding a 'Mobile Market' at the Harvester Lions Club on Central School Road on a Tuesday afternoon in late October or early November. This could be an excellent kick-off event to build comradery and a sense of purpose.

2. **Blueway Clean-up:** A meeting was held with the St. Charles County Parks Dept and they are "IN" on a Blueway clean up project. Volunteers from service groups would clean up sections of county creeks and waterways in the Dardenne Creek Blueway.

3. **Homelessness:** St. Charles City, the Community Council, a Citizens Task Force, and area non-profits are working together to secure State grant money with the express intent to create additional resources for the Tri-County area homeless.

President Gerry Prinster plans to ask Dan Foust Jr. to speak at a noon meeting to increase our knowledge and interest on this initiative.

Past President

Bob Beckman



"Changes" (from the hit tune by David Bowie) are upon us. The new Board of Directors was inducted during our Annual Banquet on September 30th. It was an enjoyable evening with several highlights such as Roger Deppe being presented the Optimist of the Year award and Special Recognition to Ellen Parker and Sharon North. Steve Harker showcased our Club's evolution through the years in a first class music and pictures video that everyone enjoyed.

I believe our Club had exceptional achievements during the 2021-2022 Optimist year. Following two years of Covid restrictions and cancelations, we returned to a nearly normal operation. To do this took dedicated members (and in some cases friends and family) for the events to be successful.

That's not to say we didn't face challenges. Similar to most service clubs, we struggled to increase our membership, and "Father Time" has taken a toll on the endurance of members to support the many events we hold in the community. Reinforcements are essential to our future.

As a possible path forward, the initiative to collaborate the efforts of service clubs in the St. Charles area, where clubs support each other in holding events, is a promising concept and would help clubs such as ours in meeting our Mission.

As I leave office, I see many reasons to be optimistic in 2022-23. But as the "Changes" tune goes, "Time may change me, But I can't trace time." Only through our efforts will our progress continue.

SPEAKERS & RECENT EVENTS

Youth in Need—St. Charles



Rob Muschany, Chief Development Officer of Youth in Need in St. Charles and surrounding counties gave an overview of the programs that YIN makes available to youth who need assistance for shelter, counseling, teen parenting, child abuse/neglect, and other forms of crisis. Rob spent considerable time answering questions and giving insight to the importance of YIN's services. Rob thanked our club for our prior financial donations and looks forward to our continued support.

Website: <https://www.youthinneed.org/>

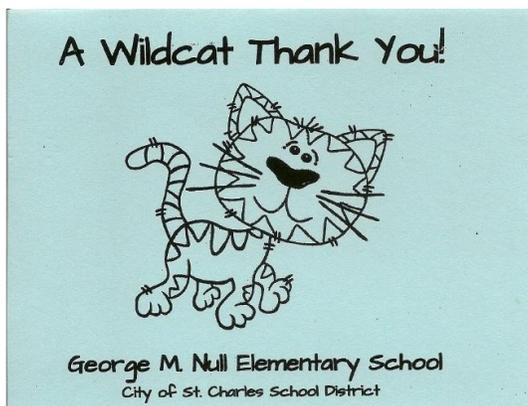
St Charles School District Foundation



Since 1992, the Foundation for the School District of the City of St. Charles has been sponsoring educational programs that are not being funded with existing tax dollars. Steve Stahl is on the Foundation Board and provided further insight including the process for teachers to submit applications for grants to fund their educational projects, the grant approval process by the Board, sources of funds, and answered member questions. It was an honor to host a legendary coach and educator at our meeting.

Website: <https://www.stcharlessd.org/domain/27>

School Supplies



Mary Krogmeier did her annual outstanding job as chairperson for the School Supplies project for the 2022-2023 school year. This project involves gathering lists from St. Charles and Orchard Farm schools and diligently using her budgeted funds to purchase many of the supplies requested by teachers. The supplies were delivered to the schools with the help of husband Dean and club volunteers. In addition, Mary was able to assist with providing supplies needed for the St. Charles School District Back to School celebration while staying within her original budget. Great job Mary!!

Back to School & Care to Learn



Club member and guest speaker Dr. Jason Sefrit, Superintendent of the St. Charles School District, shared exciting news on their technological and infrastructure advances, thanks in part to the support of this community. He also shared his plan to tackle the post-COVID challenges, such as shortages of school bus drivers and teachers. Ellen Heitzig, Co-Chapter Liaison of Care to Learn—St. Charles, spoke the following week and gave an overview of the services provided by her organization. Our Club is providing a “Lori’s Legacy of Love” sponsorship for the Care to Learn Gala in honor of past club member Lori Wooten. We are proud to continue our partnership with this award winning school district and Care to Learn organization. Website: <https://www.stcharlessd.org>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INSTALLATION BANQUET



**Outgoing President
Bob Beckman**



Optimist of the Year: Roger Deppe



**Incoming President
Gerry Prinster**



**Our 2022-2023 Board of Directors
Unavailable: Dave Borgmeyer, Dean Krogmeier**



Ellen Parker was recognized with a President's Citation award



Dale Westby Inducted the Board



Sharon North was recognized for her years as Spaghetti Dinner chairperson³

More pictures of the Banquet are posted on our Club's Facebook page

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2022**

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

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Dave Borgmeyer, Elena Cook, Roger Deppe, Dean Krogmeier, Ellen Parker, and Gerry Prinster.

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Roger Deppe moved to approve the minutes of August 16, 2022 as read. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.
- Secretary Parker reported that she sent out ten 2nd notices for late dues for the 2022-23 Optimist year. So far, five members have officially dropped and seven members remain unpaid.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Main August expenses included school supply donations, Optimist International Foundation and Childhood Cancer donations. All scholarships for the year have been paid out.
- Main August income were from the Mustang Car Club event, lunches, and pig money.
- As of August 31, 2022, the general checking account had a balance of \$9,603.43. The savings account had a balance of \$5,574.92. The CDs total \$30,560.63. General Accounts total was \$47,993.07. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$182,918.75. After fourth quarter dues have been paid, and income for 2022-23 dues have been coming in, the dues account showed a balance of \$2,254.09.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the report with the auditor. Elena Cook seconded. Motion passed .

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Banquet Committee:** The banquet will be held on Friday, September 30, 2022 at Pio's beginning at 6:00. Twenty-two guests will be attending. President Bob Beckman reviewed the program for the event.
- **Celebrate Community:** Next meeting will be held on September 28, 2022 at 6:30. We will find out more about the Mobile Market and the Blueway cleanup. Volunteers from our club will be needed for this event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **EMO 4th Quarter Convention:** Board Member Elena Cook attended the conference and reported that Ernie Wren is the new EMO Governor. His goals are to: Visit every club at least once throughout the year; Membership increases; No lost clubs; More training; Increase communication; Increase conference attendance; Transparent budget; Bring 11 new members to the organization. They also discussed events that other clubs were doing: bicycle refurbishing project, Halloween Spooktacular, School supply drives, Family fun fest.

NEW BUSINESS:

- EMO 1st Quarter Conference for 2022-23 will be held October 28-29 at Courtyard by Marriott Columbia, MO.
- Outgoing Board Members: Mark Cook, Allen Field, Jack Ross

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NEW BUSINESS (continued):

- **One-year Board Members:** Elena Cook, Roger Deppe, Dean Krogmeier
- **Two-year Board Members:** Mark Cook, Mike Ebert, Steve Harker
- **Officers:** President—Gerry Prinster; President-Elect—Paul Hauser; Vice-President—Rick Daleen; Past President—Bob Beckman; Treasure—David Borgmeyer; Secretary—Ellen Parker.
- **2022-23 Proposed Budget Draft:** Secretary Ellen Parker will send out the 2022-23 proposed budget and the 2021-22 Budget (for comparison) to all current and incoming board members.
- **Update Presidential Plaque:** Roger Deppe moved to update the Presidential Plaque with incoming President Gerry Prinster's name at a cost not to exceed \$25. Dave Borgmeyer seconded. Motion passed.
- Elena Cook stated that she is looking into the Helping Hands project of St. Charles County for the upcoming year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Invitation to the Care to Learn Gala was received requesting sponsor donation, attendance, and auction items. Ellen Parker moved to donate \$1000 for a "Lori's Legacy" sponsorship of the Care to Learn Gala. Dave Borgmeyer seconded. Motion passed.
- **Community Council Membership:** Dean Krogmeier move to pay \$175 to retain our membership in Community Council. Elena Cook seconded. Motion passed.
- Youth in Need newsletter requesting donations was received. No action taken since our club has already donated a quarter page ad for their gala and sponsored a hole for their golf tournament.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Thank you to outgoing board members Mark Cook, Allen Field, and Jack Ross for their service these past two years.
- Thank you to outgoing president Bob Beckman for his dedicated service in various capacities on the Board of Directors since 2017, and specifically as our faithful leader for the past year and a half.
- Deadline for next newsletter is October 1, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Dave Borgmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting. Dean Krogmeier seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Parker, Secretary

MILESTONES AND LOOK-AHEAD



October Schedule

- October 4** Noon Meeting
- October 11** Noon Meeting
- October 18** Noon Meeting
(Board Meeting to Follow)
- October 25** Noon Meeting

Birthdays



- October 3** Sharon North
- October 7** Dulcie Couillard
- October 14** Gerry Prinster
- October 22** Rick Pundmann

Membership Anniversaries



- October 2022:** Jim Borgman — 1 year

Wedding Anniversaries



- October 6** John & Vicki White
- October 6** Rich & Janel Krill
- October 16** Paul & Terri Hauser

Speakers Preview

- October 4** Steve Harker, Banquet Video
- October 11** To Be Announced
- October 18** To Be Announced
- October 25** 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.

2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT	GERRY PRINSTER
PRESIDENT-ELECT	PAUL HAUSER
VICE PRESIDENT	RICK DALEEN
SECRETARY	ELLEN PARKER
TREASURER	DAVE BORGMAYER
PAST PRESIDENT	BOB BECKMAN

DIRECTORS:

1 YEAR TERMS

ELENA COOK
ROGER DEPPE
DEAN KROGMEIER

2 YEAR TERMS

MARK COOK
MIKE EBERT
STEVE HARKER

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.