

# OPTIMIST NEWS

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## Service Club Collaboration

Last month, we introduced the initiative by local service clubs, including our Optimist Club, to coordinate programs in the community to better serve important areas of need. Gerry Prinster and Ellen Parker attended a follow-up meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup> in which the following projects were discussed:

1. **Community Mobile Market:** Volunteers from all groups would distribute/load bags of food into cars.
2. **Blueway Project:** Volunteers from all groups would clean up county creeks/waterways along the Dardenne Creek Blueway.
3. **Youth in Need "Meet and Greet":** Residents of YIN would be invited to attend a games night/pizza night, possibly at the Rec Hall on Duchesne Drive, to get them out of the shelter and into the community.

The potential of projects such as these is endless. Every club would support the lead club with volunteers so no club is overwhelmed. Also, these are excellent opportunities to involve the Junior Optimists in community activities.

## President Bob Beckman



### *Random thoughts on club happenings:*

**Membership dues** — *The first increase in dues (other than cost of living adjustments) by Optimist International since 2009. \$15 over 13 years is not unreasonable, and our dues remain in-line (on average) with other service clubs.*

**Board Installation Banquet** — *Please attend the banquet for a look back at the past year, installation of next year's club leaders, and recognition to those who served our club this year.*

**Bringing in new members** — *Founding member Dale Westby raises a good point: ask your friends and neighbors if they would be interested in joining a group of people dedicated to serving youth and the community. Guests receive a complementary lunch at their first meeting and the worst that could happen is they say no.*

**Club events** — *Congratulations to everyone involved in a summer full of fun and fulfilling events and fundraisers that not only benefit our club but also the people and organizations we served. A special thanks to all the chairpersons!*

**Speakers** — *Nearly everyone has a passion, hobby, cause, profession or experience they can share with others. Invite interesting people you know to speak at one of our meetings. When I listen to "Our American Stories" on KMOX radio, and the many types of stories told by everyday people, I think "let's do this for speakers at our noon meetings."*

*Finally.....thanks to everyone for your support and successes during the past year. We made a difference in the community!*

# SPEAKERS & RECENT EVENTS

## Summer Travel Adventure



Anya Cook, daughter of member Elena Cook, spoke on her travels overseas this summer. Anya was a 3-time winner of our Club's oratorical contest and represented the Club in regional and district contests. She also participated in our Optimist booth at the STEM Exposition held during the Spirit of St. Louis Air Show this summer. Anya is a good example of staying in touch with the youth who participate in our contests and events with the aim that they come back as club members after finishing their education.

## St. Charles Parks Department



Maralee Britton, Director of St. Charles City Parks and Recreation, spoke on the 26 city parks serving residents and visitors with a wide variety of opportunities from swimming to nature trails. In addition, the Parks Department offers many amenities including shelters and community buildings for cookouts and family get-togethers, planned programs such as youth sports and adventuresome trips, aquatic facilities, and arrangements for private and community events. See their website for further details: Website: <https://www.stcharlesparks.com/>

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Festival of the Little Hills



Similar to our Festival involvement in recent years, our Club worked with other service clubs in the St. Charles area to staff the beer gardens at the Festival of the Little Hills during the third weekend of August. The weather was wonderful, and thanks to Mark Cook's skills in organizing these types of events we fulfilled our quota of volunteers to serve beverages for patrons at the Festival. Many thanks to all who volunteered to make this a successful club event.

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** President-Elect Gerry Prinster called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm.

**ATTENDANCE:** Dave Borgmeyer, Elena Cook, Mark Cook, Roger Deppe, Allen Field, Paul Hauser, Dean Krogmeier, Ellen Parker, and Gerry Prinster. Also in attendance was Mary Krogmeier.

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

- Mark Cook moved to approve the minutes of July 19, 2022 as read. Dean Krogmeier seconded. Motion passed.
- Secretary Parker reported that invoices for the Optimist year 2022-23 were sent out. Second notices will be sent out at the end of August. Invitations to the end of the year banquet on September 30 were also sent out.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

- Main July expenses were for the Golf Tournament Insurance, the St. Charles County Youth Awards, the one-year surety bond, and lunches.
- Main July income was from lunch money and pig donations.
- As of July 31, 2022, the general checking account had a balance of \$10,927.38. The savings account had a balance of \$5,574.68. The CD's total \$30,560.63. General Accounts total was \$47,062.69. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$182,918.73. After fourth quarter dues have been paid, the dues account showed a balance of \$539.09.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the report with the auditor. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.
- Treasurer Borgmeyer read the financial report for the Mustang Club Car Show. Total Profit amounted to \$367.71 and \$60 in tips. The tip money was added to the Pig Fund. Expenses for meat, ice, and Sam's Club totaled 255.59.
- Treasurer Borgmeyer asked if we wanted to \$600 to the OI Foundation and \$600 to Childhood Cancer, which is our usual annual donation. Elena Cook moved to donate \$300 to the OI Foundation and \$300 to Childhood Cancer. Dean Krogmeier seconded. After discussion centering around our need to support the OI Foundation, Roger Deppe amended the motion to donate \$600 to the OI Foundation and \$300 to Childhood Cancer. Paul Hauser seconded. Amended motion passed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- [Mustang Car Club Show](#): See financial report under the Treasurer's Report (4e).
- [Festival of the Little Hills Beer Booth](#): If you signed up, please show up. The beer tent will be between the depot and the Jaycee stage on the Katy Trail side.
- [Backpacks for Students](#): Chairperson Mary Krogmeier reported that we spent \$1,435.75 to help meet the needs of all 13 schools in the St. Charles and Orchard Farm School Districts. Each school sent her a wish list of various items and through her hard work with the help of Dean Krogmeier, 95% of the school's needs were met. Items for the schools will be delivered on Wednesday morning, August 17, 2022. Mary and Dean also made a personal donation of \$92.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):**

- **Banquet Committee**: The banquet will be held on Friday, September 30, 2022 at Pio's. Invitations were sent out last week. Please drop off or send in your reservations as soon as possible. Paul Hauser will accept payment through Venmo at Paul-Hauser-8280 .

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **EMO 4th Quarter Convention**: August 26-28, 2022 at Crowne Plaza St. Louis Airport. Elena Cook will attend to represent our club.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Community Collaboration**: The meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 17 has been moved to the following Wednesday, August 24, 2022. Gerry Prinster and Ellen Parker will attend. Optimist International sent a memo that "Celebrate Community", an annual joint initiative from the service organizations Kiwanis International, Lions International, Optimist International, and Rotary International, will take place the week of September 11-17, 2022. The initiative encourages local clubs around the world to work together on projects during this time and share photos through social media with the hashtag #Celebrate Community.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Thank you from Missouri Leadership Seminar, INC Chairwoman Jessica Barszczak for sponsoring a student for this summer's seminar.
- Thank you from Paige Whitfield, a Francis Howell North Student, for sponsoring her to attend the Missouri Leadership Seminar.
- Request to speak from The Foundation for the School District of the City of St. Charles. Steve Stahl will speak on their behalf at the noon meeting on September 13, 2022.
- Thank you letter from Missouri Baptist University for awarding a scholarship to Jonnlyn Rayburn.
- Donation request from the Greater Missouri Chapter of Alzheimer's Association

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Dean Krogmeier moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Parker, Secretary



# MILESTONES AND LOOK-AHEAD



## September Schedule

<b>September 6</b>	Noon Meeting
<b>September 13</b>	Noon Meeting
<b>September 15</b>	Club Dues and Banquet RSVPs
<b>September 20</b>	Noon Meeting (Board Meeting to Follow)
<b>September 27</b>	Noon Meeting
<b>September 30</b>	Board Installation Banquet

## Birthdays

<b>September 3</b>	Bob Beckman
<b>September 7</b>	Andrew Stewart
<b>September 22</b>	Dean Krogmeier
<b>September 22</b>	Dale Westby

## Membership Anniversaries



<b>September 2022:</b>	Elena Cook — 2 years
	Mike Ebert — 33 years
	Allan Field — 4 years
	Rich Krill — 41 years
	Gerry Prinster — 30 years
	Jason Sefrit — 4 years
	Andrew Stewart — 9 years

## Wedding Anniversaries



<b>September 3</b>	Mark & Jodi Cook
<b>September 7</b>	Dean & Mary Krogmeier
<b>September 18</b>	Jack & Debbie Ross
<b>September 28</b>	Barbara & Buddy Hall

## Speakers Preview

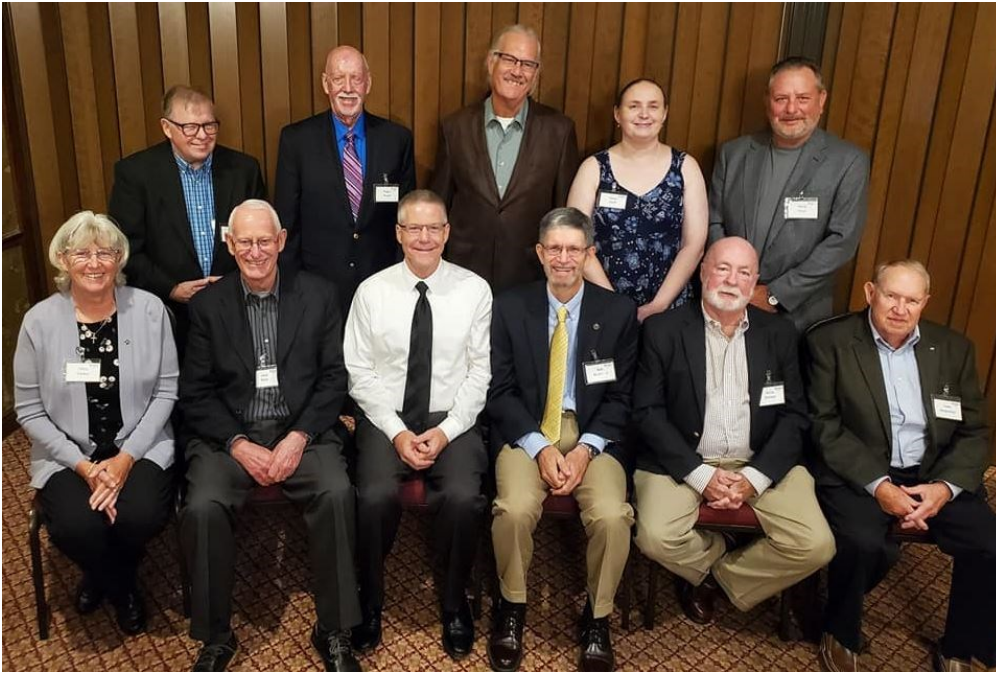
<b>September 6</b>	Rob Muschany, Youth in Need
<b>September 13</b>	Steve Stahl, SC School District Foundation
<b>September 20</b>	Jason Sefrit, SC School District Superintendent
<b>September 27</b>	To be announced



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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 BORGMAYER

## 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

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## CLUB INFORMATION:

**Mailing Address:** Optimist Club of St. Charles  
P.O. Box 234  
St. Charles, Missouri 63302

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