

October 2020

OPTIMIST NEWS

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Past President Steve Harker

I loved growing up in the Midwest. I always looked forward to the change in seasons. About the time I got tired of one season, the next came along.

Perhaps it's fitting that the Optimist year begins at the beginning of a new season. I spoke about this as I swung the gavel for the last time.

There is something to look forward to in every new season. Even in the later seasons of our lives, we have the wisdom and treasure trove of memories that youth lacks. Oh, let's not forget grandchildren!!

As we enter into this season of change and new leadership for our club, I am thankful for all of those club members who attended meetings, helped with events, and those who helped this club run smoothly during my tenure. I am also excited to have such a capable leader who will be stepping in to take my place.

Happy fall everyone! Congratulations and good luck Fred! You're gonna rock it!

Optimistically yours,
Steve

President Fred McGinley



Greetings Optimists,

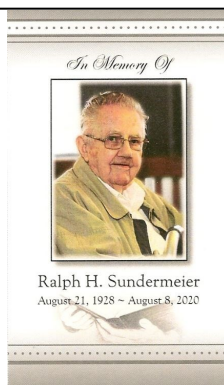
As we start off a new Optimist year, let's pause and reflect on the excellent job by Steve Harker guiding the club through the social restrictions of the Covid -19 pandemic. Unfortunately, restrictions are still in place, which will affect our way of doing business (fundraisers; in person activities with club members and kids).

Remember, there are no restrictions on the Optimism which comes from within all of us, and we want to infect everyone with that OPTIMISM. A six foot social distance or a mask will not contain the spread of Optimism.

As a member, please plan to get involved and help where you can. The youth of our community are depending on us. We will deal with changes to accomplish our mission, but don't let that hinder your Optimistic attitude.

Wear that cheerful countenance, and together, let's press on to greater achievements!!

*Optimistically,
Fred*



In Memory

Ralph Sundermeier, club member for 35 years, passed away recently. Ralph was a dedicated member who regularly attended noon meetings and supported the Optimist Creed. His presence will be missed.

SEPTEMBER SPEAKERS

State Historical Society of Missouri



Alan (A.J.) Medlock, Sr Archivist for the State Historical Society of Missouri, spoke on the many services provided to the public on Missouri history via 8 collections/ types of artifacts. SHSMO differs from the MO Historical Society in that it focuses on, and is funded by, the state of Missouri and not only the STL area. Contact AJ at medlocka@shsmo.org for help finding or archiving historical documents.

First Responder Rescue



Pat Byrne, President and Founder of Responder Rescue, spoke on the many deeds performed by this benevolent organization. Their mission is to provide assistance; emotional, tangible or monetary, to any area first responders, who have been injured, become ill or suffered a traumatic situation after all other resources have been exhausted. Website: <https://www.responderrescue.org/>

St. Charles City Officials Day



St. Charles Mayor Dan Borgmeyer, SC Police Dept Captain Randy McKinley, and SC Fire Chief George Sheets spoke on current events and future plans in St. Charles, status and needs of the City Police and Fire Departments, and explained details of the upcoming Proposition 1 in the November election enabling collection of use taxes on internet purchases and benefits that could be realized. Police Dept officers gave an outside demonstration of a new drone with high tech camera used in crime prevention and prosecution.

Wings of Hope - Chris Root

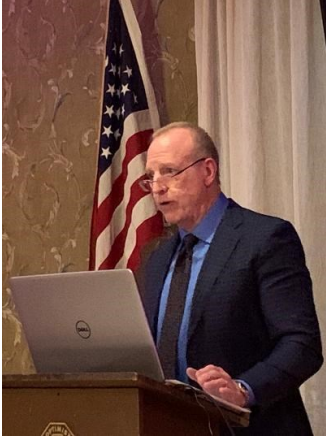


Wings of Hope is an aviation nonprofit delivering humanitarian programs. Globally, they assist in acquiring planes, parts and support to their partners in Africa, Latin America and Asia. Domestically, they provide Medical Relief & Air Transport to patients, the majority being children with serious medical conditions. They receive no federal funding and rely on donations, grants, and fund-raising events to provide their services free of charge. Website: <https://wingsofhope.ngo/>

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Officer Installation Banquet

Steve Harker chaired an evening of fellowship, food and drinks at Pio's Restaurant, with an entertaining music video of past and present club members and events, and gifts for many in attendance. Many thanks to Steve for his service as Club President and continued success to the club with Fred McGinley as the 2020-21 President!



Golf Tournament

Fred McGinley and his staff of volunteers ran a fun event with 18 teams competing for individual and team prizes. We had wonderful weather and excellent accommodations at [St. Peters Golf Course](#). *Many thanks to the sponsors who made the tournament possible:*

Lunch and Beverage Sponsor: [Moon Accounting Services, Inc.](#)

Dinner Sponsor: [Fred's Complete Car Care](#)

Hole Sponsors:

[Accutax—Connie Lyons](#)

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See our Webpage and Facebook page for pictures from the tournament

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: President Steve Harker called the meeting to order at 1:28 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Dave Borgmeyer, Roger Deppe, Mike Ebert, Steve Harker, Mary Krogmeier, Fred McGinley, Ellen Parker, Gerry Prinster, Jack Ross, and Dale Westby.

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Jack Ross moved to approve the minutes of August 18, 2020. Fred McGinley seconded. The minutes were approved.
- Ellen Parker reported that since we have sent out invoices for the 2020-21 Optimist year, we have had 37 members paid, 6 members dropped, and 5 members still unpaid. Final notices to those 5 members will be sent out this week.
- Ellen Parker presented a list of items that need to be discussed at the October board meeting, the first meeting of the new year and asked members to be thinking about suggestions for this year's pig fund. The items that will be included on next month's agenda include:
 - Establish committees and appoint chairpersons
 - Review by-laws
 - Establish annual dues
 - Set amount for benevolent gifts (currently (\$60)
 - Decide on recipient for annual pig fund
 - Approve Budget

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer reported that:

- Finances are in better shape due to income from the golf tournament, but expenses for the event are not yet paid.
- Dale Westby stated that we do not need to return Baue's \$550 payment for dinners and advertising for the Spaghetti Dinner, even though that fundraiser had to be cancelled. We greatly appreciate the donation.
- As of August 31, 2020, the general checking account had a balance of \$3,426.81. The savings account had a balance of \$5,070.08. The CDs total \$37,149.41. General Accounts total was \$47,765.65. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$183,527.22. The dues account showed a balance of \$2,119.35.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the financial report with the auditor. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- President Harker reported that 21 people have RSVP'd for the end of the year banquet. He asked one last time to submit pictures for his video. He also stated that seating would be socially distanced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Golf Tournament: To be held Monday, September 21. Chairman Fred McGinley reported that 15 foursomes have signed up and that he would be meeting with the people from the golf course to finalize details .

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Community Council—"Community Partners":** Roger Deppe reported that we are already members of the Community Council at a cost of \$250 per year. To get our logo on the newsletter will cost an addition \$1,000. He stated that he was passing along the information but that he was not recommending we pay the extra money for publicity. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **New Member:** Gerry Prinster moved that we approve Elena Cook as a new member. Mary Krogmeier seconded. Motion passed.
- **Presidential Plaque:** Ellen Parker moved that Roger Deppe have the engraving updated on the presidential plaque at a cost of \$25. Bob Beckman seconded. Motion passed.
- **Social Media:** Bob Beckman suggested that since our Social Media person, Alison Griffith, would no longer be with the club, that we combine some of our media outlets (Facebook, newsletter, and website) to the same chairperson. It was agreed that all outlets were important. No further discussion or action taken.
- **Feedback on OI Questions about Membership Retention:** Ellen Parker presented the questions asked by the EMO District Membership Chair and asked for input. She will then submit the feedback to the chairperson.

Q: What is the main cause for our members to leave within their first 5 years?

A: Health issues; too many "irons in the fire"; membership was paid for by a community sponsor and that sponsor was no longer able to make the payment; unable to attend meetings during work day

Q: What can you do at the local club level to correct this issue?

A: Reach out to members who are losing interest; get new members involved in committees right away; be more conscientious and make initiation a more important occasion.

Q: How can we at the district level help you?

A: Cheaper OI dues; allow "community representatives" to join free of charge or at a reduced rate; send a welcome acknowledgement from EMO to new members.

- **Special thank you to outgoing board members Roger Deppe and Carl Sandstedt for their service to the club over the past two years.**
- **Special thank you to Steve Harker for his outstanding leadership and service as President, especially through the tough times we have had this year.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Thank you note from Salvation Army for our donation.**
- **Thank you note from St. Charles West High School for our donation to their Traditions graduation event.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Deadline for the next newsletter will be September 29, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT: Roger Ebert moved to adjourn the meeting. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m .

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Parker, Secretary

EVENTS CALENDAR



September Schedule

October 6	Noon Meeting
October 13	Noon Meeting
October 20	Noon Meeting (Board Meeting at 1:00 PM)
October 27	Noon Meeting

Birthdays

October 2	Jeff Marion
October 3	Sharon North
October 7	Dulcie Couillard
October 14	Gerry Prinster
October 15	Paul Heid
October 22	Rick Pundmann



August Attendance

September 1	14 Members & 1 Guest
September 8	13 Members & 2 Guests
September 15	17 Members & 6 Guests
September 22	11 Members
September 29	14 Members & 1 Guest

Anniversaries

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

Speakers Preview

October 6	Aileen Abbott, World Bird Sanctuary
October 13	Fred's Plan for the new Optimist year
October 20	Tanner Smith, SSM; Acute Care Alignment
October 27	To Be Announced



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