

OPTIMIST NEWS

Club of St. Charles, Missouri

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Last week, Jefferson Intermediate held their Optimist Sponsored spelling bee and the results were:

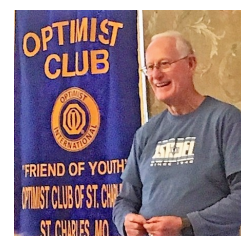
1st Place: Megan J.
2nd Place: Kristoff B.



All of these students received a medal and a certificate from the St. Charles Optimist Club. The top 3 spellers received checks ranging from \$50-\$100 and an invitation to attend a luncheon at Pio's from the St. Charles Optimist Club. These students will also have their names engraved on our Spelling Bee plaque (located in the front office).

From the President (Jack Ross)

Valentine's Day, was it really invented by Hallmark? The rumor is the executives at Hallmark, seeing the heavy decline in sales after Christmas, came up with a new reason to buy Hallmark cards. Well gentlemen, that doesn't matter, does it? Joking aside relationships, especially marriage relationships, are important to our happy existence. I know there are plenty of people that through choice or circumstance do not have a marriage partner, but all of us were created as relational beings. Although we do not have complete control of all our relationships, we can make every effort to be a positive partner in any relationship. In the case of Donald and Nancy there may be no hope, but that is an entirely unusual situation. You, each of you, have a choice how you will treat everyone; friend, family or stranger.

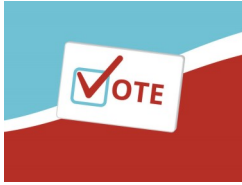


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Megan Johnson will represent Jefferson in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Written Semi-Final Bee at McKendree University on March 9th, with the possibility of participating in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Oral Final Bee on March 16th.

Board Actions



- ◆ Jeff Marion will chair this year's Election Committee. His committee includes Roger Deppe, Fred McGinley, and Jack Ross. Please let them know if you have an interest in running for the board. We **NEED YOU!**



- ◆ The board (December meeting) voted to sponsor a table (\$100) at this year's Crime Stoppers Awards Banquet.



- ◆ The board voted to participate in the "FORD Drive to Earn" event again this year—thanks Mr. Pundmann for offering to sign us up!
- ⇒ **UPDATE:** Rick Pundmann has submitted our application to hold this event on May 18th.



- ◆ The board voted to increase the amount budgeted for this year's Essay and Oratorical Contest so that Mr. Beckman can maximize participation
- ⇒ **UPDATE:** Bob Beckman is chairing this event and needs volunteer judges. Please see him if interested.



- ◆ The board voted to support member **David Borgmeyer's nomination as Citizen of the Year—Civic** by purchasing a table for the January February 1st event at Ameristar Casino. If you have an interest in attending, please let President Ross know! Former member/President Jerry Reese is also nominated in the "cultural" category.
- ⇒ **UPDATE:** The table for this event is full! The following will attend and support our own David Borgmeyer: Steve & Linda Harker, Mary and Dean Krogmeier, Bob & Jan Beckman, Jeff and Julie Marion, and Rick and Marge Pundmann.

PROGRAM REFLECTIONS

Right: Jack presenting to Jennie Wilson from Step By Step Counseling. Jennie shared all of the counseling issues being addressed in her practice.



Left: Jack with Tina Meier and her associate from the Megan Meier Foundation. They have done amazing work combating bullying and cyber-bullying in our community.



Right: Chris Marquart from the Eastern Missouri District (Optimist Club) presented to the club regarding ways to boost membership.



Events Calendar



Birthdays



January 31 - Optimistic Hour!

February 5 Noon Meeting
Essay Contest Judging (1pm)

February 12 Noon Meeting

February 19 Noon Meeting
Board Meeting (1pm)

February 26 Noon Meeting

February 6 Rich Green

February 9 Allen Field, Carl Sandstedt

February 12 Joe Gegg

February 20 Alan Suit



Anniversaries

April 26 Spaghetti Dinner
(Blanchette Park)

May 18 Ford Drive and Earn Event
(pending application approval)

June 53 Optimist Golf Tourney

June 8 Fishing Derby (Busch Wildlife)

February 12 Paul/Kathleen Wilke

February 27 Alan/Brenda Suit

SPEAKERS PREVIEW

February 5 Maggie Melson (SC City/County Library, Youth Dir.)

February 12 Katie Falco (Head Womens BB Coach—LU)

February 19 Ellen Parker (Elementary Spelling Bee Winners)

February 26 Ellen Parker (Jefferson Spelling Bee Winners)



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(Front row) Dave Borgmeyer, Fred McGinley, Jack Ross, Steve Harker, Ellen Parker, Jeff Marion

(Back Row) Mary Krogmeier, Mark Cook, Bob Beckman, Carl Sandstedt, Roger Deppe

(Not Pictured) Joe Gegg

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