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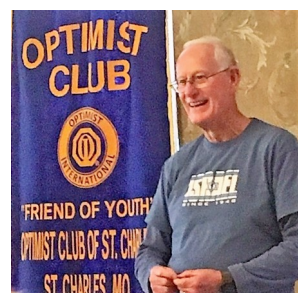
# OPTIMIST NEWS

Club of St. Charles, Missouri

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## From the President (Jack Ross)



## *The Optimist Creed*

### *Promise Yourself*

*To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.*

*To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.*

*To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.*

*To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.*

*To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.*

*To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.*

*To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.*

*To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.*

*To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.*

*To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.*

*"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."*<sup>1</sup>

# Board Actions



- ◆ The board voted to designate Youth In Need as the beneficiary of this year's Piggy Bank campaign



- ◆ The board voted to raise the flower/memorial fund amount “not to exceed \$60” per event



- ◆ The board voted to participate in the “FORD Drive to Earn” event again this year—thanks Mr. Pundmann for offering to sign us up!



- ◆ The board voted to increase the amount budgeted for this year's Essay and Oratorical Contest so that Mr. Suit can maximize participation



- ◆ 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.



# PROGRAM REFLECTIONS

Several club members enjoyed the 2nd Annual Love Awards at Jefferson Intermediate School on December 21st. As you know, our club sponsored the event with a \$3000 donation. The event honored numerous students and one teacher for simply demonstrated kindness and love to others on a daily basis. It was truly inspirational! Enjoy pics from this amazing event!



The stage is set (above). Club members with Superintendent, Dr. Jason Sefrit (right)

A view from the “cheap seats” (below).

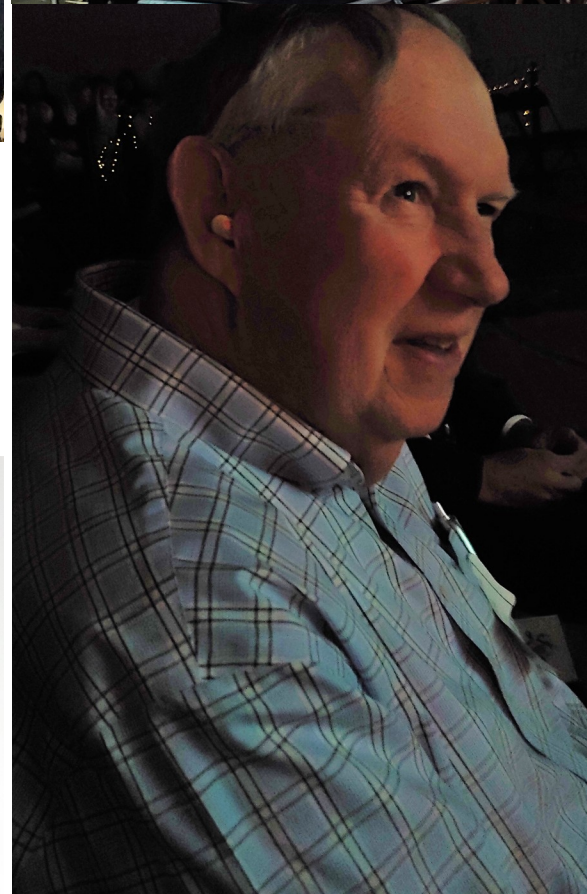






Mark Sikma, emcee for the event, cranking up the crowd (above, far right) joined on stage by St. Charles City and School District dignitaries.

Deceased member Lori Wootten's husband, Mark, helps present award named after Lori to a deserving teacher (top right corner)



David Borgmeyer (above) enjoys the excitement. After last year's event, he came prepared this year (note the ear plugs!)

All of the Award Winners posing for photos (left). Sorry for the blur, but they were so excited that they couldn't stand still!

## Events Calendar



January 8      Noon Meeting  
January 15      Noon Meeting  
                    Board Meeting (1pm)  
January 22      Noon Meeting  
January 29      Noon Meeting

**January 31 - Optimistic Hour!**

## Birthdays



January 15      Mark Cook  
January 24      Rick Pundmann  
January 29      Rocky Vercher

## Anniversaries



January 14      Fred/Lori McGinley  
January 20      Paul/Terri Hauser  
                    John/Lorraine Sarantakis

## SPEAKERS PREVIEW

January 8      Tina Meier (Megan Meier Foundation)  
January 15      Jennie Wilson (Step by Step Counseling)  
January 22      Chris Marquart (Eastern MO District Optimists)  
January 29      Maggie Nelson (SCC Library Foundation)







(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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