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OPTIMIST NEWS

Club of St. Charles, Missouri

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From the President (Jack Ross)

We had a great time relaxing, eating and visiting Friday September 28th. After dinner, Mike Ebert did the honors of swearing in the officers who are serving the 2018-2019 terms. Let's look optimistically at the new Optimist year and I for one appreciate the confidence placed in me by the club. We also took some time to honor a great Optimist servant, Larry Kraft, who will be leaving St Charles going back to be with family in Indiana. We will miss him.

Annual Dues



If you haven't paid your dues for the new year, please do so asap (see Ellen Parker). 2nd notices will be mailed out soon.

Optimist Hour

Many members enjoyed good food and good company at the Optimist Hour on August 30th!



OFFICER INSTALLATION DINNER

(9/28/18)



Carl Sandstedt (Director), Roger Deppe (Director) Jack Ross (President), Steve Harker (President-Elect) David Borgmeyer (Treasurer), Mary Krogmeier (Director), Bob Beckman (Director)



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

DALE WESTBY

Tell us a little about yourself.

I am happily married to my bride of fifty-two years, DeElda (Dee) Westby. We have two grown children, Dale Jr. (Rick) who moved back to St. Charles from Denver, CO about a year and a half ago to help us in our elder years. Rick calls every day on his way home from work to see if there is anything that we need help with around our home. Shanna lives in Denver, CO is employed by Merck Pharmaceutical for twenty-two years. Yes, my daughter sells "drugs". Neither of our children have been married, thus we have no grandchildren to brag about.



I attended South Dakota State University, SDSU and Northern State College, now University NSU before graduating from the Kentucky School of Mortuary Science in 1969. I am retired from Baue Funeral Homes and St. Charles Memorial Gardens after thirty-eight and a half years. I began as an apprentice embalmer and funeral director eventually becoming the General Manager of all of the funeral homes and cemetery. I retired as Vice President of St. Charles Memorial Gardens. I am a CCE, Certified Cemetery Executive, CFSP, Certified Funeral Service Practitioner and Certified Cremation Operator. I am a Life Member of Optimist International and Life Member of AMVETS Post 106 in St. Peters, MO.

My hobbies over the years have been hunting, fishing and golf. I have enjoyed the pleasure of taking our son and friends back to South Dakota to enjoy the wonderful pheasant hunting and walleye fishing. Naturally there have been many fishing trips to Lake of the Ozarks as well as more local lakes. I have been active deer hunter for many years. In our younger years Dee and I belonged to a golf group that enjoyed annual golf trips from Iowa to most

What is something that most members may not know about you?

Something that most members may not know about me is that I was the third president of our club, receiving Distinguished President status, served three years as Lieutenant Governor and one year as District Achievement and Awards Chairman. Over the years, I have personally brought in over forty new members to our club and helped build five or six new clubs in the region. Back in those days we were required to have thirty-five members to organize a club.



Why did you choose to become an Optimist Club member?

I became a member of the Optimist Club because my employer like most employers back in the early 70's encouraged community service more than they seem to today. I searched around and found that I liked the philosophy of the Optimist Club. I became the first member of our club, but don't tell Richard Green that. Rich and his brother-in-law, Bob Gebbens from the Brentwood Club organized our club. When I turned in my check, Bob told Rich, we have our first check. Rich and I have had fun since 1971 discussing that issue. I relinquish the first member to Rich, as if it hadn't been for him we wouldn't have had a club. I remain one of five charter members along with Rich Green, Ernie Dempsey, David Borgmeyer and Roger Deppe.

What has been your fondest memory related to the club?

My fondest memories of our club are too numerous to mention. When we chartered, our district was the entire state of Missouri. I traveled to conventions all over the state and made many friends beyond just our club. I can't say that there is any project that I didn't like. If I had to pick a favorite, I am most proud of our college scholarship program and our Fishing Derby. The Fishing Derby is not necessarily youth oriented, but to help the people from Community Living enjoy their day, gives me instant gratification.

What do you hope to see the club do in the future?

I hope to see our club grow in the future. We need new members, which we were just talking about this week at our table. We need members that are committed to community service, attend our meetings and help with our projects. (ALL THREE) As we all know, there are numerous youth out there that needs assistance in many ways and we have the projects and the funding to assist them.

I feel that the future of our club requires new members. All we need to do is ask someone to join and explain our club purpose and objectives and there is a good chance that they will join. I am like most of you and don't ask. We need to be committed to making that a practice, make our club even stronger and help more youth. We older members are getting tired and slower. We need new people, new ideas and new energy.

PROMISE YOURSELF TO BRING A NEW MEMBER



Events Calendar



October 2	Noon Meeting at Pio's
October 9	Noon Meeting at Pio's
October 16	Noon Meeting at Pio's with Board Meeting to follow
October 23	Noon Meeting at Pio's
October 30	Noon Meeting at Pio's

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
October 24	Jackie Borgmeyer

Anniversaries



October 6	Richard/Janel Krill
	John/Vicki White
October 14	Craig/Angel Dodson
October 15	Bob/Nancy Thornhill
September 28	Barbara/Buddy Hall

SPEAKERS PREVIEW

October 2	Steve Ehlmann (County Exec.)
October 9	tbd
October 16	tbd
October 23	tbd
October 30	Amanda Brauer



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