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**WHO WILL YOU INVITE TO JOIN YOU IN OPTIMISM?**



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

On Monday, February 19th, Mary Krogmeier, Bob Beckman and I were privileged to judge the club's oratorical contest at the Boy's and Girl's club of St. Charles. I had never preformed that kind of duty before and wasn't sure what to expect. It turned out to be a fun experience. I go to meet some great young people and was quite impressed with their effort. I want to recognize Mark Cook and Tim Horton who put a lot of time and effort into organizing and managing the essay and speech events. Thanks to the Boy's and Girl's Club for hosting the awards ceremony for the essay and speech winners. Mary Krogmeier, Roger Deppe, Ellen Parker and I reviewed twenty essays from the club's essay contest. Thanks to Ellen Parker for chairing our Spelling Bees and the School District for Co-Hosting the event. Thanks to all of you. Winners of these contests will be invited to future noon meetings.

**ST. CHARLES STUDENTS COMPETE IN ANNUAL SPELLING BEE CONTEST**

Thanks to the efforts of Ellen Parker, twenty-one elementary and sixteen middle school students were able to participate in this year's Spelling Bees. The club co-sponsors the Spelling Bee with the St. Charles School District. The winners of the Elementary Bee were Matthew Schreiber (3rd place), Alexandra Nicasro (2nd place) and Naren Bhat (1st place). The winners of the Jefferson School Bee were Isabel Lindquist (1st), Autumn Wells (2nd) and Megan Johnson (3rd). (Pictures were not available.)



Pictured here are the Jefferson Middle School contestants just prior to the start of their contest.



**HARDIN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPETE IN ESSAY AND ORATORICAL CONTEST**

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Thanks to the St. Charles Boy's and Girl's Club for hosting the club's award assembly for the Essay and Oratorical contests. The event was well attended and the students were proud of their accomplishment. Special thanks to Tim Horton for chairing this event. The winner of the Essay Contest was Sophia Prost (fifth from left). The winner of the Speech Contest was Legend Chapman (seventh from left). The event chairman, Tim Horton, is to the right.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Jack Ross 3/22

**ANNIVERSARIES**

None this month

**PROGRAMS**

**Tuesday 3/6**

Erica Land

St. Charles City/County Library

**Tuesday 3/13**

Dr. Danielle Tomala

St. Chalres School Dist.

**Tuesday 3/20**

Sgt Susan Shields

St. Charles Police Dept.

**Tuesday 3/27**

Cassie Morris

NCADA

**COMING EVENTS**

Optimistic Hour 3/8

Spaghetti Dinner 4/6

Shower of Love 4/26

Ford Fest 5/19

(Drive for Your Comm)

Golf Tournament 6/4

Fishing Derby 6/9

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**ELECTION COMMITTEE**

Dr. Marion will chair the Election Committee this year and encourages each of you to consider where you might volunteer to serve next year. The offices to be filled are President, President-elect, Vice President, and three Board Member positions (two-year term).

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