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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



What can I say about the **NEW YEAR** that hasn't been said a thousand times before? Do we look back and evaluate what 2017 was or forward to what we expect from 2018? Well please indulge me as I look at the short time I have been President of our club. It is as I said it would be at the inauguration. You, our members have continued planning, guiding and executing. I am just the felicitator at the meetings; regular or board. You are the core, the heart of the club. I got to go to the Love Awards in December and represent you. While there at Jefferson I met a young teacher who when I told her I am President of the Optimist Club she lit up. She said the Optimist Club is dear to her heart because of what we do for the youth and she had received a scholarship from the club. Figuring she had been teaching a while and she had to go to college, I wasn't even a member when the scholarship award was given. See there you made a difference in her life before I ever came around. I'm not disrespecting the office of president and am happy to serve but it certainly isn't a one person show. With that said, I am hoping you had a wonderful Christmas and are ready to keep on serving the youth of St Charles in 2018. I'll be there beside you doing my part. Thanks for your support, input and encouragement.

Jack

**BELL RINGING 2017**

Thanks to the efforts of Alan Sait the club was able to assist with the Salvation Army's Bell Ringing again this year. Volunteers included: Jean Kent, Paul Heid, Dale Westby, Carl Sandstedt, Kathy Lohmann, Shelly Ruetter, Lori Wotten, Bob Beckman, Joe Gegg, Roger Deppe, David Borgmeyer, Mary and Dean Krogmeier and grandson, Logan, Mike Ebert, Jack Ross, Ellen Parker, Alan and Brenda Sait



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Our club co-sponsored this event with Love Awards. Love Awards recognizes students who were selected by the Jefferson Intermediate School staff for acts of kindness and love during the year. Those in attendance were deeply moved by the outpouring of joy expressed by the awardees for the recognition.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Mark Cook 1/15  
 Connie Ebert 1/24  
 Mike King 1/24  
 Rocky Vercher 1/29

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Fred & Lori McGlaley 1/14  
 Paul & Ellen Heid 1/20  
 John & Lorraine Sarantalis 1/20

**PROGRAMS**

Tuesday 1/9  
 Joyce Johnston  
 National Alliance on  
 Mental Illness  
 Tuesday 1/16  
 Scott Tate  
 St. Charles Chamber  
 Tuesday 1/23  
 Allison Griffith  
 Consumer Health &  
 Government Documents  
 St. Charles C/C Library  
 Tuesday 1/30  
 Scott Drachnik  
 Missouri Job Center  
 St. Charles County

**COMING EVENTS**

Spagetti Dinner 4/16  
 Mustang Club Cookout 5/9  
 Golf Tournament 6/4  
 Fishing Derby 6/9

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



LET'S FILL  
 THIS FOURTH  
 TABLE  
 IN  
 JANUARY.



**FRIEND OF YOUTH**