

OPTIMIST NEWS

Optimist Club of St. Charles, Missouri

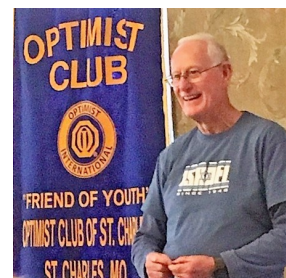
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Lindenwood University Men's and Women's Basketball:

At two of our noon meetings, we were treated to previews of the Men's and Women's basketball teams and their exciting move to the highly successful NCAA Division II Great Lakes Valley Conference. Coaches for both teams are enthusiastic about the outlook for competitive and entertaining games and a successful season. Optimist Club members are encouraged to show support of the teams by attending games and cheering them on to victories.

Past-President Jack Ross



Fall, the trees are beginning to turn colors and drop their leaves. Soon they will be dormant. Then comes the snow. Some look and see the beauty. I look and see the cold. Wrapping up to take the dog for a walk, yuk! Wait, this is the Optimist Club newsletter! I need to get optimistic. There's Halloween, all the children will be dressed as their favorite characters, having so much fun. Then there is Thanksgiving with the big Butterball turkey, yum. Ok you get the idea. Fall and winter are a stage in the cycle. Do I have a point? Yes, I am cycling out of the Presidency but not out of serving with a great group of people. Thanks for all your support, patience and kindness these two years. You, our members, make the Optimist Club function. Keep it up and I will be there beside you as we work to support the youth in the St Charles community.



Left: Lindenwood Women's Basketball Coach Katie Falco with Jack Ross and one of her Senior players.

Right: Lindenwood Men's Basketball Coach Kyle Gerde-
man. Assistant Coach Terry Hollander (not pictured) was also in attendance.





Gerry Pollard and Jack Ross

Keeping with the basketball theme for September meetings, Gerry Pollard, who is a Sports Official and Officials Coordinator for 5 College Men's Basketball Conferences and their officiating staffs, spoke on September 17th. Gerry gave an overview of his duties in these roles, and the importance of having highly trained referees, which he contributes through his Hoops Officiating Clinics. He also shared interesting experiences he has had officiating games and interactions with players and coaches. Gerry is retired from the police force, having served as Deputy for the St. Charles County Sheriff Department and Captain for the St. Charles Police Department. Gerry's closing request was for fans attending games at any level to show respect for those officiating the games.



Tim McGue and Jack Ross

At our September 24 meeting, Tim McGue, a kidney donor, gave an interesting presentation on diseases of the kidneys and how to keep them healthy. Tim was accompanied by Jane Delworth from the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) who explained legislation being considered to assist donors with medical bills and help with insurance ramifications. Contact the NKF at 855.NKF.CARES or through their website at nkfcares@kidney.org for questions and brochures about kidney disease, donation and more!

Notes of Interest to Club Members:

1. The Officer Installation Banquet was held on Thursday, September 26. Board members for the 2019-20 year were inducted into office by Region 6 Lt. Gov. Paul Hauser. The Board will be addressing recently created Board vacancies in our October meeting.
2. Care to Learn Gala: The St. Charles School District is holding it's 5th Annual Care to Learn St. Charles Black & White Ball on Saturday, October 26, 6:30 PM at the Ameristar Casino Grand Ballroom in St. Charles. Our Optimist Club is funding a \$1,000 sponsorship to "Lori's Legacy of Love" in memory of Lori Wooten, which includes 6 tickets for Club members. If you would like to attend, please see Steve Harker for information.
3. The next Optimist Hour will be held at Culpepper's Restaurant on Thursday, October 24th at 5:30 pm. Come enjoy good food, drink and company. Bring a guest and introduce them to our club and club members!

INSTALLATION DINNER HIGHLIGHTS



Following two exemplary years of service to the club as President, Jack Ross handed over the “bell and gavel” to our new President, Steve Harker. During Jack’s time in office, the club continued to serve the youth of the community in many ways and instituted several new fund-raising events. Steve takes over with several goals including increasing club membership, finding opportunities for member participation, and continuing to conduct successful events and programs. Many thanks to Jack for his hard work and dedication to the club, and a call to all members to support Steve in his leadership during the coming year.



Rick Pundmann was recognized as Optimist of the Year for his many contributions to the success of the club. Rick and Pundmann Ford have been instrumental in providing the club with opportunities to participate in both the Ford Fest and Show-Me Stampede All Ford Rally at Pundmann Ford’s facilities. These opportunities are a win-win for the club and the events. The club serves food and drinks to the attendees and raises significant funds for our youth programs. Rick participates in many other club events such as the Spaghetti Dinner and the Beer Booths at the St. Charles County Fair and Festival of the Little Hills. Congratulations to Rick for earning this prestigious award.

Participants Needed!



Emergency Response Distribution Exercise

9:30–11:30 a.m.
Thursday, Oct. 10

St. Charles West High School
3601 Droste Rd.
St. Charles, MO 63301

St. Charles County Public Health will conduct a drill simulating the County's response to a public health threat. A Point of Dispensing (POD) site will be set up at St. Charles West High School for individuals and groups to participate by serving as patients seeking medication. All ages and abilities are encouraged to participate!

The first 200 registered participants receive a voucher for a free sandwich from



All participants will be entered into a drawing for a prize basket from



St. Charles County Public Health
sccmo.org/PublicHealth



/StCharlesCountyPublicHealth



@SCCHHealth

Pre-register at
sccpod2019.eventbrite.com
or call Nick Kohlberg at
636-949-7554.

The **St. Charles County Health Department** is conducting a full-scale emergency exercise on **October 10th, 2019**. They will be testing our plans to distribute medication to the public during a pandemic or other large-scale disaster, using what is called a point of dispensing (POD).

The POD will be open to the public from **9:30-11:30am** at **St. Charles West High School**. They are in need of volunteers to serve as “patients” in need of medication – all you need to do is show up anytime in that 2-hour window, and we’ll take it from there! The **first 200 volunteers get a free Chick-Fil-A sandwich?**

Here is a good opportunity for Optimist Club members and guests to serve our county.

OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Jack Ross called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.
2. ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Mark Cook, Roger Deppe, Steve Harker, Mary Krogmeier, Fred McGinley, Ellen Parker, Jack Ross, and Carl Sandstedt. Also in attendance was Jean Kent.
3. SECRETARY REPORT:
 - Steve Harker moved to approve the minutes of August 20, 2019. Mark Cook seconded. The minutes were approved.
 - Ellen Parker reported that she had sent 12 second notices for dues.
4. TREASURER REPORT:
 - As of August 31, 2019, the general checking account has a balance of \$11,753.35. The savings account has a balance of \$7,764.41. The CDs total \$36,544.93. General Accounts Total is \$56,669.53. The Scholarship Funds balance is \$183,612.75. The dues account shows a balance of \$606.84.
 - Roger Deppe moved to file the financial report with the auditor. Bob Beckman seconded. Motion passed.
 - Mark Cook stated that he would like to remove his name from signing checks. Roger Deppe moved to have the following as authorized signers of checks each year: the current President, the Treasurer, and a member appointed by the Board. Of these three, two have to sign. Mary Krogmeier seconded. Motion passed.
5. PRESIDENT REPORT:
 - The Optimistic Hour originally scheduled for October 31st has been changed to October 24 at 5:30 at Culpepper's, due to Halloween. It was also recommended that we discuss having the date and time of Optimistic Hour at the discretion of the President.
 - State of the Club: Discussion centered around meeting times and dwindling attendance. It was agreed to add the state of the club discussion to next month's agenda.
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - Spelling Bee: Carl Sandstedt moved that we pay the fee for the Scripps National Spelling Bee Registration in the amount of \$165 before October 15 for the Jefferson Intermediate School winner. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed. Ellen Parker will inform Stacey Stubits, the Jefferson Spelling Bee Coordinator by email.
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - President-Elect Replacement: No action taken. Fred McGinley agreed to fill the position until we can find a replacement.
 - Board Member Replacement: The new President for 2019-20 will bring nominations to replace the open seat to the Board next month for approval. Mike Ebert and Gerry Prinster have volunteered.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - EMO District Emails
 - Michael Boles: Social Media Marketing training at 1st Quarter Conference:
 - Steve Harker will reach out to Allison Griffith and invite her to go to the 1st Quarter District Conference on Oct. 26 to attend the training session.
 - Tabitha Warner: New EMO District Sec./Treasurer invite to 1st Quarter District Conference Oct. 25-26: Jack Ross and Steve Harker will get together on Friday and discuss attending the conference.
 - Roger Deppe moved to add Steve Harker's name to the President's Plaque. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.
 - Ellen Parker commended Jack Ross for his past two years of service as President of the club.
 - Attendance for the tickets we have for the Care to Learn Gala on Oct. 26: Steve Harker and guest, Bob Beckman and guest, and Jack Ross and guest.
9. CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you note for school supplies was received from Tara at Orchard Farm.
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Deadline for Newsletter is September 25, 2019.
11. ADJOURNMENT: Ellen Parker moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Harker seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Parker, Secretary

Events Calendar



October 1	Noon Meeting
October 8	Noon Meeting
October 15	Noon Meeting (Board Meeting at 1pm)
October 22	Noon Meeting
October 24	Optimist Hour at Culpepper's Restaurant at 5:30 PM
October 26	Care to Learn Black & White Ball - See Steve Harker for ticket information
October 29	Noon Meeting

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

Anniversaries



October 6	John/Vicki White
October 6	Rich/Janel Krill
October 16	Paul/Terri Hauser



SPEAKERS PREVIEW

October 1	Jeanne Spencer, CCRB St. Charles County Kids
October 8	TBA
October 15	Angela Berra, National Alliance on Mental Health
October 22	Ann Wilson, Heritage Girls
October 29	Beth Norvel, St. Charles City Public Relations