

June 2021

OPTIMIST NEWS

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Change in Club Leadership

Due to personal reasons, 2020-21 Club President Fred McGinley submitted his resignation as President effective May 11th. Gerry Prinster will serve as President through September 30, 2021.

The Board of Directors sent Fred the following note of thanks in recognition of service to the Club:

Dear Fred,

The Optimist Board of Directors would like to inform you that we have accepted your resignation as Club President for the remainder of the 2020-2021 Optimist year.

You have done a great job and we regret the loss of your leadership. We would like to thank you for your leadership and all you have done to promote the club.

Best Wishes & Optimistically Yours,

The 2020-2021 Optimist Club of St. Charles Board of Directors

President-Elect Bob Beckman



Last month I wrote about there being no “I” in Club and why a team approach is key to the success of any organization. While teamwork is great, how many of you have been on teams where a small number of people do the heavy lifting and others serve as observers or occasionally “cheerleaders” for their teammates? If observer or cheerleader best describes your usual role on a project, please note that there is a “U” in Club, as in “You!” All of us have talents that can help our Club in its endeavor to serve the youth in the community. These talents could be chairperson, co-chair, volunteer, helper, financier, or any number of roles where you may find your passion on a project or event. Last month I guaranteed that you will feel good about what you do for the Club. Taking a term used by the news media, I am going to “double-down” and guarantee that any effort devoted to Club activities will reap personal rewards far greater than the effort given. Take a chance, get out of your comfort zone. The Club is counting on You.

SPEAKERS & RECENT EVENTS

Medical Marijuana Briefing



Ruthie Jayne, a Medical Marijuana Concierge who last spoke at a Club meeting in July 2020, continued her informational briefings about medical marijuana, its uses and medical benefits, licensing, information about her role as concierge, and information about dispensaries for the products. She shared information found on the following websites if you want to learn more about these topics:

www.mmjconcierge.net

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/older-adults-and-medical-marijuana-reduced-stigma-and-increased-use-2-2020040119321>

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/medical-marijuana/how-to-apply-pi.php>

Oratorical Recognition



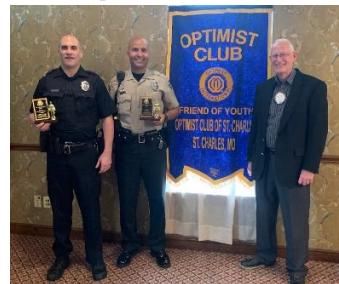
The top three finishers in the Oratorical contest were Anastasia Cook, Emily Johannes and Alyssa Baker. They were recognized in our meeting on May 11th. Emily and Alyssa participated via Zoom and Anastasia in-person to deliver their insightful speeches on "Healing the World With Optimism." All eight contestants who competed in our club contest did an excellent job while gaining experience in public speaking! Pictured above is first place finisher Anastasia Cook.

Scholarship Winners



Six St. Charles area high school students were chosen for scholarships awarded by our Club. Four of the six recipients were in attendance for our meeting on May 18th. Students pictured above (from left) are Isabelle Boschert—Duchesne High, Sam Papin—St. Charles West, Claire Mosher—St. Charles High, and Connor Asbell—St. Charles High. Erin Turner—Lutheran St. Charles and Hannah Braune—Orchard Farm were not able to attend due to year-end testing. Congratulations to all and best wishes in their future studies.

Respect for Law



Officer Aaron Curl (left) of the St. Charles City Police Dept and Officer Barry Bayles (right) of the St. Charles County Police Dept were recognized for devotion to duty and service to the community and received our Club's Respect for Law award. Respect for Law began with Optimist Int'l in 1965 after a discussion between Past OI President Carl Bowen and former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. It was our Club's first community service project in 1971 and remains a Club favorite today. Many thanks to these two Officers for their dedicated service!

OPTIMISTIC HOUR & THANK YOU'S



After more than a year without Optimistic Hours, this Club tradition was resumed with a gathering of Club members and guests at Culpepper's Grill and Bar on May 28th. As seen in these pictures taken by Roger Deppe, a good time was had by all!

SPONSORS OF THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Fred's Tire & Auto	Lunch Sponsor
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Ameriprise Fin-Mike Havestick	Hole Sponsor
Baue Funeral Home	Hole Sponsor
Boschert & Sons Homes	Hole Sponsor
Buse's Flower Shop	Hole Sponsor
Dairy Queen -- St. Charles	Hole Sponsor
Debrecht Lawn Care	Hole Sponsor
Dilly Agency	Hole Sponsor
Doyle Suit, Storyteller	Hole Sponsor
Edward Jones--Rob Halterman	Hole Sponsor
Frenchtowne Transmission	Hole Sponsor
Steve Harker & Family	Hole Sponsor
Kilwins Chocolate & Ice Cream	Hole Sponsor
LTS Auto Service	Hole Sponsor
Pundmann Ford	Hole Sponsor
Riviera II	Hole Sponsor
St Charles JR Baseball/Softball	Hole Sponsor
Stifel Nicolaus-Martin Ghafoori	Hole Sponsor
Water Cooling Equipment	Hole Sponsor



Support our tournament sponsors!!



Dear Optimist Club,
We cannot thank you enough for your support of Jefferson Intermediate School and the Love Awards! The event was even more student-led this year. Knowing that you chose to sponsor us again was a huge encouragement to our 5th and 6th graders. Thank you so much!

Jefferson
Tammara Wilson Taylor Nelson Megan Persell Susy Marsh

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: President-Elect Bob Beckman called the meeting to order at 12:59 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Dave Borgmeyer, Mark Cook, Mike Ebert, Allen Field, Steve Harker, Mary Krogmeier, Ellen Parker, Gerry Prinster, Dale Westby. Also in attendance was Roger Deppe.

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Dale Westby moved to approve the minutes of April 20, 2021. Mark Cook seconded. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer reported that:

- Main income from April was from paid lunches.
- Main expenses from April include the annual Boy Scout donation of \$200 and the donation for the Jefferson Love Awards of \$2500.
- The scholarship awards for this year amounted to \$5500. Five \$1000 scholarships and one \$500 community college scholarship. \$5000 was taken from the scholarship fund and \$500 from the general account.
- The CD's mature at the end of next month, Dave Borgmeyer will withdraw \$7000 and transfer it to our savings account. He will roll over the remaining amount.
- As of April 30, 2021, the general checking account had a balance of \$1,882.01. The savings account had a balance of \$571.44. The CD's total \$37,399.50. General Accounts total was \$39,852.95. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$187,110.52. The dues account showed a balance of \$947.17.
- Steve Harker moved to file the April financial report with the auditor. Allen Field seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Golf Tournament:** We currently have 15 teams signed up (5 paid), 16 hole sponsors (10 paid), and 1 lunch sponsor (paid). Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer stated that more checks are coming in.
- **50 Year Anniversary/Installation Banquet:** Chairman Dale Westby has sent an email to charter members. Possible ideas include a proclamation from the city and/or county, inviting the mayor and our regional Optimist leaders, and Steve Harker's video. Chairman Westby also requested that members pass on any additional ideas for the banquet. Ellen Parker will send out an invitation flyer to each member when she sends out the invoices at the beginning of August.
- **Scholarship Committee:** Chairman Mike Ebert reported that we awarded \$1000 scholarships to five seniors attending a four-year university and one \$500 scholarship to a senior attending community college.
- **Project Invite:** Roger Deppe submitted his outcomes report (attached at end of minutes). The Omega team earned 45 points. The Alpha team earned thirty points. Thank you Roger for your work on this project and your attempts to improve our club.
- **Respect for Law:** Chairman Jack Ross sent a message that everything is set to honor recipients from the St. Charles City Police and County Police at next week's meeting, May 25th.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Possible formation of Fundraising Committee: Ellen Parker moved to table this item until next month. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed .

NEW BUSINESS:

- Club President Vacancy through September 30, 2021:
 - Mark Cook moved to accept Fred McGinley's resignation as Club President. Allen Field seconded. Motion passed.
 - Steve Harker moved to acknowledge and thank Fred McGinley for his service to the club as President these past seven months. Mike Ebert seconded. Ellen Parker will send an email to Fred acknowledging his resignation as President and thanking him for his service this year. Bob Beckman will include this acknowledgement in the next newsletter.
 - Dave Borgmeyer moved that Vice President Gerry Prinster assume the duties of President for the remainder of the 2020-2021 Optimist year, through September 30, 2021. Dale Westby seconded. Motion passed.
- Past President Vacancy Starting October 1, 2021: No action taken. Tabled until next month.
- Future Speakers—Needs a Process: Suggestions were offered for possible future speakers. Mary Krogmeier moved to create an annual calendar to schedule projected speakers. Steve Harker seconded. Motion passed. Bob Beckman will contact Carl Sandstedt for suggestions on creating an electronic calendar.
- Missouri Leadership Sponsorship Request: Dave Borgmeyer moved to send \$300 to Sponsor two students for the Missouri Leadership Seminar. Ellen Parker seconded. Motion passed.
- Festival of the Little Hills Beer Booth: We have been offered the opportunity to work the beer booth at the Festival of the Little Hills, August 20-22, to raise money for our club. Ellen Parker moved to allow Mark Cook to contact the person from Frenchtown Museum to arrange our working at the Festival beer booth. Mike Ebert seconded. Motion passed.
- Mustang Car Show: Steve Harker moved that our club support the Mustang Car Show on August 7, 2021 by selling hot dogs, brats, etc. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed. Mark Cook volunteered to set this up.
- St. Charles County Fair Beer Booth: Dale Westby will look into this item.
- Fairwinds River's Edge Invitation to Host a Club Meeting: Ellen Parker moved to table this item until next month. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.
- Upcoming OI Webinars: Ellen Parker reported that OI is having Webinars that we may be interested in on "Facebook Page Management" (June 21, 2021) and "Tools for Communication" (August 23, 2021). See the OI website for details.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you note received from Jefferson Intermediate School for our \$2500 donation for their 2021 Jefferson Love Awards event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Deadline for the next newsletter will be May 31, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Cook moved to adjourn the meeting. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Parker, Secretary

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
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Project Invite Attachment**

**P R O J E C T I N V I T E
O U T C O M E S**

ALPHA TEAM	OMEGA TEAM
INVITEES (5 points) Paul Arneson 2/23 (Deppe) Les Hester 3/16 (Borgmeyer)	INVITEES (5 points) Tricia Davis 2/1 (Westby) Vickie White 2/9 (White) Jennifer Williams 3/23 (Krogmeier)
ATTENDANCE (10 points) Paul Arneson 2/23 (Deppe) Les Hester 3/16 (Borgmeyer)	ATTENDANCE (10 points) Tricia Davis 2/1 (Westby) Vickie White 2/9 (White) Jennifer Williams 3/23 (Krogmeier)
MEMBERSHIP (25 points) none	MEMBERSHIP (25 points) none
TOTAL POINTS THIRTY	TOTAL POINTS FORTY-FIVE

EVALUATION COMMENTS:

Positives:

1. Five individuals were exposed to “optimism.”
2. Project focused on the need to increase membership.
3. Members were challenged, not pressured, to participate.

Negatives:

1. Lack of participation by most members.
2. Weekly attendance by members is very low.
3. Pandemic had negative impact on project.
4. People are not joining civic clubs.

REWARD LUNCHEON:

The Omega Team members were treated to lunch on May 11th.
(Omega Team is the bottom half of our roster)

MILESTONES AND LOOK-AHEAD



June Schedule

June 1	Noon Meeting
June 8	Noon Meeting
June 15	Noon Meeting (Board Meeting to Follow)
June 22	Noon Meeting
June 29	Noon Meeting

Birthdays

June 14	Rich Krill
June 14	Kathy Lenihan
June 17	Ellen Parker



Membership Anniversaries



June 2021:	Ed Gettemeier — 11 years
	Chris McCoy — 32 years
	Jack Ross — 8 years

Wedding Anniversaries



June 2	Steve & Linda Harker
June 10	Richard & Marge Green
June 10	Mike & Connie Ebert
June 15	Jack & Ellen Parker
June 16	Andrew & Lynn Stewart
June 18	Dale & Dee Westby
June 28	Joe & Barb Gegg

Speakers Preview

June 1	OI 100 Year History / Club Path Forward
June 8	To Be Announced
June 15	To Be Announced
June 22	Bill Brecht - Lewis & Clark Boat House
June 29	To Be Announced



Note: The Club will follow St. Charles City & County government guidance/guidelines for holding club events and meetings during the pandemic crisis.



ST. CHARLES CLUB OFFICERS (2020-2021)

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TREASURER	DAVE BORGMEYER (636-723-0275)
PAST PRESIDENT	STEVE HARKER (636-947-3179)

DIRECTORS

MARK COOK (314-520-0913)	MIKE EBERT (314-402-9039)
ALLEN FIELD (314 398-8742)	MARY KROGMEIER (636-734-5903)
JACK ROSS (314-287-0569) (Jack also serves as Zone 7 Lt. Gov.)	DALE WESTBY (314-550-7723)

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