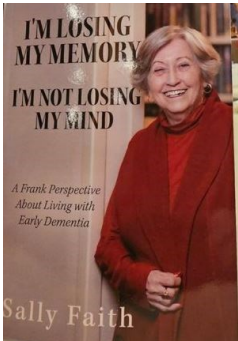


April 2024

OPTIMIST NEWSLETTER



MARCH RECAP



Former St Charles Mayor, Sally Faith, along with members of a local book writers club, were guests at our meeting on March 5th. Sally spoke on her journey facing early stage dementia, and how she has dealt with difficult decisions and changes in her life by staying positive, active, and retaining her sense of humor. She has written a book "I'm Losing My Memory, I'm Not Losing My Mind", available on Amazon.

Mayor Dan Borgmeyer and Director of Economic Development Mike Klinghammer of the City of St. Charles spoke on a new City Centre Complex proposed at the ACF property. The new Main Street extension would connect the Historic Main Street District with Frenchtown. Proposition C bond issue was on the April 2nd ballot and was approved. <https://citycentrecomplex.com/>



Erin Johnston, Executive Director of "Addiction is Real", spoke on the importance of educating parents on the signs of child addiction to drugs and alcohol, and how parents can take preventative action to avoid these situations from occurring. She also shared personal experiences she has seen and their devastating effects. Website: <https://addictionisreal.org>

APRIL MEETINGS & EVENTS

- April 2** Noon Meeting
Angela Curtis—Moms Demand Action
- April 5** Spaghetti Dinner!!
Memorial Hall in Blanchette Park
- April 9** Noon Meeting
Essay Contest Recognition
- April 16** Noon and Board Meetings
Oratorical Contest Recognition
- April 23** Noon Meeting
Val Kienzle—SC History in Postcards
- April 30** Noon Meeting
Open

Funding a Legacy of Giving

If ever there was a question about the importance for Club members to enthusiastically support our fundraisers, the coming months provide an abundance of answers.

In April, we recognize the top 3 finishers in our Essay and Oratorical contests at luncheons where they accept their awards and deliver their winning essays and speeches. 3 of our prior year contestants have gone on to win scholarships at the District contests.

Also in April, the "We Love St. Charles" non-profit holds its annual Love Awards at Jefferson Intermediate School. Our Club is a major sponsor of this event where students are recognized for their acts of kindness and love towards others.

In May, our Club awards scholarships to local high school seniors for their academic and extracurricular excellence.

In June, we hold our annual Fishing Derby where Club members assist Community Living clients in a morning of "competitive" fishing, followed by lunch and awards. The smiles, laughter and sense of achievement during this fun-filled time are heart-warming.

These events are satisfying to all, and economically beneficial to many. But it takes money to fund them and to provide lunches for those being recognized and their guests.

The Spaghetti Dinner was a success thanks to the leadership of Dale Westby and Sharon North and the many volunteers. Now, let's support our Golf Tournament by recruiting teams and sponsors. The returns we receive will far outweigh the effort expended.

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Meetings: Our weekly meetings are held on Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. at Pio's Restaurant, 401 First Capitol Dr, St. Charles, MO 63301.
Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month.
Visitors are welcome.