

OPTIMIST NEWS

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Welcome New Club Members

Welcome to recent new members Megan Hallam, Jim Borgman and Earl Kennedy.

Megan is not completely new as she was the Junior Optimist / Hardin Middle School Peer Ambassador leader prior to the 2020 -2021 school year. Staffing issues caused her to be given a different assignment last year. Randi Riggins took over this role and did an outstanding job. We are glad to have Megan back and working with her students in the Essay and Oratorical contests.

Earl Kennedy is the brother-in-law of club member Mike Ebert and brother of Connie Ebert.

Jim Borgman was previously a club member and is now retired after working in the banking field for many years.

Welcome! We hope to see each of you at a meeting soon!

President

Bob Beckman



Like many people, I keep a personal journal with passages about my life experiences. I don't know about you, but I have many more entries on my disappointments and failures than I do my successes.

If you saw my journal, you'd think I've led a life of hardships. This is hardly the case. I was blessed to be raised by hard-working parents who took care of my basic needs and many discretionary "wants". I had a happy childhood, attended good schools, held good paying jobs, have relatively good health, a wonderful marriage, and now a comfortable retirement.

So why is my journal full of stories on failures and disappointment? In the sports world, they say you learn more from your losses than you do from your wins. Perhaps I'm still learning by writing these passages.

As Optimists, we made a pledge to live by the promises in the Optimist Creed. In fact, we recite the Creed to close our weekly meetings. But for those promises to have a positive impact on our lives, they must come from our hearts and not just from our lips.

SPEAKERS & RECENT EVENTS

Orchard Farm School Services



Dr. Melissa Daniel, Executive Director of Student Services, spoke on the effects that Covid-19 has had on the Orchard Farm School District and its students. Obviously, virtual learning has been a challenge for everyone involved. However, educators have used the opportunity to “think out of the box” in finding new ways to teach. In recognition of our Club’s donation of school supplies, their Early Child Center made the banner shown above with the message “When Everyone Lends a Hand, Everyone Wins.”

School Website: <http://www.ofsd.k12.mo.us/>

Boys & Girls Club of SC County



Club Member Rick Daleen gave a detailed presentation on all the programs and opportunities being offered to area youth by the BGCSTC, including After School Programs, Youth Sports and Summer Day Camp. Their mission is “to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.” They also hold fund-raising events that our Club members can support as a way of helping the youth in the community.

Club Website: <https://bgcstc.org/>

Harvester Christian Church



Terry Norris, CARE Pastor at Harvester Christian Church, gave an outstanding talk on the many community outreach programs that are made available by his church and its members to those in need in the community. These include food pantry, utility assistance, partnering with local schools and many more. Terry also expressed his appreciation for service organizations such as our Optimist Club for what we do in the community. See website for more information:

<https://harvester.cc/>

SC County Election Authority



Kurt Bahr, Director of Elections for St. Charles County, had an informative presentation on the election process in the county. Kurt considers election security and access as two of the most important election values. His presentation showed how these values are instituted into procedures, ballots, and equipment used to conduct an election. Kurt is seeking applicants to serve as election judges. These are paid positions. See website for information:

<https://www.sccmo.org/410/Election-Authority>

CLUB EVENT INFORMATION

Event Calendar and Chairpersons

Month	Optimist Club Events & Fundraisers	Chairperson
January	Spelling Bee at Jefferson Intermediate	Ellen Parker
February	Essay Contest (Recognition in April)	Bob Beckman
March	Oratorical Contest (Recognition in April/May)	Bob Beckman
April	Spaghetti Dinner	Sharon North
April	Shower of Love	Reuther/Prinster
May	Quicklane Ford Fest & Community Test Drive	Rick Pundmann
May	Respect for Law Day	Jack Ross
May	First Responders Recognition	Dale Westby
May	High School Scholarships (Recognition)	Mike Ebert
June	Golf Tournament	Dean Krogmeier
June	Fishing Derby	Mark Cook
July	St. Charles County Fair Beer Garden	Dale Westby
August	All Ford Car Show	Rick Pundmann
August	Festival of the Little Hills (Type of Event is TBD)	Mark Cook
August	School Supplies Donations	Mary Krogmeier
September	Board Installation Banquet	Outgoing President
November	Youth in Government Day (March in 2022)	Couillard/Hauser
November	NHC Thanksgiving with JOI (at NHC facility)	Mike Ebert
December	Salvation Army Bell Ringing	Alan Suit
December	Santa Breakfast at Blackhurst Elementary	Mike Ebert
December	High School Choir Christmas Sings	Open in 2022

Events and dates are subject to change. Please contact Bob Beckman for updates.

◆ **ESSAY and ORATORICAL CONTESTS**

⇒ **Club volunteers needed!!**

- **1 more judge for the Essay Contest; Judging to be done in early February**
- **3 judges and 1 timekeeper for the Oratorical Contest; scheduled early March**
- **Contact Bob Beckman to volunteer**

◆ **BOARD of DIRECTORS ELECTION COMMITTEE**

⇒ **Committee chair and members are needed in the 1st quarter of 2022**

INTERESTED? See Board Meeting Minutes for more details on these events.

QUESTIONS? Contact Bob Beckman or a Board member.

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Beckman called the meeting to order at 1:11 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Dave Borgmeyer, Elena Cook, Mark Cook, Roger Deppe, Allen Field, Paul Hauser, and Ellen Parker

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Paul Hauser moved to approve the minutes of October 19, 2021 as read. Allen Field seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Main October expenses were related to the annual banquet and the donation from the Pig Fund to the Salvation Army—4th Street Branch.
- As of October 31, 2021, the general checking account had a balance of \$8,641.21. The savings account had a balance of \$5,572.58. The CD's total \$30,503.55. General Accounts total was \$44,717.34. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$183,937.29. The dues account showed a balance of \$2,397.27.
- Some discussion centered around expenses that would come up before our next big fundraiser, the Spaghetti Dinner, in April.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the October financial report with the auditor. Paul Hauser seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- President Beckman provide a list of donations made by club members for OI's "Celebrate Community" Initiative in October. As usual, the club came through and donated 167 food and clothing items to the Backpack and Food Pantry and Showers of Blessing Ministries at First St. Charles United Methodist Church.
- Discussion centered around the distribution of the club roster. It was agreed that the updated roster should continue to be distributed to all club members. If you have any changes or updates, please contact Ellen Parker.
- The December 28 regular noon meeting has been cancelled due to the holidays.
- President Beckman expressed his appreciation for help with getting speakers lined up for regular noon meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Golf Tournament:** The date for this year's Golf Tournament has been reserved for Monday, June 6 at 7:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Golf Course.
- **High School Choir:** The date for SCW Choir to sing at our noon meeting is tentatively set for December 7.
- **Salvation Army Bellringing:** Our shifts are from 4-7 pm on Dec. 7th and 9th at the Lindenwood Plaza Schnuck's. Contact Alan Suit to sign up.
- **Essay Contest:** Chairman Bob Beckman met with JOI Sponsor Megan Hallam to discuss this year's contest. They need three volunteer judges during the first two weeks of February to evaluate the essays. Please consider volunteering.
- **Santa Breakfast:** We will again donate gift cards for this event at Blackhurst Elementary. Mike Ebert is the Chairperson.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

- **Nominating Committee**: Should be formed by February. Please volunteer your service to help select nominees for next year's officers.
- **Membership/Marketing Committee**: Needs to be reinstated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **By-Laws Review**: Mark Cook moved to approve our club by-laws with no changes. Dave Borgmeyer seconded. Motion passed.
- **Pig Fund Recipient for 2021-22**: Allen Field moved to donate this year's Pig fund to the St. Charles Park Department Day Camp. Motion died for lack of second. Roger Deppe moved to table the motion until more information is learned about which Park Department programs we can best and most directly meet the needs of the youth in the community. Ellen Parker seconded. Motion passed. Ellen Parker will research this information.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Carl Sandstedt matched 50% of our \$500 2020-21 pig fund donation to the Salvation Army 4th Street Division.
- **Jefferson Intermediate Spelling Bee**: Ellen Parker moved to sponsor the 2021-22 Jefferson Spelling Bee in the amount of approximately \$300 as we had done pre-Covid. Allen Field seconded. Motion passed.
- **New Member Approvals**:
 - Dave Borgmeyer moved to approve Susan Noonan as a new member, sponsored by Bob Beckman. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.
 - Mark Cook moved to approve Earl Kennedy as a member, sponsored by Mike Ebert. Allen Field seconded. Motion passed.
- Elena Cook suggested we participate in this year's Helping Hands event at the St. Charles Convention Center on December 16. Dave Borgmeyer moved to allow up to \$200 for materials for us to participate in the Helping Hands event. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed. Elena will register our club and chair the project. Please volunteer to help with this worthy cause.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you note was received from the Salvation Army 4th Street Branch for our \$500 donation (Pig fund).
- The club received a \$26 rebate through EMO's "Member Recruitment Program" for the two new members we added in August and September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Deadline for the next newsletter will be November 30, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: Allen Field moved to adjourn the meeting. Paul Hauser seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Parker, Secretary

MILESTONES AND LOOK-AHEAD



Club Schedule - December

- December 7** Noon Meeting
- December 7&9** Salvation Army Bell Ringing (Schnucks Lindenwood)
- December 14** Noon Meeting
- December 21** Noon Meeting (Board Meeting to Follow)
- December 28** **** No Meeting ****

Birthdays

- December 10** Shelly Reuther
- December 20** Roger Deppe



Membership Anniversaries



- December:** Julie King—8 years
- Rick Pundmann—39 years

Wedding Anniversaries



- December 31** Mike & Julie King

Speakers Preview

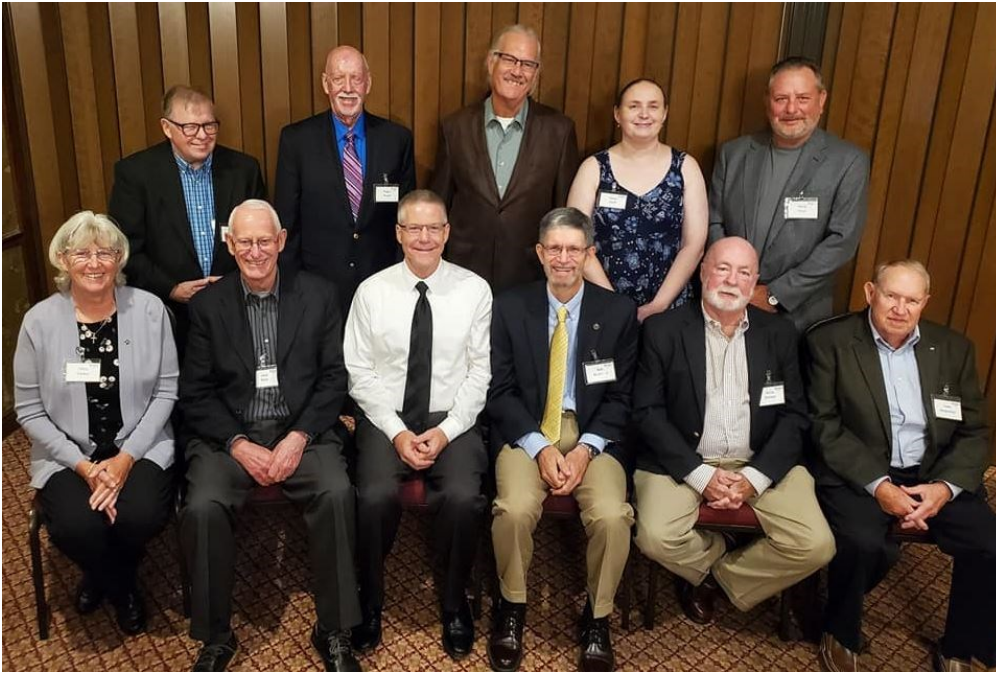
- December 7** St. Charles West High School Choir
- December 14** Chief Kurt Frisz—St. Charles County Police Dept
- December 21** Holiday Music (tentative)
- December 28** N/A—No Meeting



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

2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT	BOB BECKMAN
PRESIDENT-ELECT	GERRY PRINSTER
VICE PRESIDENT	PAUL HAUSER
SECRETARY	ELLEN PARKER
TREASURER	DAVE BORGMEYER

DIRECTORS:

1 YEAR TERMS

MARK COOK
ALLEN FIELD
JACK ROSS

(Jack serves as Zone 7 Lt. Gov.)

2 YEAR TERMS

ELENA COOK
ROGER DEPPE
DEAN KROGMEIER

CLUB INFORMATION:

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P.O. Box 234
St. Charles, Missouri 63302

Club Website: <https://scoptimists.weebly.com/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/Optimist-Club-of-St-Charles-MO-416164208567872/>

Meetings: We meet weekly on Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. in Pio's Restaurant,
403 1st Capitol Dr, St. Charles, MO 63301. Visitors are welcome.