

February 2023

# OPTIMIST NEWSLETTER



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## Celebrate Community Kickoff!!

*Celebrate Community is a joint effort between service clubs from the local area to collaborate on community projects. Clubs involved include: Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary and Optimist clubs (also VFW, Jaycees, American Legion and other service groups) in St. Charles County.*

**Project:** Mobile Market Food Distribution

**About:** The St. Louis Area Food Bank distributes thousands of meals to St. Charles County low-income and at-risk families. One of the key ways they do this is through a program called the Mobile Market, which takes a given location and turns it into a temporary food distribution point for a couple of hours. Families are notified of the Mobile Market location and they drive their cars through a line in the facility's parking lot where volunteers place prepackaged food in their trunks. The process is quick and easy and is a highly efficient and effective way to distribute food to those in need.

**Future Dates:** February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15. Volunteers are needed.



Above: The first Mobile Market was held at Harvester Lions Club. Because the event was not posted on the Food Bank calendar, turnout was low. However, we were able to work on logistics and will be ready for future dates. Mike Ebert and Ken Mullen were our volunteers.

## JANUARY RECAP

*Shima Rostami is the Executive Director of Gateway Human Trafficking, a local non-profit that focuses on educating the public about human trafficking. She spoke on the types of human trafficking (i.e. labor, sex, seniors, and other vulnerable persons), and gave an interesting local story that involved many of the issues faced by the victims of trafficking.*

<https://www.gatewayhumantrafficking.org/>



*Nick Galla and John Phillips from St Charles Public Works spoke on contamination affecting the Elm Point Wellfield and city efforts to have the responsible parties pay for mitigation. Information on this and for submitting public comments is available at:*

<https://www.stcharlescitymo.gov/1112/Protecting-The-Elm-Point-Wellfield>

*Mike Klinghammer, City of St. Charles Director of Economic Development, gave a very informative briefing on development plans in the boroughs of Riverwalk that will eventually reach from Routes 364 to 370 and beyond.*



## FEBRUARY MEETINGS & EVENTS

- February 7** Noon Meeting  
Kate Uptergrove—Mid Rivers Newsmagazine
- February 14** Noon Meeting  
Mike Klinghammer— Economic Development
- February 16** Celebrate Community Mobile Market  
Held at Harvester Lions Club
- February 21** Noon Meeting & Board Meeting  
Dale Westby—Club Marketing & Membership
- February 28** Noon Meeting  
Speaker to be announced

# PLANNING SCHEDULE, CHAIRS, VOLUNTEERS FOR ANTICIPATED CLUB EVENTS

Month	Optimist Club Events & Fundraisers	Chair Person	Volunteers Needed
Monthly	Celebrate Community Mobile Market (new add)	- OPEN -	Food Distribution
January	Spelling Bee—Pending SCSD Decision to Hold Event	Ellen Parker	
February	Essay Contest (Recognition Luncheon in April)	Bob Beckman	Contest Judges
March	Oratorical Contest (Recognition Lunch in April/May)	Bob Beckman	Contest Judges/Timer
April	Spaghetti Dinner—Memorial Hall in Blanchette Park	Dale Westby	Set-up; Tear Down; Food Prep; Servers
April	Shower of Love	Shelly Reuther/ Gerry Prinster	Greeters Who Solicit Needed Items
May	Pundmann Quicklane Ford Fest	TBD	Food Trailer Set-up; Cooks; Servers
May	Respect for Law Day	Rick Daleen	
May	First Responders Recognition	Dale Westby	
May	High School Scholarships—Recognition Luncheon	Mike Ebert	
June	Golf Tournament	Dean Krogmeier	Registration Table & Set-up; Beverage Cart
June	Fishing Derby—Pending Decision to Hold Event	TBD	Fishing Assistance Food Trailer Help
July	St Charles County Fair Beer Garden—Rotary Park	Dale Westby	Drink Ticket Sales; Servers
August	All Ford Car Show—Pundmann Ford	TBD	Food Trailer Set-up; Cooks; Servers
August	Festival of the Little Hills Beer Garden (Support)	TBD	Servers
August	School Supplies Donations—SCSD & OF Schools	Mary Krogmeier	Deliveries to Schools
September	Board Installation Banquet	Outgoing President	Planning Committee
November	Youth in Government Day (Alternate City and County Government participation) - with Luncheon at Pio's	Dulcie Couillard / Paul Hauser	
November	NHC Thanksgiving with JOI (pending NHC okay)	Mike Ebert	
December	Salvation Army Bell Ringing	- OPEN -	Bell Ringers
December	Santa Breakfast (at Blackhurst Elementary)	Mike Ebert	
December	Helping Hands for the Holidays	Elena Cook	Set-up; Greeters
December	High School Choir Sings—alternating SCHS & SCW	Club President	

### ***Volunteering News and Volunteers Needed:***

- **Project chairs & volunteers:** Members are asked to consider volunteering as chairs, co-chairs or helpers on club projects. See the listing above for projects, chairs, and volunteer help needed.
- **Oratorical Contest judges and timer:** We need 3 volunteers to judge speeches and 1 volunteer to time the speeches. The contest will be held at Hardin Middle School on Saturday morning, either March 4th or March 11th. Contact chair Bob Beckman if you are available.
- **Celebrate Community Mobile Market:** These are scheduled on the third Thursday of the month. 3 Optimist Club volunteers are needed per month. Arrive at 2:00 pm, finish by 5:00 pm.

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
January 17, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Gerry Prinster called the meeting to order at 12:57 pm.

**ATTENDANCE:** Bob Beckman, Dave Borgmeyer, Elena Cook, Mark Cook, Rick Daleen, Roger Deppe, Steve Harker, Paul Hauser, Ellen Parker, and Gerry Prinster

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

- Mark Cook moved to approve the minutes of December 20, 2022. Paul Hauser seconded. Motion passed.
- Secretary Parker reported that the name badges and case have been updated.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

- Main December expenses: Junior Baseball and Softball Sponsorship (\$700); Boys and Girls Club annual donation (\$200); Server Amanda's annual Christmas tip (\$300); Helping Hands Project (\$335.63); Salvation Army annual donation (\$200); St. Charles High School Choir donation (\$300); Chamber of Commerce annual dues (\$192.50).
- Main December income was from lunches and pig fund and a donation from Bob Beckman for Helping Hands Project. We will be getting interest on the Scholarship Fund at the end of the quarter.
- As of December 31, 2022, the general checking account had a balance of \$4,024.20. The savings account had a balance of \$5,575.86. The CDs total \$30,598.95. General Accounts total was \$40,199.01. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$183,937.59. The dues account showed a balance of \$2,706.17.
- The CDs mature in February of 2023. Dave will look into getting better interest rates before reinvesting.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the report with the auditor. Bob Beckman seconded. Motion passed.
- The PNC Money Market Account needs signature updates. Dave Borgmeyer moved to add Bob Beckman to the signature list to replace Bob Scott who is deceased. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed. The updated signature list will include Dave Borgmeyer, Roger Deppe, and Bob Beckman.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- President Gerry Prinster thanked Elena Cook, Bob Beckman, and Roger Deppe for the little extra things they did to him through this past month of his presidency.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Celebrate Community:** Bob Beckman reported that the first Mobile Market Project will be held Thursday, January 19, 2023 at the Harvester Lions Club. Other projects in the discussion phase are the Blue Way cleanup, Adopt a Senior Citizen, and the Homeless Project grant.
- **Golf Tournament:** Nothing new to report.
- **Essay Contest:** Essays are due the first week of February. Scoring will take place the second week of February.
- **Oratorical Contest:** Will be held the first or second week of March at Hardin Middle School. Three judges and a timer are needed. Please contact Bob Beckman if you can help.
- **Spaghetti Dinner:** Nothing new to report.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **EMO 2nd Quarter Conference:** Feb. 24-25, 2023 at Hilton St. Louis Airport, 10330 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63134. Elena Cook and Gerry Prinster will represent our club. Dave Borgmeyer moved to have the club purchase up to \$30 worth of diaper and/or toilet-ries to donate to the Jefferson Barracks Food Pantry for the Conference Service Project. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.
- **Scholarship Program Guidelines:** Discussion centered around adding Francis Howell North to the list of schools eligible for the scholarship program since many of their stu-dents reside in the city of St. Charles. It was also noted that residents of the city of St. Charles are eligible even if they do not attend one of schools listed in the guidelines. Steve Harker moved to table any further discussion and/or changes until we can get input from Mike Ebert, the Scholarship Program Chairperson. Rick Daleen seconded. Motion passed.
- **Golf Tourney Insurance:** Bob Beckman reported that our OI insurance does not cover par-ticipants, only members. He stated that last year we purchased medical and liability insur-ance, recommended by Optimist International for sporting events. Ellen Parker moved that the club purchase medical and liability insurance for participants through Optimist International for our 2023 Golf Tournament. Steve Harker seconded. Motion passed.
- **Membership Approval:** Paul Hauser moved to approve Fred McGinley as a member. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed. (Mark Cook is his new sponsor). Since it has been over 90 days since he left the club, Fred had to be added as a new member.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Deadline for next newsletter is January 27, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Paul Hauser moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Parker, Secretary



# 2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## OFFICERS:

**PRESIDENT:** GERRY PRINSTER

**SECRETARY:** ELLEN PARKER

**PRESIDENT-ELECT:** PAUL HAUSER

**TREASURER:** DAVE BORGMEYER

**VICE PRESIDENT:** RICK DALEEN

**PAST PRESIDENT:** BOB BECKMAN

## DIRECTORS:

### 1 YEAR TERMS

ELENA COOK

ROGER DEPPE

DEAN KROGMEIER

### 2 YEAR TERMS

MARK COOK

MIKE EBERT

STEVE HARKER

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## CLUB INFORMATION and SOCIAL MEDIA

**Mailing Address:** Optimist Club of St. Charles  
P.O. Box 234  
St. Charles, Missouri 63302

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

**Like us on Facebook! "Optimist Club of St. Charles, MO" or the following link:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/Optimist-Club-of-St-Charles-MO-416164208567872/>

**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.