

January 2023

OPTIMIST NEWSLETTER



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In Memory of Rick Pundmann



At our 2019-2020 Installation Banquet, Rick Pundmann was recognized as “Optimist of the Year” for his many contributions to the success of our club. For many years, Rick was instrumental in providing us with wonderful community service opportunities during events held at Pundmann Ford’s facilities. Rick regularly attended our weekly club meetings, volunteered to serve at many of our club events, and told countless “Marge-approved” jokes to entertain club members. We will miss Rick immensely as a club member as will the St. Charles community in general. His contagious smile clearly exhibited the fact that he was the ultimate Optimist.

Above: Rick accepts the Optimist of the Year award from then-President Jack Ross

DECEMBER RECAP

Club members rang the bell for the Salvation Army’s Red Kettle at Schnuck’s Lindenwood. Many thanks to volunteers Roger Deppe, Chuck Ratterman, Bob Beckman, Don Jamison, Dale Westby, Dean Krogmeier, and Ellen Parker for this important fund-raiser for the Salvation Army.



Our Optimist booth at Helping Hands for the Holidays was a success thanks to Elena Cook and her family. Here, Elena is helping visitors fill out no-cost raffle tickets for 2 gift cards and 5 table game gifts. Also on the table are ornaments for the youth (and adults) to decorate for their tree.

The SCHS Madrigal Choir sang at our luncheon to spread some holiday cheer! They performed five holiday songs, including an entertaining sing & dance composition and the “Fruitcake!” song that is a 53 year tradition for the choir.



President Gerry Prinster made good use of our 50/50 funds by arranging a fun Optimist Hour at Mattingly’s. The turnout was good and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Paul Hauser served as host as Gerry had to miss due to the flu.

JANUARY MEETINGS & EVENTS

- January 3** Noon Meeting
Gerry Prinster — SC Planning & Zoning
- January 10** Noon Meeting
Shima Rostami, EdD, Human Trafficking
- January 17** Noon Meeting & Board Meeting
Speaker to be announced
- January 24** Noon Meeting
Nick Dalba, SC City Public Works
- January 31** Noon Meeting
Speaker to be announced

PLANNING SCHEDULE, CHAIRS, VOLUNTEERS FOR ANTICIPATED CLUB EVENTS

Month	Optimist Club Events & Fundraisers	Chair Person	Volunteers Needed
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. The current chairs have prepared written event guidelines to help a new chair or co-chair transition. See the listing above for projects, chairs, and volunteer help needed.*
- **Essay Contest judge:** *We still need one member to judge essays the week of February 6th. See Essay chair Bob Beckman to volunteer.*
- **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:** *The start date is pending approval of our application. Possibly January 19th at Harvester Lions Club. 3 volunteers will be needed per event.*

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
December 20, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Paul Hauser called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Dave Borgmeyer, Elena Cook, Mark Cook, Rick Daleen, Roger Deppe, Mike Ebert, Steve Harker, Paul Hauser, Dean Krogmeier, and Ellen Parker

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Bob Beckman moved to approve the minutes of November 15, 2022. Rick Daleen seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

- November expenses: Pig Money Donation to St. Charles Parks Department Foundation for \$1000; Post Office PO box rental increased to \$182; \$500 down payment to St. Peters Golf Course for our annual tournament in June.
- Main October income was from lunches. The Scholarship fund is still earning interest.
- As of November 30, 2022, the general checking account had a balance of \$5,791.45. The savings account had a balance of \$5,575.62. The CDs total \$30,503.55. General Accounts total was \$41,870.02. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$184,231.03. The dues account showed a balance of \$2,606.17.
- The CDs mature in February of 2023.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the report with the auditor. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Vice President Hauser stated that Gerry is still looking for speakers. It was suggested that we have someone from Salvation Army come to speak and receive our annual donation check.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Celebrate Community**: Bob Beckman stated the group has tentatively set a new date for the Food Bank event for January 19th, 2023 at the Harvester Lions Club if they can get a permit in time.
- **Helping Hands Event**: Elena Cook reported that it was a successful event and recommends our club being involved again next year. The club donated 5 children's presents and 2 gift cards in a raffle drawing and provided materials for children to make ornaments. All materials were handed out. She reported about 800 people in the community showed up for the event and about 225 entered our raffle drawing. She will be distributing the prizes from the raffle over the next few days. Bob Beckman recognized Elena Cook and her family for working so hard to participate in this event on behalf of the club .
- **High School Choir Christmas Program**: St. Charles High School Madrigal choir performed at the noon meeting, putting all in attendance in the Christmas spirit. They sang 5 songs, including the ever-popular Fruitcake song!
- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing**: We covered 4 shifts to ring the bell on Dec. 13 and 15 with good participation. It was suggested that we would like a follow-up about how much money we collected during our shifts. Hopefully a speaker from Salvation Army can provide us with that information.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

- **Santa Breakfast (Blackhurst)**: Mike Ebert reported that the JOI club students assisted at the event and that he would be picking up the Midtown Market gift cards today. Ten needy families will each receive a \$50 gift card for the holidays from our club.
- **Golf Tournament**: Dean Krogmeier handed out sample flyers for this year's fundraiser to be held on June 12, 2023 at St. Peters Golf Course. A few changes were made including changing the lunch menu to hamburgers, increasing the Hole sponsorship amount to \$150, and adding a statement reminding individual players to sign up at the registration table before playing. Bob Beckman discussed the need to purchase insurance for the event as we did last year. We will put that item on the agenda for January.
- **Scholarship Program**: Mike Ebert reported that he has distributed applications for this year's senior scholarships to all the schools. Due date for the applications is the end of March.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Missouri Leadership Seminar**: Dave Borgmeyer moved to sponsor a student for the Missouri Leadership Seminar to be held at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg on June 1-3, 2023. Steve Harker seconded. Motion passed .

NEW BUSINESS:

- Rick Daleen moved to cancel the next regular noon meeting on December 27, 2022. Dave Borgmeyer seconded. Motion passed.
- **OI print to Duchesne High School Auction**: Paul Hauser has received the paperwork and will be getting the print to Duchesne for their annual auction .

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you received from Care to Learn for our Gala Donation of Lori's Legacy of Love Sponsorship.
- Donation Request from Youth in Need.
- Thank you received from the Boys and Girls Club of St. Charles County for our \$200 donation.
- Thank you received from Optimist International for our annual giving. Unrestricted Giving: \$600; Restricted Giving (childhood cancer): \$300; Total amount of Lifetime Giving: \$29,592.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Deadline for next newsletter is December 29, 2022 .

ADJOURNMENT:

- Mark Cook moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Harker 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

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STEVE HARKER

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<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.