

January 2024

# OPTIMIST NEWSLETTER



## DECEMBER RECAP



Travis Welge, SC County Assessor, explained the known and yet-to-be determined details of legislation passed to “freeze” real estate taxes for SC County senior residents. He compared SC County’s methodology with other Missouri counties such as Jackson County. A large number of questions and comments came from members, so Travis was asked to return to explain the assessment of personal property.

<https://www.sccmo.org/Assessor/>

The St Charles West Jazz Band performed both jazz and Christmas-time music for our holiday program. This self-initiated group (with guidance from mentor Ben Meyer) gave an outstanding performance that was a joy to hear. Kudos to them and the SCW Music Department on the entertainment they provided.



Dr. Michele Gillentine, Audiologist at Earlens Hearing Center, gave an informative presentation on their non-surgical lens alternative to surgery or traditional hearing aids to help those who have hearing loss. She was accompanied by Amber Scott, Patient Care Coordinator. Information and contact info is available at their website:

[www.earlenshearingcenter.com](http://www.earlenshearingcenter.com)



Salvation Army Bell Ringing



Optimist Booth, SC Convention Center

## ~2024 Club Fundraisers~ Save the Dates!

**53th Annual Spaghetti Dinner**  
Friday, April 5th (11:00 AM - 6:30 PM)  
Blanchette Park Memorial Hall



**Optimist Golf Tournament**  
Monday, June 3rd (morning)  
St Peters Golf Club



**Let's Make These Events  
Both Fun and Profitable!!**

## JANUARY MEETINGS & EVENTS

- January 2 No Meeting—Holiday Break
- January 9 Noon Meeting  
Nathan Harms—TREE House of STL
- January 16 Noon and Board Meetings  
Julie Seymore—The Child Advocacy
- January 23 Noon Meeting  
Rev. Debby Bartley— Pastoral Care
- January 30 Noon Meeting  
Sally Faith—Dementia & Her Book

# 2023-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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## CLUB INFORMATION and SOCIAL MEDIA

**Mailing Address:** Optimist Club of St. Charles  
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**Club Website:** <https://scoptimists.weebly.com/>

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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.