

June 2022

OPTIMIST NEWS

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2022 Love Awards

On May 19th, Marc Sikma and We Love St. Charles non-profit held the annual Love Awards at Jefferson Intermediate School. The Love Awards celebrates ten 5th and 6th grade students who display “love” in their actions in school and interactions with others. The teachers who nominate the students introduce their nominee and it was evident why each is a deserving recipient. In addition, one teacher is awarded the Lori Wooten Love Award for his/her service to the school and students. Our Club sponsors this event and hopefully we can continue our sponsorship in future years. It is worth every dollar when you see the joy in the faces of the winners and the reaction of the student body when their fellow students are recognized.



President Bob Beckman



This year our Club is close to achieving Honor Club recognition for the first time in several years. The criteria to be met are as follows:

Service: Complete three or more service projects during the Optimist year.

Community: Recognize a Club member or local community individual. Grow Club by Net of +3 in membership. Conduct a Membership Recruitment/Drive (i.e. NOW) Program

Charitable: Appoint a Club Foundation Representative. Make a non-restricted contribution to the OIF or CCOF of at least \$100.

Education: Club President, Club President-Elect (or two Designees) attend District Convention or two District Conferences. Club Foundation Representative, Club President, and Club Treasurer completes CFR training on the OI Learning Management System.

Administrative: Complete the Club Pride Report and Club Officer-Elect Form. Be current on District and OI Dues and Fees. Club Bylaws in compliance with Standard Club Bylaws.

Secretary Ellen Parker reports that our main shortfall is in Net Gain in membership. When a member recently passed, we went from +3 to +2. Now, if members would invite family or friends to a Club meeting or event to see what our Club is all about, I'm sure we could easily return to a +3 or more gain. Let's give it a try!!

SPEAKERS & RECENT EVENTS

First Responders Recognition



For the first time as a Club, we held a recognition event for First Responders serving our area: the St. Charles County Ambulance District, City of St. Charles Fire Department, and Central County Fire & Rescue. Chiefs from each department selected the recipients of this year's awards for their departments and gave inspiring speeches about their people. Chair Dale Westby gave a history of first responders in SC County, and Steve Harker described their roles. Jobs well done by all. Pictured are the award recipients and guests.

Scholarship Awards



Five St. Charles area high school seniors were chosen for scholarships awarded by our Club and they received their awards at a noon meeting in May. Students pictured (from left) are Sophia Prost (St Charles West), Jonnie Rayburn (St. Charles High), Matthew Fichtenmayer (Duchesne), Kristi Lewis (Orchard Farm), and Paige Brown (Lutheran SC). Great job by Chair Mike Ebert. Congratulations to the students and best wishes in their future academics.

"State of St. Charles County"



County Executive Steve Ehlmann gave his annual "state of St. Charles County" presentation. Among the topics Steve covered were comparisons of Covid-19 cases in the county compared to other counties and the State of Missouri. St. Charles had equally or better numbers with less impact to business by not closing the county during the pandemic. Steve also showed our continued growth in the county, a soon to be open new County Park, damage and recovery from the tornado near Defiance, and answered member questions. Steve has been a long-time supporter of our Club, which is much appreciated.

Respect for Law



Starting 3rd from left, Detective Kevin Euton, City of St. Charles Police Department, Officer Ron Neupert with the St. Charles County Police Department, and Deputy Steven Robertson with the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department were recognized for devotion to duty and service to the community and received our Club's Respect for Law awards. Respect for Law was our Club's first community service project in 1971 and remains a Club favorite today. Detective Troy Follmer of the City of St. Charles Police Department was also recognized with an award but unable to attend.

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Beckman called the meeting to order at 1:14 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Elena Cook, Mark Cook, Roger Deppe, Allen Field, Paul Hauser, Dean Krogmeier, Ellen Parker, and Gerry Prinster

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Paul Hauser moved to approve the minutes of April 19, 2022 as read. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Due to the absence of Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer, April's financial report was postponed until next month.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Approvals of contracts and written/unwritten agreements for Club events: President Beckman stated that any contract or written or unwritten agreement required to host an event be brought before the board for approval. This requirement should be added to the By-Laws in the next annual update.
- Insurance coverage for club events: Club liability insurance for events is provided through OI, but medical insurance is extra and should be considered based on the type of event being held. We will apply for medical insurance for the golf tournament. President Beckman stated that we host no events without insurance coverage.
- TIPS and ServSafe Alcohol certifications: Question was raised whether we need to have members who serve alcohol at our events receive alcohol certification. We need board approval to have members certified as there is a cost involved, unless another party such as the distributor agrees to pay for member certifications. President Beckman asked someone to look into this. Secretary Ellen Parker volunteered to research alcohol certification.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- [Golf Tournament](#): Chairman Dean Krogmeier reported that plans for the tournament are moving forward. He is looking into having participants or team captains sign a liability waiver. We will have approximately 64 golfers.
- [Spaghetti Dinner](#): Money is still coming in. Final report should be complete by next month's board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- EMO District Junior Golf Qualifying Tournament (Request for hole sponsorship \$100): Mark Cook moved to donate \$100 for a hole sponsorship at the EMO District Junior Golf Qualifying Tournament. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.
- Jefferson Love Awards: Will be held on Thursday, May 19th at 1:00 pm in the Jefferson Intermediate School gym. President Beckman will attend to represent our club.
- Spirit of St. Louis Air Show and STEM Expo (June 11-12, 2022): Elena Cook proposed our club participate in the STEM Expo (setting up exhibition table with STEM activity for guests) with the cost for materials not to exceed \$200. Paul Hauser seconded. Motion passed. Information can be found at <https://spirit-airshow.com/sponsor-and-exhibitor-opportunities>.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Cook moved to adjourn the meeting. Allen Field seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Parker, Secretary

MILESTONES AND LOOK-AHEAD



Club Schedule - June

June 7	Noon Meeting
June 14	Noon Meeting
June 21	Noon Meeting and (Board Meeting to Follow)
June 28	Noon Meeting

Birthdays

June 14	Rich Krill
June 17	Ellen Parker

Membership Anniversaries



June 2022:	Ed Gettemeier — 12 years
	Jack Ross — 9 years

Wedding Anniversaries



June 2	Steve & Linda Harker
June 3	Earl & Rose Kennedy
June 10	Richard & Marge Green
June 10	Mike & Connie Ebert
June 15	Jack & Ellen Parker
June 16	Andrew & Lynn Stewart
June 18	Dale & Dee Westby
June 28	Joe & Barb Gegg

Speakers Preview

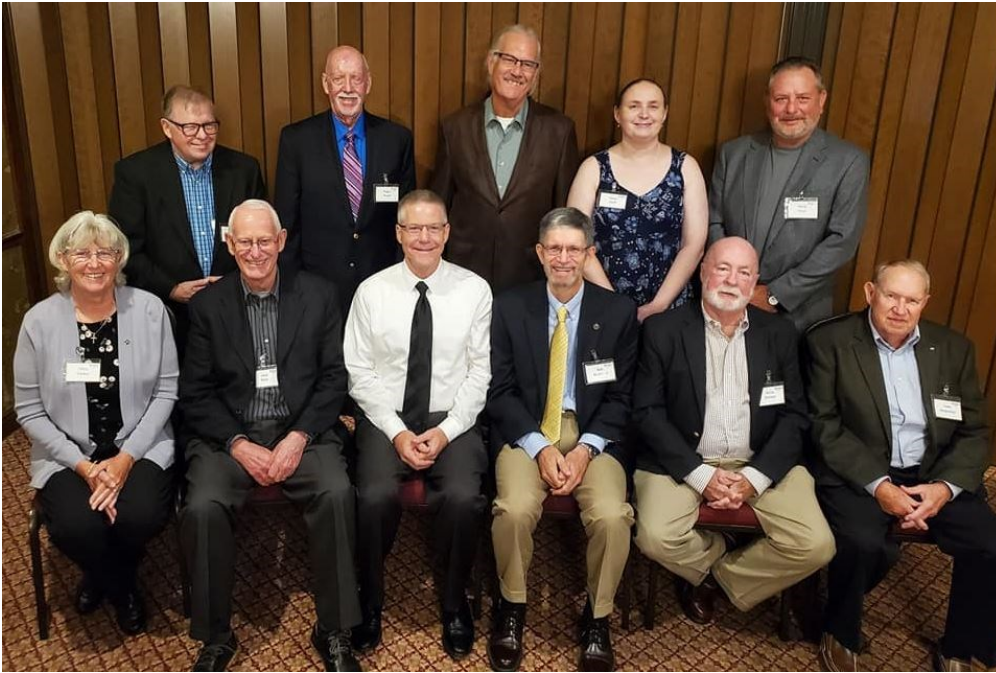
June 7	Col. Roy Joachimstaler — Gateway Human Trafficking
June 14	Bill Brecht — Lewis and Clark Museum
June 21	Fairwinds River's Edge — Health Tips on Balance
June 28	Loren Cook — Cybersecurity



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

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

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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.