

November 2021



Optimist Club of  
St. Charles

# OPTIMIST NEWS

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## Banquet Appreciation

The success of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Installation Banquet was made possible by the efforts of many people who made arrangements and invited guests to share in our celebration. We extend special appreciation to:

- \* Ernie Dempsey and Anne Lersch of Pio's Restaurant
- \* Pio's staff and servers
- \* Our Club's Banquet Committee
- \* Dale Westby and Roger Deppe for their work on the Proclamations
- \* Sharon North for room decorations
- \* Steve Harker for the Club video
- \* Civic guests, Ol leaders, Club members and their guests who took the time to be part of this joyful event

## Club Donations to Salvation Army

In October, our Club made two donations to the Salvation Army. We donated \$200 to the Tree of Lights campaign, and \$500 from our "Pig Fund" to their St. Charles Corps. Our Club has long recognized the Salvation Army as an outstanding organization serving those in need in our community and we are honored to help.

## President Bob Beckman



*I love the Fall season in Missouri. The vibrant colors, cooler temperatures, gentle rains, refreshing bike rides. Time itself changes when we "fall back" and get an extra hour of sleep. For me, Fall brings good things to my life.*

*Soon, Winter will be here meaning colder temperatures, shoveling snow, gloomy days and long nights, and no bike rides. Instead of sulking, Jan and I brave the cold for brisk walks in the daytime and play board games at night. Eventually Spring arrives and the seasonal cycle begins again.*

*Like the Earth's changing seasons, our Club is seeing changes in membership and the events we do. While some members did not renew their 2021-22 memberships, we gained new members and others have shown interest in joining. At our recent Banquet, we inducted our new Board of Directors. Where necessary, we made changes in our events and chairpersons. Changes like these promote new ideas and opportunities.*

*While there will always be "seasonal" changes in our Club, we can optimistically focus on the sun that rises every day to provide us with warmth and light, just as our Club and its mission provide a sense of warmth and brightness to the community we serve.*

# SPEAKERS & RECENT EVENTS

## Tom and Mary Stephenson



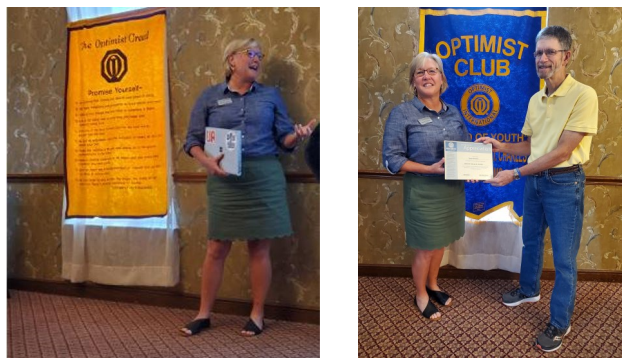
Tom and Mary Stephenson spoke on their experiences as youth in the St. Charles area schools and their lives in the community in general. The messages they delivered were both insightful and inspirational about their upbringing and how the challenges they faced did not deter them from a positive outlook on life. Tom was involved with the restoration of Franklin School on 3rd Street and is well-versed about the school's history. Also attending the meeting was their daughter, Margaret.

## Fairwinds River's Edge Visit



The Club meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> was held at Fairwinds River's Edge, which is a senior (62 or over) living community located off Friedens Road in St. Charles. Members who attended were treated to a complementary lunch and were able to visit with long-time club member Bob Avery who resides there with his wife Blanche. For more information on the Fairwinds facilities, visit their website at: [www.FairwindsRiversEdge.com](http://www.FairwindsRiversEdge.com)

## Duchesne High School



Susan Noonan, President of Duchesne High School, gave an informative report on the current status and future goals of this Catholic, college preparatory school. She and her staff have outlined a plan to maximize the learning experience of their students and grow their enrollment. They offer a low student-teacher ratio and give students opportunities to succeed in school and beyond. For more information, visit their website at: <https://www.duchesne-hs.org/>

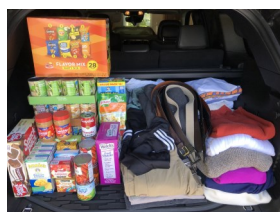
## St. Charles County Sheriff's Dept.



Sheriff Scott Lewis gave an interesting presentation on the Sheriff's Department, past and present, along with a Q&A session with our members. Also attending was Sergeant Shaun Rockhaus. Sheriff Lewis talked on the lineage of sheriffs that served before him, officers killed in the line of duty, and the responsibilities of the Sheriff's Department. See their website for more information: <https://www.sccmo.org/1421/Sheriff>

# CLUB EVENT INFORMATION

## Ol's "Celebrate Community" Initiative



In October, our Club participated in Ol's initiative focused on community service. Donations of food items and gently worn casual clothing were made by Club members and given to the Backpack & Food Pantry and Showers of Blessing Ministries at First St. Charles United Methodist Church. Leaders of both ministries were appreciative of our generosity.

### Food Donations

56 Canned Veggies  
2 Cans Soup  
6 Mac & Cheese  
6 Jello/Pudding Pkg  
2 28PK Snack Chips  
4 Knorr Sides  
4 Tuna Helpers  
2 18PK Granola Bar  
2 Instant Oatmeal  
2 12PK Pudding  
4 Peanut Butter  
2 40PK Fruit Snack  
20 Cereal Cups

### Clothing

4 Pair Jeans  
3 Turtlenecks  
5 Sweaters  
2 Sweatshirts  
7 Jackets/Coats  
19 Short Sleeve Shirts  
7 Long Sleeve Shirts  
8 Belts

## 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 or Sept	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	Bob Beckman

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



**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
October 19, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Bob Beckman called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm.

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

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

- Roger Deppe moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 2021 as read. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.
- Secretary Parker presented a copy of the Club Pride Report that she submitted to Ol at the end of September.
- As of 10/23/21 we have a final count of 40 members (6 drops and 2 adds).
- Lapel pins for new members are in.
- Thank you's were sent to Merry Laherty for a donation, and to Cindi Hrabko and Stacy Welker for hosting us at their luncheon at Fairwinds River's Edge.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

- As of September 30, 2021, the general checking account had a balance of \$11,163.11. The savings account had a balance of \$5,572.24. The c/d's total \$30,503.55. General Accounts total was \$47,674.65. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$182,771.97. The dues account showed a balance of \$2,952.94.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the September financial report with the auditor. Paul Hauser seconded. Motion passed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- President Beckman expressed his appreciation to the Installation/Anniversary Banquet Committee and all those who attended for a wonderful evening.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- ["Celebrate Community" Initiative Donations](#): The club is still seeking donations (clothing and non-perishable food items) throughout the rest of the month of October. Bring your donations to the next regular meeting or contact Bob Beckman if you have items to donate.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Still looking for a new person to publish the monthly newsletter. Contact Bob Beckman if you are interest in volunteering.
- Salvation Army Request: Ellen Parker moved to round up the pig money donations from this past year to \$500 and donate that amount to the local center of the Salvation Army on Fourth Street, and to donate our annual budgeted amount of \$200 to the Salvation Army Tree of Lights Campaign. Roger Deppe seconded. Motion passed.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **2021-22 Budget:** Roger Deppe moved to accept the proposed budget for 2021-22 as presented. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.
- **By-Laws Review:** Ellen Parker moved to table the yearly review of the By-Laws until next board meeting. Dave Borgmeyer seconded. Motion passed. Secretary Parker will send out an electronic copy of the By-Laws to all board members to review before the next meeting. Please contact her if you would like a hard copy printed up for you.
- **Pig Fund Recipient:** Ellen Parker moved to table this for a few months until we have an opportunity for more candidates to choose from. Roger seconded. Motion passed.
- **Benevolent Gift Amount:** Mark Cook moved to keep the Benevolent Gift amount at \$65. Allen Field seconded. Motion passed.
- **President's Credit Card:** President Beckman will transfer the President's Credit Card to his name.
- **Event/Fundraiser Chairs Schedule:** The schedule was reviewed. A new chairperson is needed for the Golf Tournament. Dean Krogmeier volunteered.
- **Scripps National Spelling Bee Registration Request from Jefferson Intermediate:** Ellen Parker moved to approve the request for the \$175 registration fee for Jefferson Intermediate's entry in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Dave Borgmeyer seconded. Motion passed.
- **EMO First Quarter Conference** will be held October 22-23 in St. Peters, MO at the Courtyard by Marriott. President Beckman will check his schedule to see if he can attend.
- **Secretary Ellen Parker** informed the board of the OI Foundation's new "Dime-A-Day" Program. This program encourages individual club members to join the program for \$36.50 (or more). See the OI website for more details.
- **OI Foundation Accomplishments:** Secretary Ellen Parker presented a list of the 2020-21 Foundation accomplishments to the board members. See the OI website for the list.
- **Dave Borgmeyer** moved to approve the request for \$300 to sponsor a student to attend the Missouri Leadership Seminar. Allen Field seconded. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Thank you notes were received from two students that we have sponsored for previous Missouri Leadership Seminars, one from St. Charles West and one from St. Dominic.
- Thank you notes were sent to Mayor Dan Borgmeyer and County Executive Steve Ehlmann for attending our Banquet and presenting the 50th Anniversary Proclamations by the city and county.
- Thank you note was sent to Representative Tom Hannegan for sponsoring the Missouri House of Representatives Resolution recognizing our 50th Anniversary.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Deadline for the next newsletter will be October 29, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mark Cook moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Borgmeyer seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Parker, Secretary

# MILESTONES AND LOOK-AHEAD



## Club Schedule - November Birthdays

<b>November 2</b>	Noon Meeting
<b>November 9</b>	Noon Meeting
<b>November 16</b>	Noon Meeting (Board Meeting to Follow)
<b>November 23</b>	Noon Meeting
<b>November 30</b>	Noon Meeting

<b>November 12</b>	Ernie Dempsey
<b>November 14</b>	John White
<b>November 23</b>	Pat McDonnell
<b>November 29</b>	Ed Gettemeier
<b>November 30</b>	Julie King

## Membership Anniversaries



<b>November 2021</b>	Dulcie Couillard — 31 years
	Paul Hauser — 26 years
	Mike King — 8 years

## Wedding Anniversaries



<b>November 19</b>	Loren & Elena Cook
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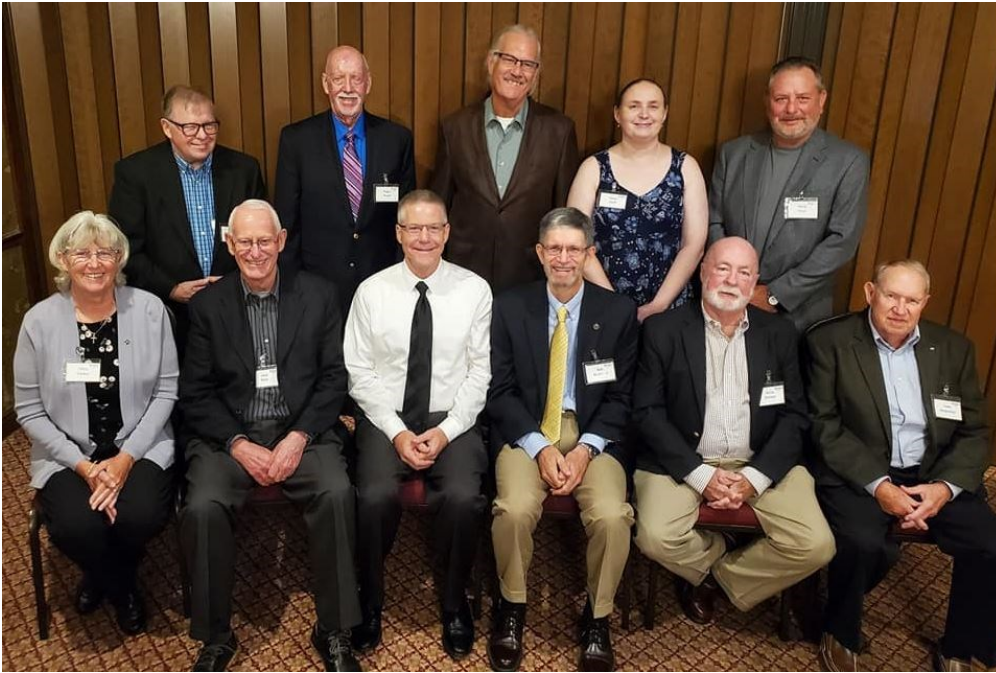
## Speakers Preview



<b>November 2</b>	Tara Olendorff — Orchard Farm School District
<b>November 9</b>	Rick Daleen — Boys & Girls Club of St. Charles County
<b>November 16</b>	Sherry Bollinger — Harvester Christian Church
<b>November 23</b>	Thanksgiving Blessings Video
<b>November 30</b>	Kurt Bahr — St. Charles County Director of Elections

**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

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## CLUB INFORMATION:

**Mailing Address:** Optimist Club of St. Charles  
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.