

April 2020



Optimist Club of  
St. Charles

# OPTIMIST NEWS

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## President Steve Harker



*Greetings Optimist,*

*I hope this correspondence finds you healthy and minimally effected by the lockdown. Please contact me if you are made aware of anyone who needs assistance. Club members or not.*

*The board met on Tuesday via Zoom, and the meeting went well. Obviously, many of our fund raisers have been cancelled or rescheduled. The membership will be made aware of the new dates. Additionally, as the lockdown restrictions are relaxed, we will announce the resumption of meetings.*

*It has been really inspirational to see this crisis bring out the best in people. I work with many health care professionals who are on the front lines every day. There is a lot of anxiety as the guidelines seem to change daily. Most of these heroes are more concerned with bringing the virus home to their family, than they are for themselves.*

*When you are faced with a crisis, do you ever take a moment and recite or look at the Optimist Creed? I am amazed at how much anxiety it relieves. It makes you a healthier person, and as you become less anxious (especially when you give every living creature a smile), you will find it is contagious. Sometimes a kind word, somebody talking happiness, or looking at the sunny side of everything, is all somebody needs to help get them through the day. Right now, someone you know could use your optimism.*

*Optimistically yours,*

*Steve*

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

As is most of the country, our Club is following the guidance of local, state and federal officials on actions to limit the spread of COVID-19. I'm sure all of us are eager to return to a more normal life, including the ability to conduct in-person meetings and hold fund-raisers and other events which enable the Club to support the youth of St. Charles County. In the meantime, we will use email, the newsletter and our Facebook page to communicate plans and dates for club activities. Please send me any personal or community concerns you want to include in the newsletters. And please take time to read notes and messages that come out from club leaders so you can stay informed. Thanks to everyone for your support of the Club. Bob B.

# MARCH MEETING SPEAKERS

## CCRB / Shower of Love



Jeanne Spencer from the Community and Children's Resource Board spoke about the "Shower of Love", which our Club supports each year. This year's grocery store collection drive has since been cancelled due to COVID-19. However, donations can be made to any of their 7 non-profit partners: Birthright St. Charles, Crisis Nursery, Nurses for Newborns, Our Lady's Inn, Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service, or Youth In Need. For a list of desired donations, visit their website at [www.showeroflovestc.org](http://www.showeroflovestc.org). You can also shop their [Amazon Wishlist](#) or [Target Registry](#) and donations will be shipped directly to the Shower of Love office and distributed from there.

## Humane Dept / Pet Adoption Center



Shuma Chaudhuri filled in for Katie Willis, Director of the St Charles County Division of Humane Services, and explained the role of the Pet Adoption Center. All types of lovable pets are available for adoption. The adoption fee includes a health examination, initial vaccinations, spay or neuter service, temperament education, a County License tag, and microchipping. Volunteers are always welcome to help at the enter, and you may find a furry friend!

# PROJECTS AND EVENTS

## *Items of Interest to Club Members:*

1. **CLUB EVENTS:** See the *President Report and Committee Reports* sections in the *Board of Directors Meeting Minutes* on Page 4 & 5 of this Newsletter for status of near-term events. Contact the *Committee Chair* for further details on any upcoming event.
2. **CLUB OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS:** The annual election for 2020-21 club officers and board members will be held at a date to be determined. A *Nominating Committee* has been formed to identify candidates. Club members are encouraged to consider running for a board position. Look for an email from Fred McGinley, the *Nominating Committee chair*, soliciting prospective candidates for office.
3. **CALL FOR SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT:** Our administrator of the Club's Facebook page, Alison Griffith, is soliciting input from Club members on what you are doing and how you are spending your time during this uncertain period. An inspirational quote is a bonus too! If you would like to participate, please email the following information to Alison at: [agriffith@stchlibrary.org](mailto:agriffith@stchlibrary.org)
  - Your name and how long you've been with the Optimists
  - 1-2 photos
  - a brief description of what is happening in the photo or a quote you want to share

## ***"Songs for the Coronavirus Shelter in Place"***

***(an offering of songs and song titles to help brighten your day)***

1. *The Police: "Don't Stand So Close to Me"*
2. *Simon & Garfunkel: "Bridge Over Troubled Water"*
3. *The Youngbloods: "Get Together" - NOT*
4. *U.S.A. for Africa: "We Are the World"*
5. *Mason Williams: "Life Song"*
6. *Eric Carmen - "All By Myself"*
7. *Phil Collins: "Another Day in Paradise"*
8. *Bill Withers" "Lean on Me"*
9. *Tommy James and the Shondells: "I Think We're Alone Now"*
10. *Louis Armstrong: "What a Wonderful World"*

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
April 7, 2020**

This board meeting serves as the monthly board meeting in March that was cancelled due to Co-Vid 19 circumstances.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Steve Harker called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm on Zoom.

**ATTENDANCE:** Bob Beckman, Dave Borgmeyer, Roger Deppe, Mike Ebert, Steve Harker, Mary Krogmeier, Fred McGinley, Ellen Parker, Gerry Prinster, Jack Ross, Carl Sandstedt, and Dale Westby. Also, in attendance was Mark Cook.

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

- Jack Ross moved to approve the minutes of February 18, 2020. Fred McGinley seconded. The minutes were approved.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

- Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer reported that there was not much activity in the financial accounts because of lack of action by the club due to Co-Vid 19 shutdowns. Income was mainly from Spaghetti Dinner ticket sales. He also reported that after making the third quarter payment in April, the dues account was under \$100, but that another payment was not due until the fourth quarter. He will look into transferring money into that account at that time if necessary.
- As of February 29, 2020, the general checking account had a balance of \$957.16. The savings account has a balance of \$6,768.20. The c/d's total \$36,892.04. General Accounts Total is \$44,617.40. The Scholarship Funds balance is \$186,095.23. The dues account showed a balance of \$839.77.
- As of March 31, 2020, the general checking account had a balance of \$2,202.16. The savings account had a balance of \$6,768.73. The c/d's total \$37,065.56. General Accounts total was \$46,036.45. The Scholarship Funds balance was \$186,095.33. The dues account showed a balance of \$914.77.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the financial reports for both February and March with the auditor. Bob Beckman seconded. Motion passed.

**PRESIDENT REPORT:**

- Ford Fest and our "Drive 4 UR Community": President Harker reported that he received an email from member Rick Pundmann that the events had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Duchesne High School Auction: President Harker also reported that the event would now be held as an on-line auction. Our \$500 donation could be returned, used in the on-line auction, or held over until next year's auction. Ellen Parker moved that we let them keep our \$500 donation for their on-line auction this year. Jack Ross seconded. Motion passed.
- Election Nominating Committee: President Harker asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2020-21 officer elections. The following board members volunteered: Bob Beckman, Mary Krogmeier, Fred McGinley, Gerry Prinster, and Dale Westby. Fred McGinley volunteered to chair the committee. Ellen Parker moved that the board approve these members as the nominating committee. Roger Deppe seconded. Motion passed. Ellen Parker will send a list of retiring board members and officers to each member of the nominating committee.
- President Harker stated that he has been contacting upcoming speakers for our noon meetings and putting them on hold until further notice.

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Golf Tournament:** Chairman Fred McGinley reported that the tournament will be postponed. He has tentatively set Monday, September 21, 2020 as the new date.
- **Fishing Derby:** Chairman Mark Cook reported that as of now, the annual Community Living Fishing Derby will still be held on June 6, 2020 at Busch Wildlife.
- **Oratorical Contest:** Chairman Bob Beckman reported that the district level oratorical contest has been put on hold until further notice.
- **New Awards Recognition for First Responders and School Resource Officers:** Dale Westby reported that recognition for First Responders has been put on hold until further notice. He stated that the plaques are designed and waiting for the names of the award winners.
- **Scholarship Committee:** Chairman Mike Ebert reported that he is collecting applications but we will wait to evaluate them over the summer. We will probably recognize them at a meeting right before the start of the new school year, if possible.
- **Spaghetti Dinner:** The dinner has been moved to Oct. 23, 2020. It was agreed that we use the original tickets but print out new flyers and yard signs advertising the new date. It was suggested that we hold off on printing the signs until later in the summer.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Process to analyze charitable groups seeking donations over and above budgeted items and OI Grant Info:** Ellen Parker moved to table these two items until we are able to meet as a board in person. Roger Deppe seconded. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Publication of Student Pictures Guidelines and Changing Spelling Bee Competition to STEM competitions:** Ellen Parker moved to table these two items until we are able to meet as a board in person. Roger Deppe seconded. Motion passed.
- **JOOI Request:** Dave Borgmeyer moved to reimburse Mike Ebert in the amount of \$55 to cover the rental fee for EMO JOOI function in St. Charles. Roger Depp seconded. Motion passed.
- **Discussion was held concerning the deadline dates for the election of 2020-21 officers.** Ellen Parker moved to waive the deadline dates outlined in the by-laws, if necessary, and leave the ballot deadline and election date at the discretion of the nominating committee. Bob Beckman seconded. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None received.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Bob Beckman will continue to publish a newsletter during our shut down to help members keep in touch.**
- **President Harker announced that the next board meeting will be held on Zoom on April 21, 2020.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jack Ross moved to adjourn the meeting. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Parker, Secretary

## Events Calendar



Our weekly meetings in April are cancelled due to COVID-19 . Look for notices from Steve when in-person meetings will resume.

The next Board of Directors virtual meeting is scheduled via Zoom on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Club members are welcome to call in. Access numbers will be sent out prior to the meeting.

## March Meeting Attendance

**March 3**      12 Members & 1 Guest  
**March 10**     11 Members & 1 Guest

## Birthdays



**April 12**  
**April 30**

**Chris McCoy**  
**Barbara Hall**

## Anniversaries



**April 21**

**Bob & Blanche Avery**

## Speakers Preview

On hold pending the resumption of meetings



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## **ST. CHARLES CLUB OFFICERS**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>STEVE HARKER (636-947-3179)</b>
<b>PRESIDENT-ELECT</b>	<b>FRED MCGINLEY (314-393-0706)</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	<b>BOB BECKMAN (636-947-9023)</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>ELLEN PARKER (636-441-6857)</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>DAVE BORGMEYER (636-723-0275)</b>
<b>PAST PRESIDENT</b>	<b>JACK ROSS (314-287-0569)</b>

## **CLUB BOARD MEMBERS**

<b>ROGER DEPPE (636-723-1937)</b>	<b>GERRY PRINSTER (314-973-2928)</b>
<b>MIKE EBERT (314-402-9039)</b>	<b>CARL SANDSTEDT (636-293-9559)</b>
<b>MARY KROGMEIER (636-734-5903)</b>	<b>DALE WESTBY (314-550-7723)</b>

## **CLUB MAILING ADDRESS**

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