

July 2020



Optimist Club of
St. Charles

OPTIMIST NEWS

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"How I See It" — Face Masks

Good news! Our weekly meetings have resumed. I believe we all want a return to "normal" in our daily lives. However, Covid-19 is still with us as seen by an uptick in cases. As Steve reported, Pio's implemented steps to limit the spread of the virus to its patrons. I believe as a Club we can be just as proactive in protecting others. Personally, I did not attend the June meetings due to underlying health concerns. When I do return, I will be wearing a face mask when not eating. I hope others in attendance are wearing theirs too. Simple steps such as this, along with social distancing, can help our hosts, guests, potential new members and others feel safe when attending our meetings.
That's how I see it, how about you?

Bob B.

President Steve Harker



When I was young, I was once told that most things that are yelled or whispered, aren't worth listening to. When I look at our civil unrest today, those words have never been more true.

Recently, there was a protest where marchers had a grievance. The incident quickly escalated, and the message was lost in chaos. Most people will only remember two homeowners flourishing guns. This incident could have easily turned tragic. The irony is, the couple with the guns actually supported the marcher's cause.

Martin Luther King once said "A riot is the language of the unheard." A riot is also a sign of weakness.

I often speak about how profound our creed is, and how it applies to everyday life. Just think how much "louder" your voice would be if everyone lived the creed. People won't tune out your message, and your voice will be heard.

We all know someone who always has a smile on their face. That person has a certain magnetism and people tend to gravitate to them. We tend to tune out the toxic or negative people in our lives. The chronic whiners. Nobody wants to be around negativity.

There are very few situations I can think of where the outcome wouldn't be better if everyone lived by the creed. Be too strong for fear, wear a cheerful countenance, think only the best, be too noble for anger and be enthusiastic about the success of others.

As Optimists, we unselfishly give to others. We are good people but nobody is perfect. When you find yourself in a funk, always come back to the creed. You will find life will get better for you, and those around you.

Positivity is just as contagious as negativity. Let's do our part to spread positivity.

*Optimistically yours,
Steve*

JUNE SPEAKER AND ELECTIONS

Kurt Bahr, St. Charles County Director of Elections



Kurt Bahr, St Charles County Director of Elections, was our guest speaker on June 23rd. His presentation addressed issues currently in the news about voting, many of which will be closely watched in the November 3rd election.

Election of 2020-21 Board Officers and Directors

The election of board officers and directors was held on June 30th. Club members elected to will fill open positions for the 2020-2021 year were:

Board Officers (serve 1 year terms in office):

President: Fred McGinley

President-Elect: Bob Beckman

Vice President: Gerry Prinster

Past President (non-elected): Steve Harker

Board Directors (serve 2 year terms in office):

Mark Cook

Allen Field

Jack Ross

These electees will join Board directors serving their second year in office: Mike Ebert, Mary Krogmeier, Dale Westby, along with Secretary Ellen Parker and Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer. In total, they will comprise our Board of Directors effective October 1st. Congratulations to those who are newly elected and appreciation to those continuing to serve in the coming year.

UPCOMING PROJECTS AND EVENTS

Club Event Status

Scheduled Upcoming Events

- 9/21/20 - Optimist Golf Tournament (see flyer below)
- 10/23/20 - Optimist Spaghetti Dinner

Postponed Events

- Respect for Law
- School Resource Officers Recognition
- First Responders Recognition

Canceled Events

- Ford Drive for the Community
- Ford Fest
- Fishing Derby
- St. Charles County Fair Beer Booth
- Festival of the Little Hills Beer Booth

32nd ANNUAL OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES GOLF TOURNAMENT
 PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE YOUTH OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY
Monday, September 21, 2020
 ST. PETERS GOLF CLUB




PAYMENTS
 Mail form and check to:
 Optimist Club of St. Charles
 Golf Tournament
 PO BOX 234
 St. Charles, MO 63302
 or turn in to a member

DEADLINES
 Player reservations must be received by Sept. 17, 2020
 Sponsorship confirmations must be received by Sept. 15, 2020

CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS
 Fred McGinley: 314.393.0706
 fmcginley@sbcglobal.net
 Alan Suit: 314.330.4838
 alanlsuit@gmail.com
 Dave Borgmeyer: 636.723.0275

LOCATION
 St. Peters Golf Club
 200 Salt Lick Rd.
 St. Peters, MO 63376
 636.397.2227
 - FUN CONTESTS -
 - GOOD PRIZES -

Registration begins: 10:45 am
Lunch: 11:00 am
Shotgun Start: 12:00 Noon
Pork Steak Dinner after golf

- ✓ 4 person scramble = \$400 per team
- ✓ Individual = \$100 each
- ✓ Includes: green fee, cart, lunch, dinner and refreshments

Registration Information:
 Contact Name: _____
 Company: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Player Reservations:
 Player 1: _____
 Player 2: _____
 Player 3: _____
 Player 4: _____

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SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

DINNER SPONSOR \$500
 Sponsor will have a large banner, and be recognized at the dinner following tournament.

BEVERAGE SPONSOR \$350
 Sponsor will have exclusive right of your company's name displayed on every beverage cart.

LUNCH SPONSOR \$400
 Sponsor will have a large banner, and be recognized at the luncheon meal.

LONGEST DRIVE SPONSOR \$250
 Sponsor will receive a sign with the company's name on longest drive hole in the fairway.

CLOSEST TO THE HOLE SPONSOR \$250
 Sponsor will receive a sign with the company's name next to green.

HOLE SPONSOR \$100
 Sponsor will receive a sign with the company's name on a hole.

SPONSOR INFORMATION:
 Contact Name: _____
 Company: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: President Steve Harker called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Dave Borgmeyer, Roger Deppe, Mike Ebert, Steve Harker, Mary Krogmeier, Fred McGinley, Ellen Parker, Gerry Prinster, Jack Ross, and Dale Westby. Allen Field was also in attendance.

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Jack Ross moved to approve the minutes of May 19, 2020. Gerry Prinster seconded. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer reported little financial activity in May. He requested \$5,000 from the scholarship funds to cover our scholarships this year. He paid out two of the five checks today (6-16-2020).
- He also reported that the CD's have recently been renewed for a short time, less than a year.
- As of May 31, 2020, the general checking account had a balance of \$1,117.00. The savings account had a balance of \$6,769.30. The c/d's total \$37,065.56. General Accounts total was \$45,073.23. The Scholarship Funds balance was \$187,312.98. The dues account showed a balance of \$121.38.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the financial report with the auditor. Mike Ebert seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- President Harker discussed the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on October 23, 2020, hoping that we would still be able to have it. Discussion centered around making necessary changes to comply with Covid-19 guidelines.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Election Committee:** Chairman Fred McGinley reported that the committee is continuing to get a ballot together with multiple candidates. Election is scheduled for June 30, 2020.
- **Oratorical/Essay Contests:** Chairman Bob Beckman reported that he has already sent out the awards to the winners. He is asking the winners to read their essays or give their speeches at the recognition luncheons at the end of July. Essay contest winners will be recognized at the noon meeting on July 14, 2020. Oratorical contest winners will be recognized at the noon meeting on July 21, 2020.
- **Respect for Law, SRO, and First Responders Recognition:** Recognition for School Resource Officers will be rescheduled since they were not able to make it to the meeting today. First Responders recognition still needs to be scheduled. Respect for Law has been postponed.

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- **Scholarship Committee:** Chairman Mike Ebert reported that this year's winners have been scheduled. He has requested July 28, 2020 or August 4, 2020 for recognition dates.
- **Golf Tournament:** Chairman Fred McGinley reported that the committee is still looking for teams and sponsors. He will follow up with St. Peters Golf Course regarding their guidelines for serving food.
- **Spaghetti Dinner:** See President's Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Policy for student pictures in media release form:** Ellen Parker moved to have Roger Deppe develop a media release form for our club that we can use for press releases that include pictures and information of youth. Roger Deppe seconded. Motion Passed
- **OI Virtual Convention, June 27 and 28, 2020:** Registration deadline is Friday, June 26, 2020 at 9:00 am. Go to www.Optimist.org/convention to register. Let President Harker know if you are interested in attending. President Harker will also look into cost and how to register.
- **OI By-Laws Mandatory Changes:** Secretary Ellen Parker went over the necessary changes mandated by Optimist International. She will revise our by-laws accordingly and send out a copy of the revised document to all board members and officers.
- **Discussion ensued concerning the deadline for remitting dues for the following year.** It was suggested that we move the due date to the middle of September.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Deadline for the next newsletter will be June 30, 2020.**

ADJOURNMENT:

- **Mike Ebert moved to adjourn the meeting. Fred McGinley seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Parker, Secretary

Events Calendar



Birthdays



- July 7** Noon Meeting
- July 14** Noon Meeting
- July 21** Noon Meeting
(Board Meeting at 1:00 PM)
- July 28** Noon Meeting

July 10 Bob Avery

Meeting Attendance

- June 2** 13 Members
- June 9** 7 Members
- June 16** 17 Members
- June 23** 14 Members & 1 Guest
- June 30** 17 Members

Anniversaries



- July 3** Joe & Donna Bryan
- July 22** Edgardo & Linda Sanchez
- July 26** Ed & Pam Gettemeier
- July 28** Jeff & Julie Marion
- July 31** Chris & Megan Hallam

Speakers Preview

- July 7** Missouri Concierge of Marijuana
- July 14** Essay Recognition
- July 21** Oratorical Recognition
- July 28** Scholarship Winners



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ST. CHARLES CLUB OFFICERS

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

CLUB BOARD DIRECTORS

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

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**Optimist Club of St. Charles
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St. Charles, Missouri 63302**

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