

September 2020



Optimist Club of  
St. Charles

# OPTIMIST NEWS

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## Calling All Optimists!!

Time is drawing closer to our 2020 Golf Tournament, Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please help your club with this important fundraiser, by actively recruiting a team of golfers, securing sponsorship from a business or securing gifts which can be used as prizes or auction items during the tournament.

Your participation is important to raise money to continue the level of contributions our club makes to youth in the community.

See the tournament flyer on Page 3 with all the details. Please take an active role in the advancement of your club.



## President Steve Harker



*Greetings Optimists,*

*We are all guilty of this thing called confirmation bias. Let me give you an example. You are watching a football game. The receiver juggles the ball a bit before he falls. If the receiver is on your team, you will argue it was a good catch. If the receiver is on the other team, you will argue it was an incomplete pass. The replay will always confirm your analysis.*

*It is human nature to do this in all facets of our life, be it politics, religion or even sports. We tend to select, and even seek out, information sources that confirm our bias. Confirmation bias can keep us from looking at the sunny side of everything, interfere with our ability to think only the best, and does nothing for the improvement of yourself.*

*Albert Einstein once said "If you always do what you always did, you will always get what you always got". Growth as a human being is always uncomfortable. It is hard for us to admit that our receiver actually did not have control of the ball when he went down. To grow as a human and an Optimist, doing the right thing is working only for the best. We can never work for the best, unless we set our bias aside.*

*Next time you get the chance, go against your initial instinct. Be honest with yourself, research your opponent's argument, root for the other team (just for that one call), watch a different news channel. You will grow as a person, and there will be one less thing to interfere with your peace of mind.*

*Optimistically yours,  
Steve*

# AUGUST SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

## St. Charles Schools Opening Model



Club Member Dr. Jason Sefrit, Superintendent of the St. Charles School District, described a school re-entry model for the 2020-2021 school year. With all the challenges of teaching students during a pandemic, it was evident that the School District leadership and teaching staff have considered many possibilities for providing a good learning program.

## Better Business Bureau



Rebecca Phoenix of the BBB in St. Louis met with us via Zoom (an SC Optimist first) to explain all the scams, misinformation and many positive aspects associated with both businesses and scammers in today's world of coronavirus. Use the following website and phone number to obtain further information:

Website: <https://www.bbb.org>

Phone: (314) 645-3300

## St. Louis Soccer Historian



Jim Leeker is a former Division 1 Soccer Champion, Rookie of the year, Professional Player of the Year, member of the St Louis Soccer Hall of Fame, St Louis Sports Hall of Fame, St Louis University Hall of Fame and Missouri Hall of Fame, and current President of the St Louis Soccer Hall of Fame. He gave our club members an enlightening talk on all things soccer in St. Louis.

## Back to School Donations



Our club made donations of \$600 to the St. Charles School District to purchase face masks and \$400 to Orchard Farm School District for school supplies and computer insurance. These items were requested by the school districts to help open schools.

Best wishes to all local school districts for a safe and healthy return to school!

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# UPCOMING PROJECTS AND EVENTS

## Club Event Status

### Scheduled Upcoming Events:

- 9/12/20 - Boys & Girls Club of SC County "Pull for Youth" event
- 9/18/20 - Dinner Banquet & Officer Installation - Pio's - RSVP by 9/1/2020
- 9/21/20 - Optimist Golf Tournament **\*\*Players and Sponsors needed!!\*\***

### Postponed Events:

- First Responders Recognition
- School Resource Officer Recognition

### Rescheduled Events:

- 2021 Spaghetti Dinner - April 9, 2021 (2020 Spaghetti Dinner canceled)

**Chairpersons for 2021 Club Events needed - Please consider assisting**

## 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  
alansuit@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: \_\_\_\_\_

## PULL YOUTH Sporting Clay Shoot

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020**  
Blackhawk Valley Hunting Preserve  
1259 Brevator Road, Old Monroe, MO 63369

**\$500 PER 4-PERSON TEAM | \$125 PER INDIVIDUAL**  
100 Target Shoot - Ammo Not Included

**GUNS, GETAWAYS, & MORE**  
Top Tier Raffle | \$20 per ticket or 6 for \$100  
Bucket Raffles | \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20

**REGISTRATION: 7:00 AM**  
Only scores in by Noon will qualify for prizes

Registration Available Online at [BGCSTC.ORG/PULLFORYOUTH](http://BGCSTC.ORG/PULLFORYOUTH)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsorships**

- \$5,000 - **EVENT SPONSOR\*** THREE TEAMS, special mention, large signage at registration, & social media
- \$2,500 - **CORPORATE SPONSOR\*** TWO TEAMS, large signage at registration, & social media
- \$1,000 - **SCORECARD SPONSOR** ONE TEAM, signage, & acknowledgement on scorecard
- \$500 - **SUPER STATION SPONSOR** Large signage at registration & shooting station
- \$250 - **STATION SPONSOR** Signage at shooting station
- \$500 - 4-PERSON TEAM
- \$125 - SINGLE SHOOTER
- TOP TIER RAFFLE TICKETS \$20 per ticket or 6 for \$100
- BUCKET RAFFLE TICKETS \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20

\*Available at Select Levels. Please consult with an accountant.

Event, Corporate, Scorecard, & Super Station Sponsors are invited to set up a booth to promote your organization.

**YOP TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE**

Reduce your tax liability and support BGCSTC through YOP Tax Credits at 50%. Donations starting at \$1,000 are eligible for these tax credits.

**HOW IT WORKS:**

Your Gift of \$5,000  
Less Tax Credit of \$2,500  
Less Federal Tax Savings\* \$1,200  
\*Based on 24% Tax Bracket  
Less Missouri Tax Savings  
Your Out-of-Pocket Donation: \$1,300

**PAYMENT METHODS:**  
Checks - Made payable to the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Charles County; send with completed form to 1211 Lindenwood Ave., St. Charles, MO 63301  
Credit Card - Pay online at [BGCSTC.ORG/PULL-FOR-YOUTH](http://BGCSTC.ORG/PULL-FOR-YOUTH)

**Billing Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch Provided By:**

**Event Committee**

Jon-Paul Brown  
Chad Dalkemper  
Rick Dalkemper  
Karm Engert

Mark Feldmann  
Nick Hall  
Gerrit Ott, Chair  
Patrick Pryor

For additional information, call Jacquelyne McClelland at 636-688-8553.  
\$40 per participant is non-tax-deductible.



**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
August 18, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Steve Harker called the meeting to order at 12:42 pm.

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

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

- Gerry Prinster moved to approve the minutes of July 21, 2020. Fred McGinley seconded. The minutes were approved.
- Ellen Parker reported that the mandatory revised By-Laws have been approved by Optimist International, dated August 3, 2020.
- Ellen Parker reported that second notices would be sent out this week to those who have not yet paid. Treasurer David Borgmeyer reported that 21 out of 48 members have yet to renew their membership. Deadline for dues is September 15, 2020.
- Since member Linda Sanchez will no longer be the representative from the Boys & Girls Club, Secretary Ellen Parker will remove her name from the roster bringing the total number of active members to 47.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer reported that:

- He had to transfer \$1200 from the savings account to cover expenses. Major expenses this month included \$700 transferred to the dues account for Optimist International 4th quarter dues, the annual \$600 donation to the St. Charles County Fair for 4-H trophies, and \$600 to Care to Learn for our annual back to school supplies donation.
- All of the 2020 Senior Scholarships have been paid out.
- We will have golf tournament expenses, but hopefully the golf tournament income will cover it.
- Funds are getting low and we may have to re-evaluate our budgeted items next year since we had to cancel most of our fundraisers this year. He also stated that we could also cash in our CDs if needed. They mature in December of 2020.
- Roger Deppe moved to allow Treasurer David Borgmeyer the leeway to use up to \$2000 from the New Frontier Saving Account if needed. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.
- As of July 31, 2020, the General Checking account had a balance of \$1,307.86. The Savings account had a balance of \$6,769.86. The CDs total \$37,149.41. General Accounts total was \$45,227.13. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$183,526.87. The Dues account showed a balance of \$26.35.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the financial report with the auditor. Fred McGinley seconded. Motion passed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- President Harker reported that Optimist Banquet will be held at Pio's on Friday, September 18. Projected cost per ticket will be approximately \$25. He will use the Optimistic Hour 50/50 funds, currently at \$142, to pay for appetizers. He is still requesting more pictures from all members for his presentation.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Golf Tournament:** Chairman Fred McGinley is still looking for teams and sponsors.
- **Spaghetti Dinner:** Ellen Parker moved to cancel the 2020 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser which had been rescheduled for October 23 and honor all tickets at next year's Spaghetti Dinner already scheduled for April 9, 2021. Discussion centered around too many health concerns and logistic problems due to Covid issues. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.
- **Back to School Donations:** Chairperson Mary Krogmeier reported that \$600 was given to the St. Charles School District to purchase face masks and \$400 to Orchard Farm School District for school supplies and computer insurance. These particular requests were made by each school district.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **JOI Club:** Mike Ebert reported that he had spoken to Megan Hallam, last year's club sponsor. She wasn't sure who would be the Peer Ambassadors teacher this school year, so not sure of availability and involvement of JOI Club. Mike Ebert will follow-up.
- Roger Deppe moved that we add the Optimist logo the Community Council newsletter to advertise our club. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.
- Dale Westby reported that the Optimist Club of St. Charles will have its 50-year anniversary in March. Be thinking of ideas to celebrate this monumental occasion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Thank you note from Brian Pogle from the St. Charles Care to Learn group for our \$600 donation to the school district for face masks.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Deadline for the next newsletter will be August 28, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mike Ebert moved to adjourn the meeting. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Parker, Secretary

# EVENTS CALENDAR



## September Schedule

<b>September 1</b>	Noon Meeting
<b>September 8</b>	Noon Meeting
<b>September 15</b>	Noon Meeting (Board Meeting at 1:00 PM)
<b>September 18</b>	Banquet & Officer Installation
<b>September 21</b>	Optimist Golf Tournament
<b>September 22</b>	Noon Meeting
<b>September 29</b>	Noon Meeting

## Birthdays

<b>September 3</b>	Bob Beckman
<b>September 7</b>	Andrew Stewart
<b>September 19</b>	Larry Kraft
<b>September 22</b>	Dean Krogmeier
<b>September 22</b>	Dale Westby

## August Attendance

<b>August 4</b>	14 Members & 1 Guest
<b>August 11</b>	13 Members/1 Guest via Zoom
<b>August 18</b>	13 Members
<b>August 25</b>	13 Members & 1 Guest

## Anniversaries



<b>September 3</b>	Mark & Jodi Cook
<b>September 7</b>	Dean & Mary Krogmeier
<b>September 18</b>	Jack & Debbie Ross
<b>September 18</b>	Cathy & Timothy Lenihan
<b>September 19</b>	Chris & Jean McCoy
<b>September 28</b>	Barbara & Buddy Hall

## Speakers Preview

<b>September 1</b>	Alan Medlock, Missouri Historical Society
<b>September 8</b>	Pat Byrne, Responder Rescue
<b>September 15</b>	Daniel Borgmeyer, Honorable Mayor of St. Charles
<b>September 22</b>	Dawn Griffard & Aileen Abbott, World Bird Sanctuary
<b>September 29</b>	TBA



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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 DIRECTORS**

<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**

**Optimist Club of St. Charles**  
**P.O. Box 234**  
**St. Charles, Missouri 63302**

**Club Website:** <https://scoptimists.weebly.com/>

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