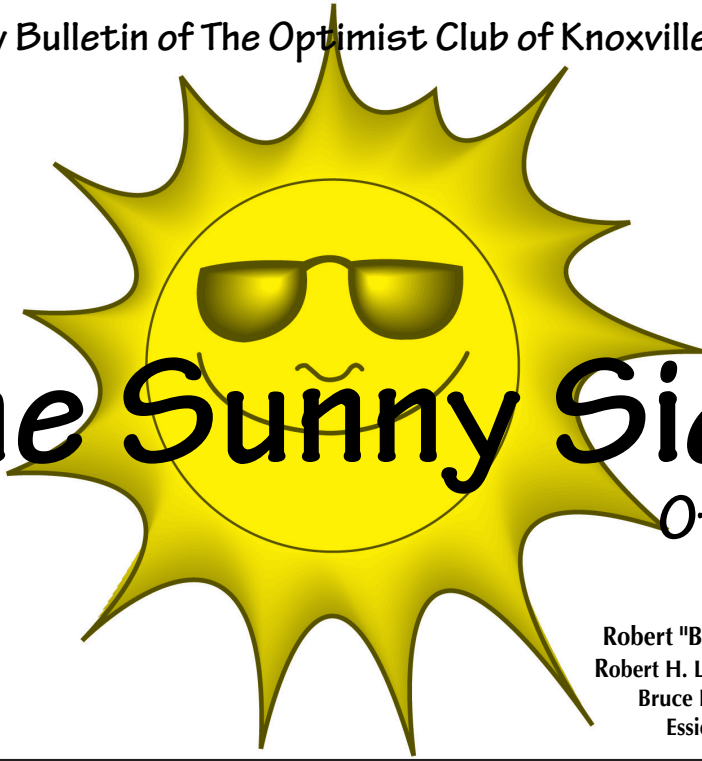


A Look At

"The Sunny Side" Of Everything



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Essie Johnson - Lt. Governor

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LAST WEEK FRIDAY

28 OCTOBER 2022

Dr. DASHA LUNDY is serving her first term as the District 1 Commissioner for the Knox County Commission.

Dr. LUNDY is a visionary leader as a servant leader and community advocate. She was born and raised in East Knoxville and still calls it home. She spoke about the difficult decisions surrounding her vote regarding the Knoxville's City Council approval of an interlocal agreement with both Knox County and their Sports Authority authorizing the construction of a controversial multi-use stadium.

Ultimately, she voted for approval opining that the project will be good for East Knoxville in particular and the community in general.

She also serves as Chief Operating Officer of the historic Knoxville College, built in 1875. It is fitting that that Knoxville College, rising up from the ashes after great efforts by former state legislator Rick Staples to get the schools accreditation back, be led by a woman whose is known as a visionary, and with her qualifications and expertise, well able to oversee the big picture operations of one of the oldest and most historic colleges in the United States.

Dr. Lundy, a member of The Women LLC, a funding organization designed to help black owned businesses obtain access to capital, served the college for years on the Board of Trustees, most recently as vice chair.



THIS WEEK FRIDAY

4 NOVEMBER 2022

ALLEN ROBBINS, co-author of Trial by Fire: A true story of courage and bravery. A story not often told. Is our speaker. He will speak about the first book to come out dealing with the fires in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park that ended up burning many dwellings in the town of Gatlinburg, Tennessee. He is also the General Manager / CEO at Sevier County Electric System. He holds a bachelor's degree in business, Management, and Marketing from Cumberland College.

4-6 NOVEMBER 2022 GATEWAY DISTRICT 1ST QUARTER MEETING

The GATEway District of Optimist International will conduct its 1st Quarter District Conference Friday, November 4th - Sunday, November 6, 2022 at the Hilton Peachtree City Atlanta Hotel & Conference Center, 2443 Highway 54 West, Peachtree City, GA 30269 GA 30269. Hotel reservation at the Optimist rate must be made by 12 October 2022. Call 1 770-487-2000. Register for the conference at www.gatewayoptimists.org

NEXT WEEK FRIDAY VETERANS DAY 11 NOVEMBER 2022

We will not meet! Why not donate your time to support our WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA Project?



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Contact ESSIE JOHNSON
 to make your donation for the
 2022-2023 year



Corner16 Wreath Across America (WAA) Booth – Honor Veterans eating out on Veterans Day while requesting donations for Wreath Across America at one of two Corner16 Restaurant Locations: Middlebrook - 1630 Bob Kirby Road or Northshore - 9637 Kroger Park Drive. Please



volunteer! It is so easy to do. This activity puts us in the community, helps with the WAA efforts, and benefits our club! Have a blast or your money back!



WALTER WANZEN GRIFFIN joined The Optimist Club of Knoxville in December of 1970. He became a Life Member of Optimist International in December of 1975 during his year as Distinguished President. Look at the banner hanging on the wall and you will see his name.

The club named him Optimist of the Year in 1983. He served our Zone as Lt. Governor and was the Tennessee District Governor in 1990-1991. Harry Bryan served as his

Secretary Treasurer while simultaneously serving yours truly and our club as Secretary Treasurer.

This past Friday, on the occasion of his 96th birthday (which was actually Saturday the 29th of October) he took a couple of minutes to share some of his Optimist service to humanity. Your Editor had the pleasure of serving Governor Walter as his District Bulletin Editor. Unfortunately I missed Walter's reminiscences the day before his birthday; however, I doubt he shared this one.

One of the perks of being District Governor was that meeting locations were often decided by a close group of advisors and so it came to pass that Walter's First Quarter meeting was at The Read House in Chattanooga AND it fell on his birthday! Margie Ison, spouse of Past Governor (83-84) Jim Ison, was THE weather authority on WBIR and a talented person with a lovely voice. For Walter's birthday she reprised Marilyn Monroe's Happy Birthday song to President Kennedy. I don't know if Walter remembers that but Your Editor will never forget it.

Anyway, salute to Walter Griffin who has several well-deserved Optimist titles preceded by "Past" and who is very much in the present every Friday at The Foundry where he has lunch with a bunch of Optimists. Come to lunch this Friday and ask him about Margie's birthday greeting!

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Our Chapter has adopted the East Tennessee Veterans' Cemetery as the location where we place wreaths. Our own Brenda Staton in her fourth year as Location Coordinator for Wreaths Across America based in Columbia Falls, Maine has a spot for us as "Wreath Keeper" on Saturday 17 December 2022.

We also support the effort by encouraging the public to sponsor one or more wreaths at \$15.00 each. Donations with credit card? Go to www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/TN0204P

and click on "Sponsor Wreaths". You can email this link to prospective sponsors. There is no government grant of any kind. All 18,000 wreaths we need for the three Veterans' Cemeteries in Knox County come from the generous and caring public. REMEMBER HONOR TEACH

Remember those Veterans who have passed, Honor those who serve and their families waiting for their safe return home and Teach our youth the true cost of freedom.

We have flyers for your use. Pick up some at the back table by the Badge Box.



INVITE A FRIEND DRAWING

Each week, beginning first meeting in October 2022 and running through the end of this calendar year, when you invite a friend to a meeting, you will be entered into a monthly drawing. The monthly drawing will be held at the last meeting of each month! You do not have to be present to win. Bonus: Get the friend to attend the meeting and receive not one, but five entries like Mary and Sandy did. Fill out the invitation slip at the table when you arrive. President DARRIN mentioned "new" and "Car" while on a "hot mic" but no one is sure about make or model! Good luck!



Thus Friday during our meeting, "FIELD GENERALS" a framed and matted print depicting University of Tennessee Quarterbacks from DEWEY WARREN to PEYTON MANNING will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Thanks to fellow Optimist GLEN WEBER for donating the print. We will start the bidding at \$100. The proceeds will benefit future scholars and athletes (some of whom may attend UT) through HENRY NAFF Scholarships. This is a pretty special time in UT Football history. The VOLS are in the national spotlight for all the right reasons. Plan on being the successful bidder when this print goes "on the block"!

DONNA BUSWELL went to purchase a little more Halloween Candy at one of the "big box" stores only to find that all of the Halloween candy had been replaced by Christmas decorations. It seems to your Editor that "holiday creep" is a real problem. We do not seem to have time to celebrate one big holiday because we are being rushed into the next one by retailers. No one asked me, but I like the sentiment expressed by this pic sent to us by BUD MCKELVY.



THE FREAKY FRIDAY GANG



Promise Yourself

- TO be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- TO talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- TO make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- TO look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- TO think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.
- TO be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- TO forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- TO wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- TO give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- TO be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

Christian D. Larson



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By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.

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