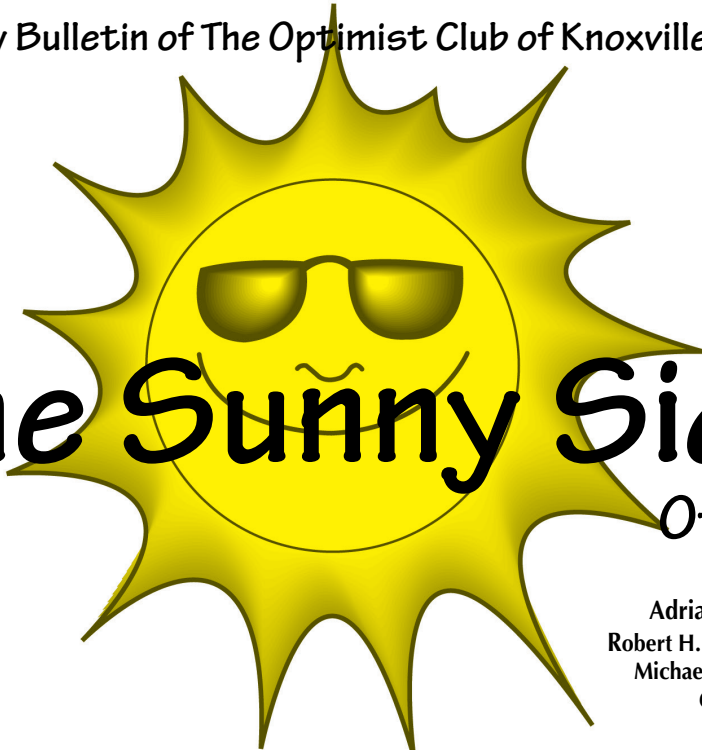


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LAST WEEK

FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2020

JUSTIN WEST, founder of Thrive Lots is our guest as we begin programming in March. Thrive Lot supports the spread and maintenance of ecologically designed food production systems such as permaculture gardens and regenerative agriculture. Their mission is to enable an abundant future through the next agricultural revolution.

JUSTIN shared his vision. "We imagine people everywhere having access to affordable, chemical-free, environmentally regenerative, locally produced whole food. At Thrive Lots we imagine people being able to work locally outdoors for a living wage with a flexible schedule. We imagine people earning money from their unused, mowed or dying industrially farmed property while creating local jobs and regenerating the environment. Our vision is a planet filled with deeply biodiverse, living systems that feed both humans and all other life on the planet.

We believe humans can live and thrive in harmony with nature. Food can be produced by local people by using systems design that supports other life as well. We believe healthy, clean, whole foods should not be the most expensive thing on the table. No one should have to choose cheap processed food because of price.

We believe returning food production to the people will create millions of flexible, good-paying, and rewarding jobs in towns and cities around the world.

For more information contact Justin
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THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2020

Since its start in 1928, the Optimist Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program sponsored by Optimist International. The contest is designed for youth to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with the opportunity to compete for a college scholarship.

Our Annual Optimist International Oratorical Contest will be conducted at the 13 March meeting of the optimist Club of Knoxville. This year's assigned topic:

"Just iMagine a World without Boundaries"

Chairman ERIN FAVIER will introduce us to contestants representing Sacred Heart Catholic School and Homeschool Students from First Cumberland Church. Invite a friend to join you for this program.

NEXT WEEK

FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2020

NO MEETING SPRING BREAK!

PLAN AHEAD

FRIDAY 3 APRIL 2020

Annual DOROTHY WEBER Y.E.S. Awards Program. To honor the memory of Dorothy Ann Weber, the Optimist Club of Knoxville presents the Y.E.S. Award to individuals nominated by invited community organizations. The honorees are individuals, who as did DOROTHY, step up to say 'YES' when the need arises. This year's honorees will represent organizations to which Dorothy gave her time and talents. Nominating organizations are: The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley; The

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InterFaith Health Clinic; and the Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians. JIM ADCOCK and ANNIE LaLONDE serve as Co-Chairmen for this annual salute to some of our community's best volunteers.

FRIDAY 10 APRIL 2020 - NO MEETING – HAPPY EASTER!

FRIDAY 24 APRIL 2020 - JOHNNY MAUER DAY

FRIDAY 1 MAY 2020 - OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020 - RESPECT FOR LAW DAY

SHONEY'S KIDCARE PHOTO ID

Here's an update on Shoney's KidCare Photo ID for 2020. The annual sponsors reviewed our program and have collectively decided to make a few changes this year. We are moving away from the mall locations, as participation has consistently fallen off for the pasts several years. The good news is that we are committed to participating in Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs' School Mania event. Please mark your calendar for Monday, August 10, 2020 from 3:00-6:00pm at the Jacob Building at Chilhowee Park. This is an awesome event and we will need lots of help!

Shoney's KidCare ID will also be attending an event at Safety City on Saturday, June 6, 2020. We will need several volunteers for that date. We are finalizing the details and will update you soon.

Thank you for all the support the members of the Optimist Club of Knoxville have given to this program. It's truly appreciated!
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION
Join DENNIS McBRIDE and the growing list of Dime-A-Day donors.

You may also join DENNIS as a member of the President's Club – a one-time unrestricted donation of \$250.00 to the Optimist International. See ESSIE JOHNSON and hand her \$36.50 – just a Dime-A-Day to support the work of the OIF.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

PAT LEONARD 6th
FRANK LEUTHOLD 6th
JOHN BAILES 10th
MARK ENIX 12th
DARRELL OAKLEY 19th
HARRY BRYAN 29th

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

BUDDY RIMMER 2nd
BOB BRIGHT 12th
CAROLYN MONDAY 28th

PICS

PAT LEONARD turned sixty last Friday. A milestone for many, this birthday also the thirtieth time he has celebrated his birthday as a member of the Optimist Club of Knoxville making him an Optimist for more than half his lifetime.

Arbitrary & Capricious missed announcing FRANK LEUTHOLD'S birthday – on the same date. FRANK'S birthday was his 45th since joining the club – he's had more birthdays as a member than many of our members have had period! The club sang – if you can call it singing – the "birthday song". We wish both of these gentlemen a trip filled with health, happiness and prosperity as they make their next trip around the Sun.

JUSTIN WEST, founder of Thrive Lots, was our speaker last Friday. President BEN GOODSON thanked JUSTIN for his message and invited him to join us every Friday as a member.

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CHRIS ALBRECHT and BUZZ & DONNA BUSWELL sponsored TEJA CAIN and last Friday BUZZ inducted her into "...the oldest Optimist Club south of Louisville, Kentucky and east of the Mississippi River." TEJA is an Agent / Advisor with CORE Insurance Advisors. TEJA was born in Maribor, Slovenia. She has two daughters: NIKKI a Senior at Knoxville Catholic and SASHA, a nursing student in Florida. Her husband DANIEL CAIN owns and operates "Just Jeeps & More". Please introduce yourself to TEJA and make her welcome.

Change collected in those attractive jars at your table goes to help the fight against Childhood Cancer. A nickel here and a dime there adds up. Thanks for dropping your loose change off during our meetings.

BRADLEY PRUITT announced the Inaugural Optimist Club of Knoxville Die-Cast /TOY Collectibles Show on Saturday 25 April 2020 from 9am-2pm at the Golden Gloves Arena, 401 Lakeside Street, Knoxville, TN 37914. We are going to need help setting up Friday before the Show as well as helping take down Saturday following the close. Please volunteer.

BETH O'BRIEN says she is storing nuts without peanuts and nuts with peanuts and raisins coated with chocolate (but no peanuts) and if that's not enough, she is also storing ALMONDS coated with DARK CHOCOLATE at her house. She (and TOM ZURAF) would be pleased if you would empty the basket at our meeting and sent it home empty.

No, we are not "nuts" it is a fund raiser. Get yours at the back of the meeting room Friday.



Beanie Baby on ETSY selling for \$24,000



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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