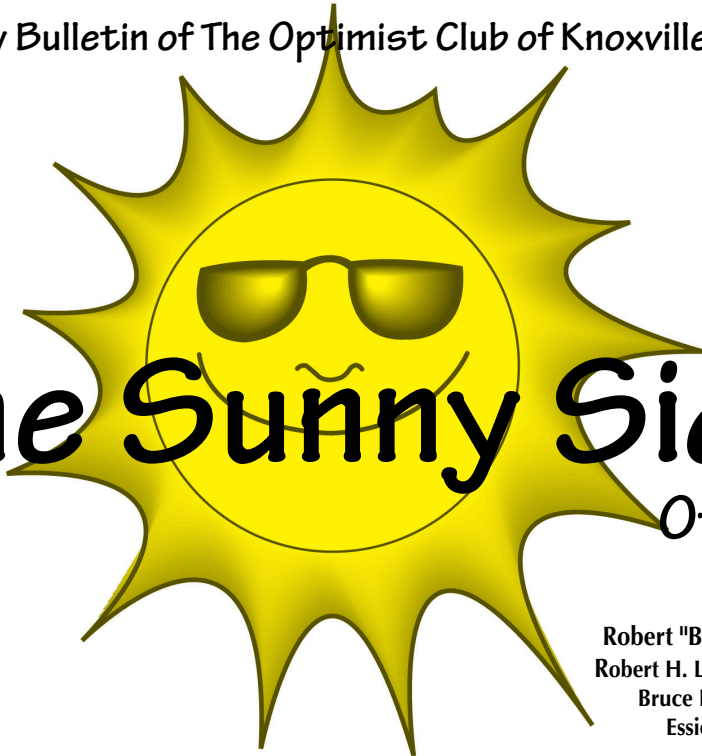


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LAST WEEK FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER 2022

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We welcomed RHONDA CLAY, a domestic violence survivor.

Her talk: "There is Hope: The Journey from Victim to Survivor" hit some raw nerves which is not surprising considering the facts. Domestic violence is a prevalent issue in Knoxville County. According to the Knoxville Police Department and Knoxville Sheriff's Office, a domestic violence-related emergency call is placed every 30 minutes every day of the year. These agencies also say these are the most dangerous calls to which they respond.

In 2021, 1,948 people came to the Family Justice Center seeking assistance. There, they can find a domestic violence shelter to live in, and find therapies, and legal aid. If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse, the easiest way to get help is to call the local domestic violence hotline: 865-637-8000. It is the best number to use to connect victims with local shelters, child care, legal aid, and other help. This number can be used for anyone living in East Tennessee.

You can also visit the Family Justice Center in Knoxville, (865) 521-6336
email: info@fjcknoxville.org 400 Harriet Tubman Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37915 Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm (off Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue). There is no appointment necessary.



The YWCA's Victim Advocacy Program provides assistance to victims by issuing orders of protection, accompanying victims to court, conducting danger assessments, and developing safety plans. In Knoxville County, there's an average of 164 orders of protection filed every month.

THIS WEEK FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER 2022

Dr. JOSEPH KENDRICK, known affectionately as 'Papa Joe', is the owner and founder of the Asheville Highway Animal Hospital. Dr. JOE is a graduate of Knoxville College with a B.S. in Biology and Chemistry and a graduate of Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine. He began practicing his dream in an 1800 square-foot facility that he opened in 1979. Devoted to the principle of offering top-quality medicine at an affordable price as well as treating every client with respect, he soon developed a loyal clientele. Dr. JOE was married to his wife, the late GLORIA KENDRICK, for over 50 years and enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, fishing, and teaching others how to better themselves.

Invite a friend to join you and Dr. JOE for lunch at The Foundry.

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.



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 714. CINDY HAGAN

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

Bonus: Get the friend to attend the meeting and receive not one, but five entries. 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!

FRIDAY - 28 OCTOBER 2022

HELP NEEDED Freaky Friday – A Candy extravaganza at Mayor BOB LEONARD Park 301 Watt Road, Farragut, TN 37934. The event runs from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday 28 October 2022. Fellow Optimist BUD MCKELVEY says "...get there at 4:30 to help eat the really good candy before they let the kids in at 5:00PM". This year we will have a theme and optional costume coordination! We need someone to step up and organize this event! Want to help? Call or text DARRIN (865) 705-0835 or stop him at a meeting.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

VETERANS DAY - FRIDAY - 11 NOVEMBER 2022

HELP NEEDED 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!



NEXT WEEK

FRIDAY - 21 OCTOBER 2022

MARISOL TORRES is a natural resources engineer. She has a Master's Degree in rural development and serves as the Area Director for the USDA's Rural Development program. USDA rural development is helping to improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. They provide home loans, award grants, and provide loan guarantees to promote small business development, loans to build community facilities, provide technical assistance to utilities, link rural America to the world through high-speed internet, and so much more. Please invite a friend to join you for lunch! Remember to fill out the "Invitation" slip. Someone will win the drawing on the 28th. It could be you!

PLAN AHEAD

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 holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chemistry from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and a Master's and Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, respectively. She is active with the Burlington Residents Association (Past President), Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees for Knoxville College, Former Commissioner for the City of Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission, Board Member of the East Tennessee Community Design Center, and Board Member of the East Knoxville Business and Professional Association. In 2019, Dr. LUNDY was recognized by the Young Professionals of Knoxville

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as an Outstanding Young Professional. She is passionate about education, community development, and economic development. Dr. LUNDY'S vision is for low-income communities to have access and opportunity to become sustainable.

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

GREETINGS FELLOW GATEWAY OPTIMIST

While we slept on September 30th the Optimist year calendar rolled over to a new year. I want to wish you a happy and prosperous Optimist New Year! I have the privilege of serving as your Governor this year. I am looking forward to working with you, your clubs, and your district leadership team.

I believe that there is nothing more important than the work that clubs do in their communities. This is the root of our mission as Optimists. I will work hard to support your clubs' efforts to make a difference in the lives of others and the community. I encourage you to share your accomplishments locally and through the district channels by sending articles to the district website and newsletter. Optimist love to hear what other clubs are doing as well as doing a bit of bragging about themselves, which is OK.

As with other years, growth is important. Nationally we lose about 20% of our members each year due to various factors. This means we need to replace these members annually just to remain at the same levels as we are today. This is important because it allows our clubs to have the resources to provide the service they provide to the youth and community. So I encourage you to make member retention and replacing deleted members a goal in your club.

Last year we used the theme "Just Ask" as our new membership initiative. We will tweak that a bit this year with our new theme "Just Invite". By inviting prospective members to our club meeting, or better still, a project, they get the opportunity to see what Optimism is in action. I believe it's important that when we bring on a new member the relationship is a right fit for both the individual and the club. I have referred to this as healthy growth. As in the movie *Field of Dreams* the line "If you build it, he will come", by building better awareness of what your club and Optimism are about, our growth will come. It all starts with "Just Invite"!

Each year the Governor has the opportunity to set a theme for the year. I have chosen "Be The Light". As individuals, this starts with us. I challenge each of you to spend time reflecting on your light. What elements or talents shine the brightest? Where do you need to work on your light to make yourself a better Optimist and person? Secondly, where are your clubs' light shining? What opportunities does it have to shine brighter in your community? What resources do you need to accomplish your club's goals for the upcoming year?

In closing, my contact information is below, I welcome your comments and suggestions. Let's have a great year as we shine to lighten the lives of others.

Bruce Peace, Optimist International Governor, GATEway District
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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



Optimist Mission Statement

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