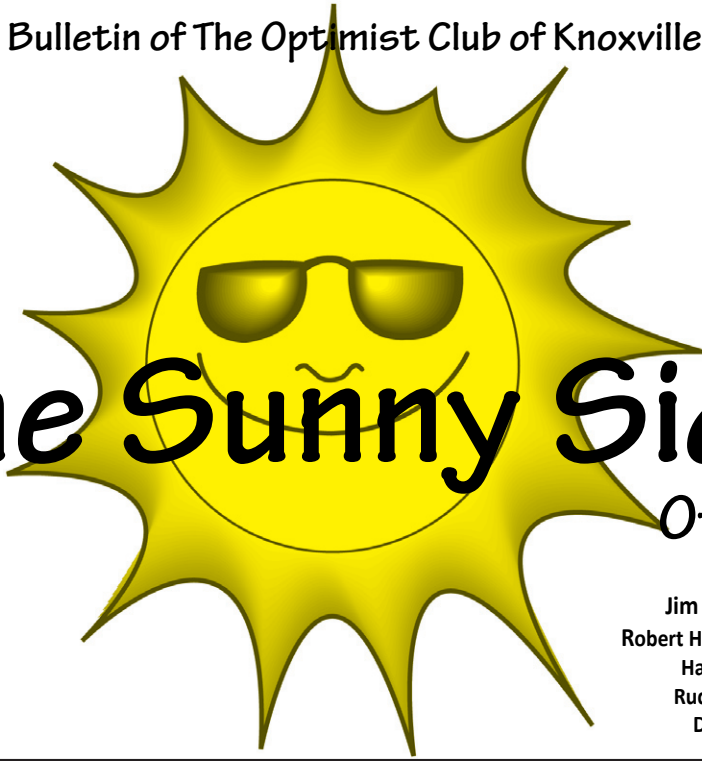


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**DROCELLA
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LAST WEEK

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER 2016

The Presidential Election is a topic of discussion everywhere. Last year Dr. KELLER told us "Ignore the smoke and mirrors. Partisanship tops policy. Watch for HILLARY CLINTON to be the nominee of the Democrat party and who knows will be the Republican nominee."

Well, the array of facts he showed us last October have been refined by a year of the political process. A year later it is sure that he accurately picked the nominee for the Democrats. As he predicted someone made it through the sixteen person slugfest to become the nominee for the Republicans.

The poll that will be remembered more than any other will be conducted on Tuesday November 8, 2016. You can do your part. The ballot will include men and women seeking office for positions other than President. They deserve your participation in the election process. Get out and vote.

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2016

JOHN TEMPLE announced that our next social will be held at Pelancho's Mexican Restaurant, 1516 Downtown West Boulevard, Knoxville, TN 37919 on Thursday 13 October 2016 beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 7:00 or so. Invite a friend to joins us for a relaxed gathering in a social setting. Your friend may decide to join you for lunch on Friday after they meet "new friends".

FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER 2016

Next week we welcome DROCELLA MUGOREWERA,

Executive Director of Bridge Refugee Services, an ecumenical, non-profit organization facilitating the resettlement of refugees in East Tennessee. Refugees are persons who flee their homeland due to fear of persecution.

Each year, the U.S. government welcomes thousands of refugees as legal residents. Bridge empowers refugees to become self-sufficient, and they work closely with many people in Knoxville—including volunteers, employers, and churches that sponsor refugee families—who are willing to help their new neighbors. Invite a friend to learn about Bridge and enjoy a Foundry lunch with you.

NEXT WEEK

FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2016

Last month our leadership took time to listen to members as the health and future of our club was discussed at several tables during lunch. The results of those interactions have been tabulated and this year's leadership is ready to reveal to us the conclusions that seem apparent. You may not feel it, but we are rapidly approaching the beginning of our 97th year of community service. What are we doing well? What can we work on? Is there something no longer relevant? Join us for a look in the mirror.

ANGEL TREE

For many years, Optimist Club of Knoxville volunteers have supported this program that brings Christmas morning joy to thousands of our local youngsters. There are many opportunities, such as wrapping gifts for donations at West Town, joining sorts

and processing at headquarters, even reindeer gifts to headquarters. More details will be forthcoming (including online mall volunteer registration), and our club meeting on



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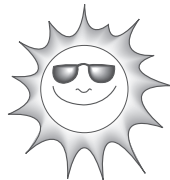
American Hero of the Year.....	Michele Cox & Steve Fowler
Auction.....	David LaFratta & Brenda Staton
Angel Tree.....	Sharon Pound
Boys & Girls Club Fitness Authority.....	
Bulletin Editors.....	Buzz & Donna Buswell
Camp Eagle's Nest.....	Allen Collier
Cheese Sales.....	Gwin Harshaw
Childhood Cancer (OI).....	
Christmas Dinner and Haslam Center Party for Boys & Girls Club....	Lisa Huber
Dessert Auction.....	Jim Adcock
Dorothy Weber "YES" Award.....	Jim Adcock
Election.....	Erin Favier
Essay Contest (OI).....	Mac Prevost & Beth O'Brien
Finance Committee.....	Michael Cermak
Football Time in Tennessee.....	
Fountain City Christmas Parade.....	Bill Gentry
Golf Tournament.....	
Induction.....	Dan McGehee
Interclub Visitation.....	David Harter
Johnny Mauer Day.....	Bruce Duncan
Membership.....	
OI Foundation.....	Essie Johnson
Oratorical Contest (OI).....	Erin Favier
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OI FOUNDATION 2016-17

ESSIE JOHNSON will serve as our Club Foundation Representative for the Optimist Year. Please support the Optimist International Foundation "Our Charity". For just a 'dime-a-day' (\$36.50) you can join your fellow optimists listed below as Dime-A-Day Donors. See ESSIE for details

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BRENDAN CLARKE sponsored by DAN McGEHEE
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JACQUELINE ZURAF sponsored by BETH O'BRIEN

11 November will highlight all of them. In the meantime, contact SHARON POUND if you're interested in getting involved. sharon.pound@att.net

PLAN AHEAD

FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2016

We welcome Dr. WARD DIGBY with Siemens AG for a look at "The Future of Healthcare" in the United States. Invite a friend, share your Optimism, a great Foundry lunch and hear what Dr. DIGBY has to say.

FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2016

You have heard it said. "Optimism is the best kept secret" or "Optimist Clubs do so much but operate in stealth mode." Future Optimists ASHLEY BUTLER and SARAH SCHULZE will tell us a little about ourselves and how we might go about letting the secret out!

FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2016

Since 1975 a group of volunteers in our community have worked to brighten the Christmas of area children who find themselves in poverty. Since that first campaign The Angel Tree, Inc. has grown into a philanthropy making a positive impact on the lives of thousands of kids at Christmas time. Invite a friend to have lunch and learn about The Angel Tree from founder and fellow Optimist LAURA KRESS and longtime optimist volunteer, SHARON POUND.

BIG ORANGE - ALABAMA WEEK!

Cardiologists in East Tennessee say business is good. Blame it on the Tennessee VOLS and their JEKYLL & HYDE performances. If the team that has strapped it on in the fourth quarter the last few Saturday's shows up at the coin toss this Saturday, the Tide will have a problem. Do your part. Wear that ORANGE and get with it. Wear crimson this Friday and expect to get a double fine. From now through the SEC Championship game every Friday is BIG ORANGE DAY. "Forewarned is forearmed."

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

The 2016-2017 Optimist year is a blank canvas. Here is your opportunity to make a difference right out of the chute. Write a check for 36.50 made payable to the Optimist International Foundation. Bring it to our next meeting and hand it to ESSIE JOHNSON. Join Buzz Buswell, Donna Buswell, Robert Freeman, RickY Jackson, Essie Johnson, Annie Lalonde, DENNIS McBride, Sharon Pound, Savannah Staton and David Witherspoon JR as Dime A Day donors.

Let's support the kids who are counting on a there when they win the Essay or Oratorical Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

PICS

KATHRYN McCULLOUGH took up the gavel conducted her first meeting as President of the Knoxville.

DENO COLE and JOHN TEMPLE have been rank of Sergeant-at-Arms. We are not sure to work but we are sure that it is going to costs us! JIM ADCOCK celebrated his promotion to Immediate Past Sergeant-at-Arms by imposing fines, what else? Wear your Optimist Pin. Make sure the name on your dinner badge is yours. Wear ORANGE to meetings every Friday. Hope these suggestions help. Seems like everyone is watching!

Immediate Past President ERIN FAVIER served as our Chairman of the Day and introduced our speaker Dr. ERIC KELLER.

New members AL STIGALL and JACQUELINE ZURAF are happy to pose AL's sponsor JOHN MAYS. Membership is open to men and women 18 years of age or older who are invited to join us. That's the key – you have an invitation in your pocket. Extend that invitation to a friend or family member and share the joy of community service with them. Then what your sponsor did for you by inviting you to join. You can be that sponsor for someone – just ask.



HE DID IT!!!

In Georgia on April 5, 2016 CHRIS COCKERILLE took his first step on The Appalachian Trail "A footpath for those who seek fellowship with the Wilderness". Six months and 2,189 miles later CHRIS took the last step of the journey. He mounted the sign reading "MT KATAHDIN" in Maine to celebrate the accomplishment many consider but few achieve. Only a few hundred of the thousands who actually registered as through hikers actually accomplish what fellow Optimist CHRIS has done. Congratulations CHRIS!



GATEway District Optimists Celebrate the 60's're celebrating the Sixties at the GATEway District's First Quarter Conference at Chateau Élan Winery and Spa in Braselton, Georgia, October 28-30, 2016. Join Governor RUDY and your fellow Optimists from across Georgia and East Tennessee as we come together to get that groovy Optimist feeling! Enjoy a weekend of fun, fellowship and outstanding training as the GATEway District kicks off the 2016-2017 Optimist year. Saturday evening you're invited to an "I Love the 60's" party – there will be games, bubble gum, popcorn, hula hoops, costume contests and dance competitions. So grab your bellbottoms, Mary Janes, Go Go Boots, tie-dyed shirts and let the celebration begin! Make your reservations today!

www.georgiaoptimists.org/conference-registration/



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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