

A Look At

"The Sunny Side" Of Everything

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"Kids grow up with or without Optimism . . . The Choice is Yours."[®]

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LAST WEEK

FRIDAY 8 MARCH 2019

DAN MICHAEL DUNTHORN is the City of Knoxville's Homeless Program Coordinator. The City of Knoxville's Office on Homelessness is responsible for coordination of community efforts to implement Knoxville's Plan to Address Homelessness. This plan is centered on the principle that homelessness is an unacceptable circumstance for anyone in our community, and focuses our community's aspirations to prevent, reduce, and end homelessness.

Invite a friend to join you for lunch and hear about this home.

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THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2019

Our Annual Club Oratorical Contest is coming next month! This year's topic: "Is There A Fine Line Between Optimism And Reality?" As always you may expect some thoughtful presentations on this year's topic.

PLAN AHEAD

THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2019

Social Chairman JOHN TEMPLE announced that our March Social is set for Thursday 28 March 2019 beginning at 5:30 PM at Chesapeake's 9630 Parkside Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922. Invite a friend to join you, meet a bunch of Optimists and enjoy some fellowship.

NEXT WEEK

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2019

We welcome RICHARD JOHNSTON, Executive Director of Tennessee Children's Home where they have been "Sharing Faith, Hope and Love Since 1909". Their residential care provides for physical, social, emotional, spiritual and educational needs of children and youth in a safe and secure environment.

FRIDAY 29 MARCH 2019

Author DAVID BRILL wraps up our programs for March. His essays, personality profiles, and articles on science, ecology, the environment, business, health, fitness, parenting, and adventure-travel have appeared in more than 25 national and regional magazines, including National Geographic Traveler, Men's Health, AARP the Magazine, Bicycling, Family Fun, American Way, and Smokies Life. He has written extensively about Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He joins us to present: Into the Mist: Tales of Death and Disaster, Mishaps and Misdeeds, Misfortune and Mayhem

The children live in on-site homes with other children and with House Parents. The residential care is structured to help the children be successful, with an on-site school, tutoring services, church attendance, counseling services, and substance abuse counseling.



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 2018-19 year

IT IS A NEW YEAR!

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DAVID SCATES sponsored by MICHELE COX
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in Great Smoky Mountains National Park
 Between 1931 and 2013, 468 persons lost their lives in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Author David Brill's new book, Into the Mist, chronicles some of those tragedies, as well as several epic storm events and heroic rescues. Brill will discuss the book and read from its 13 chapters, which depict men and women in extreme situations, struggling to survive against brutal and often deadly adversity.

Autographed copies of Into the Mist and Brill's first book, As Far as the Eye Can See: Reflections of an Appalachian Trail Hiker, will be available at the program. As Far as the Eye Can See, originally published in 1990, is now in its 7th printing, 4th edition and includes three bonus chapters.

FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2019

Knoxville Police Chief EVE THOMAS joins us April 12. Appointed by Knoxville Mayor MADELINE ROGERO in June of 2018, Chief THOMAS became the first female chief in the department's history. Invite a friend and share you optimism as we welcome Chief THOMAS.

FUTURE FRIDAY

Interesting and informative. Illuminating. Entertaining. Persuading. Programs at our Friday lunches may be described by one of more of these words. They do not happen by accident. Hear an interesting speaker? Know a subject that needs illumination? Contact HELEN HWEITT, DON LINDSEY or SHARON POUND and spill the beans! They are doing a great job of keeping every Friday a "don't miss meal"! They would be happy to hear your suggestions.

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CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES

BIRTHDAY

JOHN BAILES 10
 MARK ENIX 12

ANNIVERSARY

BOB BRIGHT 12
 KATHY HAMILTON 14

OPTIMIST MARCH ANNIVERSARY

MIKE ARMS 1984
 DAVE CLICK 1987
 BETSEY CREEKMORE 1988
 DAVE HARTER 1992
 ALLEN COLLIER 1993
 JIM ISON 1995
 CAROLYN KING MONDAY 1997
 DENO COLE 1999

DARRELL OAKLEY 2007
 ROB STOOKSBURY 2011
 BRANNON GILLENWATER 2012
 SHEILA FROST 2013
 MELANIE HOGG 2016

DID YOU KNOW?

The most current issue of The Sunny Side is located on your club's website. Not only that, you can check out past issues as well! All of this is thanks to KATHRYN LaFRATTA, our webmaster. Go to www.knoxoptimist.org and click on "NEWSLETTERS" on the upper right margin.

PICS

DON LINDSEY served as Chairman of the Day last Friday. He introduced MICHAEL DUNTHORN,

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JOHN TEMPLE, your Social Chairman, announced that our March Social is set for Thursday 28 March 2019 beginning at 5:30 PM at Chesapeake's 9630 Parkside Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922.

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Canon PowerShot SX530 HS camera with Accessories Kit. It has several attractive features, including 50X digital zoom, Wi-Fi connectivity for downloading images and a 32 GB memory card. It lists north of \$300 but our minimum bid is only \$200. Proceeds go to fight Childhood Cancer. Come check it out Friday.

President CHRIS COX saluted DENEEN, LONNY and BRADLEY PRUITT who volunteered as drivers to pick up surplus food at Trader Joe's. Periodically your fellow optimists volunteer at the FISH Food Pantry. To make this happen on a more regular basis BRADLEY PRUITT has stepped up to provide coordination. BRADLEY announced that our next volunteer session will be Saturday 27 April.



CAROLYN BLIND is heading up a program to collect BoxTops for Education – specifically for the Knox Adaptive Education Center, one of sixteen high schools in the Knox County. This is what to look for. Be sure to cut the entire box top out – it is void if it is missing any edges. Bring your BoxTops to any Friday meeting.

Save  **Please!**

Every clip counts



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.

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