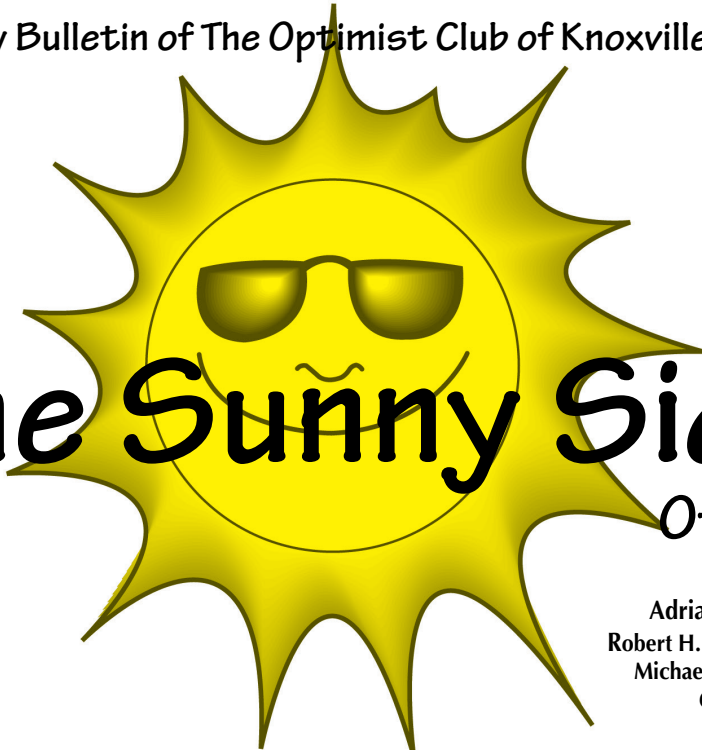


A Look At

# "The Sunny Side" Of Everything



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## LAST WEEK

### FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2019

ROSS GREEN, the author of *A Fortress and a Legacy*, a story that combines stunning historical accuracy with the pathos of a family torn by war, was our speaker last Friday. An exchange of letters between Knoxville native and B-17 bombardier BUD PERRIN and his bride, a former Miss America contestant, gives this story heart and soul.

The book captivates readers with its portrayal of the cross-current of personal relationships set against the background of enlistment, training, and execution of bombing missions over continental Europe.

Thanks to JIM ADCOCK for his role in convincing ROSS to join us last Friday.

## THIS WEEK

### VETERANS DAY 2019

The observance was originally called Armistice Day, a recognition of the cessation of hostilities in The Great War at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The outbreak of another World War caused some identifications to be changes. The Great War became World War I and the conflict between the Axis and Allied Powers became World War II. In 1954 the day became Veterans Day in the United States – a day to celebrate the service of all military Veterans.

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2019



**BECKY HANCOCK**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF THE HISTORIC  
TENNESSEE THEATRE  
FOUNDATION

BECKY HANCOCK, Executive Director of the Historic Tennessee Theatre Foundation, joins us for lunch this Friday. In 1996, Knoxville's most influential community leaders formed the Historic Tennessee Theatre Foundation, a non-profit organization. Their mission is to preserve, maintain, and operate the Official State Theater of Tennessee as a performing arts and entertainment venue for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

## NEXT WEEK

### TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2019

November's Social will be conducted at Double Dogs, 8910 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923. Chairman JOHN TEMPLE says they have a great menu and a wide variety of libations – okay, he didn't say that word – he said "drinks" but I'm the Editor so "libations" it is. We start around 5:30 PM and quit around 7:00 – give or take.

### FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2019

Youth Appreciation Week. JOHN MEADE serves as Chairman of this annual luncheon hosted by the Optimist Club of Knoxville saluting area high school students for their Service to Humanity.

## PLAN AHEAD

### FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2019

Black Friday. You have overdosed on Turkey and your blood type is now Pumpkin. Relax! No seriously, relax. We are not going to be meeting at The Foundry. You won't have to explain the rest of us to your house guests. See you Friday 6 December 2019.

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2019-20

### DIME A DAY

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704. BETH O'BRIEN  
710. CHRIS COX  
714. CINDY HAGAN

Contact ESSIE JOHNSON  
to make your donation for the  
2018-19 year

## SPONSOR A NEW OPTIMIST 2019-20

AUSTIN BULLOCK sponsored DANIEL MCGEHEE  
RAYMOND DA-BOI sponsored by JIM ADCOCK

### FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2019

Unless you live in a cave, you have encountered "The Elf on the Shelf" in some form. We begin December by welcoming CAROL AEBERSOLD, the creative person behind The Elf. She has a great story about a great story! Invite a friend and join CAROL at The Foundry for lunch.

### FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2019

When you see the costumed singers making their way to the front of the room you know it is Christmas time and the Madrigal Singers of South Doyle High School under the direction of CODY BOLING are about to set your holiday off in fine fashion! Invite a friend to join you for this festive event at The Foundry.

### FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 2019

CAMILLE WATSON is a Holistic Health Coach seen regularly on WBIR-TV joins us for the last meeting before the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Invite a friend to join you for at The Foundry. Someone is sure to ask about cheese as part of a holistic lifestyle.

### FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER 2019

NO MEETING

### FRIDAY 3 JANUARY 2020

NO MEETING

## PLEASE WELCOME

RAYMOND DA-BOI became the newest member of the oldest Optimist Club south of Louisville, Kentucky and East of the Mississippi River last Friday. His sponsor, JIM ADCOCK, will be introducing this Student Member to you in the coming weeks. Please make him welcome.

## DANIEL FISHER MCGEHEE

Thanks to all who came out to say farewell to DAN MCGEHEE last Friday afternoon at the Church of the Ascension. Following services for JOHN WALTER MONTGOMERY in August 2018, DAN remarked several times about the way LYNN MONTGOMERY had incorporated just the right musical selection into JOHN'S services. He told us that he planned to do likewise when the time came.

Last Friday I heard people remark about the musical selections DAN chose to be part of his service. The combination of bagpipes and pipe organ was stunning. Well done! Farewell friend.

## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 161!

Stuck at 161 wreaths.

The vast majority of those 161 were sponsored by friends, neighbors and citizens who came in contact with the ¼ page flyer available at our meetings. You can help us do good while doing



well by handing those flyers “to every person you meet”. With just a little more effort on your part, we can make a positive impact on the number of wreaths available for placement. Right now, the East Tennessee State Veterans’ Cemetery on Lyons View Pike is seriously short of wreaths. Please redouble your efforts. Ask every person you meet – give them a flyer. Let’s make a difference!



## OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Our Club OIF Representative is ESSIE JOHNSON. She is collecting a Dime-A-Day in support of the OIF. Donations help fund scholarships for contests like Essay, Oratorical and Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Write your check payable to the OIF for \$36.50 and hand it to ESSIE.

## THE BRIBE

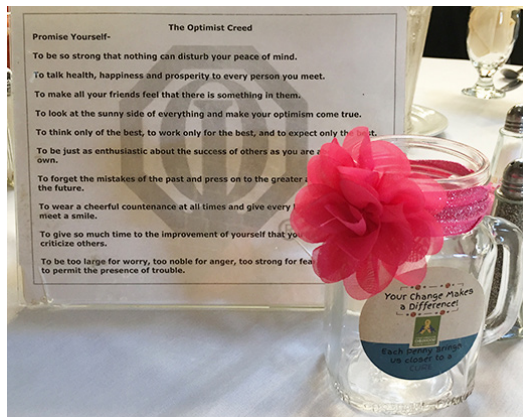
Sergeants-at Arms ARBITRARY & CAPRICIOUS admit that they take bribes. Case in point. One of our members has been bribing them – a dollar every week – for an opportunity to serve at Sergeant-at-Arms for a meeting.

Last Friday was “a FINE day to be an Optimist.” According the Sergeant-at Arms for a day MAC PREVOST. Thanks to MAC for filling in for ARBITRARY & CAPRICIOUS. Both were Called away by Generally OBKNOXIOUS

## PICS

Social. In the modern era, DAN McGEHEE held social gathering during the week at local establishments. They were non-meeting meetings where we socialized – a forerunner to the current series of gatherings under the direction of Chairman JOHN TEMPLE. JOHN announced that due to a conflict, the November social has been moved from Wednesday 20 November to Tuesday 19 November. It will still be held at Double Dogs, 8910 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923. The date changed – the location did not. See you there!

Change jars on the tables help you get rid of pesky pennies and nuisance nickels. Change jars. That’s what it is all about – change. Change from a world where cancer ravages our children to one where it does not. That’s a change worth the investment.



## PURPOSES OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

- To develop optimism as a philosophy of life utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed;
- To promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs;
- To inspire respect for the law;
- To promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people;
- To aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one’s self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world.

**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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