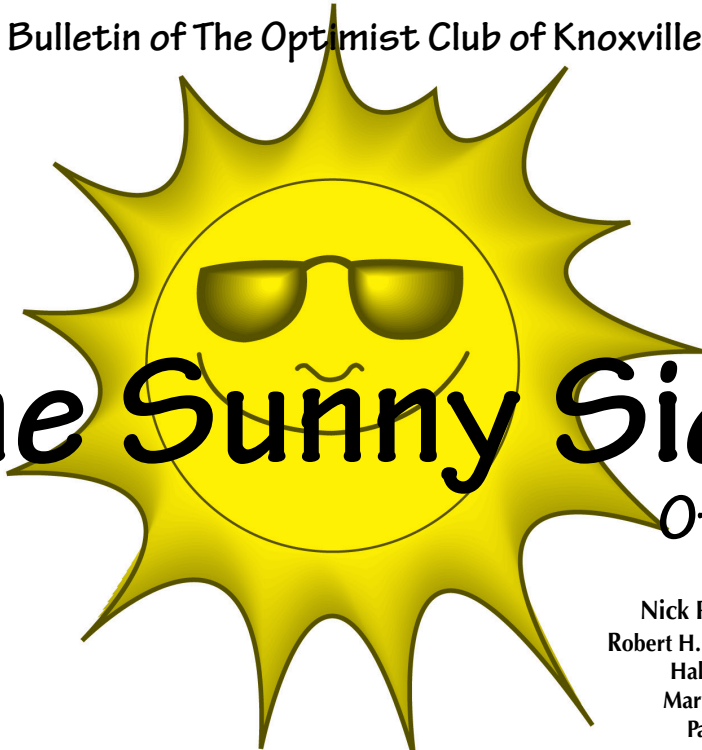


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LAST WEEK

FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2017

GARY McCracken, a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Tennessee and one of the world's leading experts on bats joined us last Friday. Faster than a speeding bullet? Well not exactly, but Brazilian free-tailed bats achieve flight speeds that are faster than previously documented for any bat or bird. They register speeds that rival better known mammals with four legs. Fascinating creatures!

THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2017

Youth Appreciation Week includes our annual program saluting youth who have performed a Service to Humanity. JOHN MEADE is the YAW Chairman and he will serve as the Chairman of the Day. The Invocation and pledge to the flag will be handled by DAN McGEHEE.

NEXT WEEK

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2017

NO MEETING

Enjoy Black Friday by helping out with The Angel Tree.

PLAN AHEAD

FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2017

CLARENCE VAUGHN, Executive Director of the Police Advisory Review Committee joins us for the first program of December. FRANK LEUTHOLD has volunteered to offer the Invocation and pledge to the flag.

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2017

Social Chairman JOHN TEMPLE has our 5 December Social set for K-Town Tavern, 320 North Peters Road, Knoxville, TN 37922. We gather at 5:30 pm and leave when the last elf pleads "no more eggnog"! Please invite a friend to join you for this non-meeting meeting. "No minutes are kept."

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2017

JIM WRIGHT, Executive Director of FISH Hospitality Pantries describes Opportunities to Serve Children. DENO COLE will offer the Invocation and pledge to the flag.

TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2017

Join fellow Optimists and their guests as we sort at The Angel Tree. No experience needed. A complete tutorial will be offered along with plenty of support from experienced sorters. If you have a passing acquaintance with the alphabet and numbers you will be a professional in no time at all.



Watch this space for location. We will begin at 6:00pm - many hands make light work.

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2017

The South Doyle High School Madrigal Singers present a Christmas Program. Mark your calendars. Invite a friend to join you for this annual holiday treat! DARREN RHINES has volunteered to offer the Invocation and lead the pledge to the flag.



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Please consider stepping up to chair one of these programs: Childhood Cancer Campaign (OI), Communication Contest for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (OI), Crazy Hats or Junior Optimists (OI).

PICS

CRAIG LEUTHOLD served as Chairman of the Day November 3 introducing JENNIFER JONES, Executive Director of the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont. President BETH O'BRIEN thanked JENNIFER and invited her to join us every Friday.

BRENDA STATON was happy that she and SAVANNAH were headed to Auburn to witness the Deep South's Oldest Rivalry (since 1892) as the Auburn Tigers host the Georgia Bulldogs.



SHARON POUND says,
 "For the first year ever, The Angel Tree will have the opportunity to distribute children's Christmas wishes at Fantasy of Trees. The volunteers' job will be to staff the table, smile at people, and encourage them to pick a wish and shop for the child and then drop off their gift(s) at West Town Mall. There will be a fact sheet available for those who'd like more information.

Then, as we've done for decades, we will also staff stations at West Town Mall. There, we also encourage people to select a wish and shop for the child. We also accept donations. To encourage those donations, we provide a gift wrapping service to the public. We also smile and talk to our visitors, explain more about The Angel Tree, and deliver purchased gifts to an outside little barn for later pick-up by volunteers we refer to as "reindeer."

"Bring Christmas to thousands of children in East Tennessee, who might not have anything under the tree on Christmas morning, otherwise.

We have two Signup Genius forms ready for volunteers to sign up:

Fantasy of Trees

Sign Up for Wednesday 22 November through Sunday 26 November 2017

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0548a4ab23aaf49-fantasy>

Angel Tree – 2017

Sign Up Form for Friday 24 November through Saturday 23 December 2017

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0548a4ab23aaf49-angel1>

Vietnam veteran JIM BLACK recognized all of the veterans at our meeting last Friday.

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JOHN TEMPLE says our November social was a well-attended blast. Our 5 December Social begins at 5:30 pm at K -Town Tavern, 320 North Peters Road, Knoxville, TN 37922



CHEESE SALES

Co-chairman GLEN WEBER says cheese will be at our meeting this Friday 17 November.



We have a critical situation. Not enough cold storage for all of the shipment.

You can help. Sign out cheese this Friday and take it home (or deliver it to your customers). The more distributed the less stored! Two pound blocks of tasty cheddar cheese are in easy to handle boxes and sell for \$13.50 - each. There are 10 of these blocks packed into a case. We need a bunch of cases to be taken Friday because of storage issues.

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- TO make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
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- 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.

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