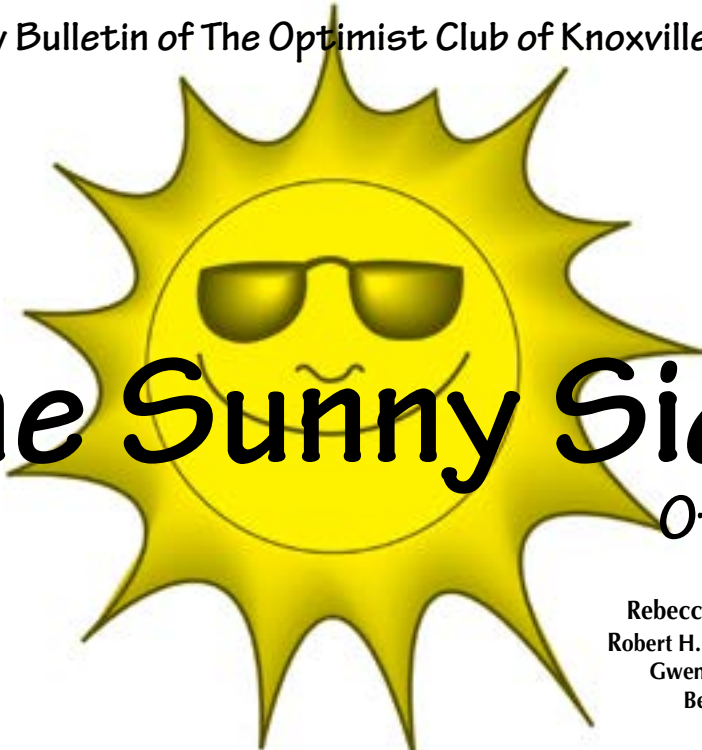


A Look At

# "The Sunny Side" Of Everything



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## LAST WEEK

FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER 2018

South Doyle Madrigals made our Christmas and we know they helped you get in the spirit should your work with The Angel Tree have not be sufficient. We hope you and your guest enjoyed "Grandma's Killer Fruitcake" and what has become a Christmas tradition in our club.

## THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2018

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley Christmas Party, sponsored by the Optimist Club is schedule for Tuesday 18 December 2018 at 5:00PM in the HASLAM Family Club at 967 Irwin Street, Knoxville, TN 37921. Please come early and be part of this Optimist tradition.

FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER 2018

Fellow Optimist DENO COLE misses meeting from time to time because he travels. He will share proof of those travels with us the last meeting before we break for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

## CHEESE IS HERE!

Cheese Chairmen GWIN HERSHAW & GLEN WEBER encourage you to support your club through this fund raising program. SELL CHEESE! Each two pound block of mild cheddar cheese comes in its own sturdy box (so sturdy that you can

ship it with USPS or FEDEX or UPS). Each two pound block sells for \$13.50 and makes a great holiday gift. Beginning this week, they will have cheese for your convenience at each of our meetings. You may sign for cheese, take it to your customers, collect payment and turn in payment when you pick up more cheese!

## NEXT WEEK

FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER 2018

We are on an extended holiday break. No meeting!

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 2018-19 year

### IT IS A NEW YEAR!

## SPONSOR A NEW OPTIMIST 2018-19

DAVID SCATES sponsored by MICHELE COX  
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## THE FOLLOWING WEEK

### FRIDAY 4 JANUARY 2019

We are on an extended holiday break. No meeting!

## THREE WEEKS FROM NOW

### FRIDAY 11 JANUARY 2019

City of Knoxville Special Events Director JUDITH FOLTZ joins us for the first program of 2019. Invite a friend and share your Optimism.

## PLAN AHEAD

### FRIDAY 18 JANUARY 2019

Director of Engagement for Knox Heritage ANNETTE BRUN is our speaker January 19th. Invite a friend to share a tasty Foundry lunch and meet ANNETTE.

### FRIDAY 25 JANUARY 2019

Knoxville Police Chief EVE THOMAS joins us as we wrap up the month of January.

## CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES (AND BIRTHDAYS) BIRTHDAYS

ASHLEY BUTLER	12/18
KELSEY MAUER	12/19
DELORIS MABINS	12/22
MATT ARMSTRONG	12/22
EL PRESIDENTE	12/24
KELLY PRATT	12/29



### ANNIVERSARY

MIKE STRATTON	12/21
JONIDA ROBINSON	12/26
THEOTIS ROBINSON	12/26
CHARLIE BRASWELL	12/27
JIM ISON	12/28

### OPTIMIST ANNIVERSARY

DENTON KERRIGAN	12/17/2017
SHERI LEONARD	12/17/2017
GLEN WEBER	12/31/1998

## PICS

DON LINDSEY served as our Chairman of the Day. C.O.D.'s help President COX with the meeting by introducing the speaker.

RALPH ALEXANDER announced the passing of JOHN MAYS' wife ANNA MARY ODELL MAYS 12 December 2018. She was 81 years old. Please keep JOHN and family in your thoughts and prayers.

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Past President SUZAN JORDAN (2002-2003) joined us for lunch last Friday.



ESSIE JOHNSON can raise funds. This week she was reminding everyone that we are selling cheese!

We mentioned that the Chairman of the Day helps to facilitate the meeting. So does the person who offers the Invocation and leads the pledge to the flag. JIM ADCOCK is responsible for lining up volunteers for this assignment. Please step up and volunteer!



JOHN and DENTON KERRIGAN are expecting a baby. Some of us realize that in "no time" they both will be telling their fellow Optimists that they love being grandparents so much and can't figure out why they just didn't skip parenting and go straight to grandkids! We wish them the best as we know down deep that skipping the first step would be their loss.



JIM and MARY LOU ADCOCK enjoyed the Madrigal Singers of South Doyle.

**THOMAS NAST could not read or write, but he could draw.**

He is best known for his Christmas drawings. His first drawing appeared in Harper's Weekly for Christmas of 1862, marking the first appearance of SANTA CLAUS as we know him today. Prior to this, SANTA had passed through a series of stages beginning with a more religious-type figure.



The inspiration for how NAST'S SANTA should look came from CLEMENT MOORE'S poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. Since NAST could not read, he had his wife read to him while he prepared his drawings and engravings. On one occasion, Mrs. NAST read CLEMENT MOORE'S poem to THOMAS. That was all it took for inspiration.

The next 24 years saw NAST produce 76 Christmas engravings that were signed and published. NAST used MOORE'S poem to put it all together in visual form - a sleigh, reindeer, jolly old elf, filling the stockings hung by the chimney, and so forth.

In addition, NAST used his own imagination to expand upon the theme. He was the first to establish that SANTA'S home was in the North Pole. In this way, SANTA didn't belong to any one country - he became a citizen of the world. The concept of SANTA having a workshop and elves to help him was also NAST'S idea. Prior to his

engravings, all children received gifts from SANTA. NAST conceived the idea that bad children didn't get gifts from SANTA. The custom of sending SANTA a letter is also due to THOMAS NAST.

Although the custom of kissing under mistletoe was known in Europe prior to NAST'S engravings, NAST'S it was through his engravings in America that the custom caught on here. THOMAS NAST brought Christmas to a large audience through his engravings. The result of the impact that these drawings had on Americans is astronomical. In Europe, Christmas was observed for centuries on December 6. By the late 1800's when NAST'S SANTA CLAUS gained popularity, Christmas Day was legally established as December 25 in all states and territories in the United States. In addition, an extended school vacation during this period became a custom. It is a wonder that school kids don't sing his praises!



- 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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## 2019 Tennessee High School Ethics Bowl CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are pleased to announce a great opportunity for you to be involved with the tenth annual Tennessee High School Ethics Bowl (THSEB), which will be held on **Saturday, February 2, 2019, 8:30am-6pm**, at the Holiday Inn at World's Fair Park in downtown Knoxville. Breakfast and lunch are provided for all volunteers!

As one of the largest outreach programs of its kind in the country, our program seeks to foster critical thinking and moral reasoning skills in local high school students. In addition to contributing to students' academic and career performance, the program helps to instill key intellectual and civic virtues among future leaders of our democracy. At the event, students analyze a series of wide-ranging ethical issues and then present their ideas to judges and other teams in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

Topics for this year's event include ethical dilemmas related to organ donation, privacy, gerrymandering, animal conservation, and many more. Additional information about the event can be found at the THSEB website: <http://philosophy.utk.edu/ethics>.

There are a variety of ways that you can volunteer on the day of the event to help make the THSEB a success and provide a memorable experience for over 100 students who will join us from 18 schools across middle and east Tennessee:

- As a **JUDGE**, you will listen to teams present their arguments and score them based on their clarity, engagement with the central ethical dimensions of the case, deliberative thoughtfulness, and respectfulness. Again, no background in ethics or philosophy is required to be a judge. We will provide you with an informational packet and answer any questions you might have. A brief judges' tutorial will be conducted the morning of the competition.
- As a **MODERATOR**, you will present the cases, read the questions to be answered, keep time, and control the room during matches. All materials will be provided for you on the day of the event, including a script to follow.
- As a **GENERAL VOLUNTEER**, you will assist on the day of the event with setup, registration and other logistics, etc.

**To indicate your interest, as well as the capacity in which you'd like to serve, please fill out our volunteer interest form:**

<http://tiny.utk.edu/thseb19vol>

Thanks in advance for your help, and we hope to hear from you soon! Feel free to contact Dr. Alex Feldt, THSEB Director, with any questions or concerns at [thseb@utk.edu](mailto:thseb@utk.edu).

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