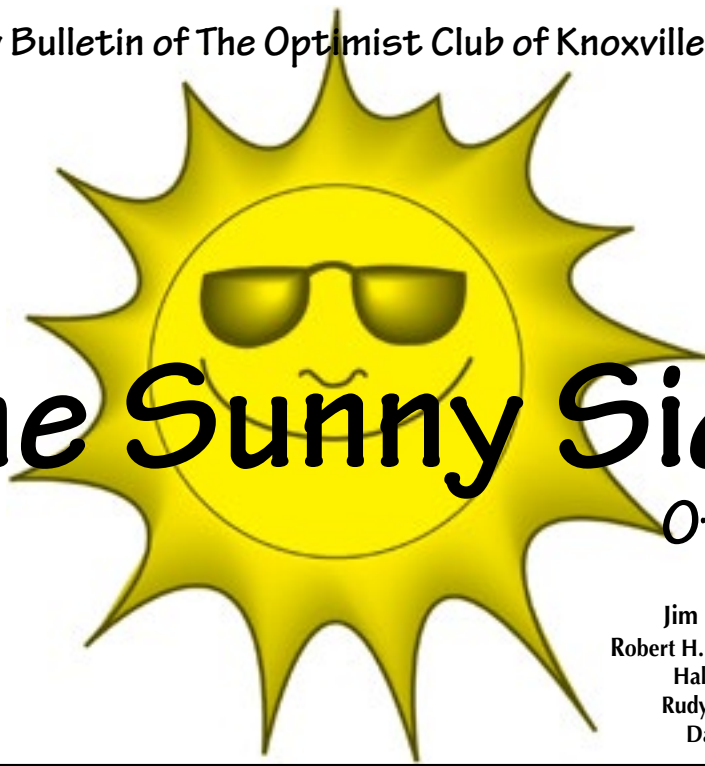


A Look At

"The Sunny Side" Of Everything



Jim Kondrasuk - OI President
Robert H. Leonard - OI Past President 1967
Hal Sewell - OI Vice President
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David Harter - Lt. Governor

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**PRESIDENT
KATHRYN
McCULLOUGH**

LAST WEEK

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

Social Chairman JOHN TEMPLE wishes to thank everyone for coming out to our September social last Tuesday 12 September 2017 at K-Town Tavern, 320 North Peters Road, Knoxville, TN 37922. See the photo on page three of this issue. Looks like they had a great time!

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2017

YOU ARE IN A MOVIE! HONEST!
BETH O'BREN made a movie of pictures capturing KATHRYN McCULLOUGH'S year as our president. BETH'S intent was to surprise KATHRYN with a look back at all of the fun and activities (and work) that happened in the last nearly twelve months. If you missed the premiere you have another opportunity coming up Thursday 28 September 2017 at the Installation and Awards Banquet. (HINT: Get your tickets!)

THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2017

This Friday President KATHRYN McCULLOUGH (President #96) recognizes the people who helped to make the 2016-2017 Optimist Year another great year in the year history of the Optimist Club of Knoxville. Invite a friend to join you for lunch. This program is a great review, recognizing the people responsible for providing hope and positive vision as they brought out the best in youth, our community and themselves.

ONE YEAR AGO...

It was the 29th of September 2016 and those wise enough to attend the Installation and Awards Banquet heard KATHRYN McCULLOUGH begin her year as our ninety-sixth president this way:
"I know this is supposed to be my speech announcing my vision for the coming year and before we get to that, I want to first tell you what this club means to me.

I joined this club not because of the work we do for kids but because of everything else for which we stand. I fell in love with this club because of the comradery I felt from the membership the first time I visited. I joined because of the friendships I saw and the collective force of good I felt when Optimists gathered together. What really sealed the deal was hearing The Creed for the first time. I stay because of the friendships we share and the hope and guidance we give not only to our community but to each other!

Our club is not just another civic organization; we do not exist and continue on year to year out of stubbornness and rote; we exist so that we can be a force of change within Knoxville. We exist so that the kids (and adults!) we influence can subsequently go out and be a force of change. We exist to be a collective force of good for Knoxville.

Can we do more? Yes. Like I said, I fell in love with this club because of the comradery I felt from the membership the first time I visited; let's make sure people feel this when they come to visit or when they help us with a program. Let's make sure Knoxville knows how much we love our club and HOW MUCH our club does! We are not just a civic organization, we are more. We are service, we are friendship, we are fellowship, we are a community, we are FRIENDS, and most important we are family. Why should people join? Because we are more and we can offer others more; Knoxville needs to know this about us.

BUT before others will recognize this, we need to realize this about ourselves again. In short, I'm asking you to fall in love with our club again. Remember why you joined and think about why you keep renewing your membership. Once you have those thoughts in hand, apply them... try to go a step further! If you come to Friday meetings but don't participate in one of our programs, why not pick out one program we offer and come volunteer? Want to feel more engaged with fellow members? Come to a social!! Want to know more about leadership opportunities and potential for growth within the Optimist International Organization, come talk to me (or Essie, or Rudy Corn!).



Officers 2016-2017

President	Kathryn McCullough
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Vice President	Wayne Mulkey
Vice President	Brenda Staton
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Director.....	Bob Gibson 2017
Director.....	Annie LaLonde 2017
Director.....	Darrin Rhines 2017
Director.....	Jim Adcock 2018
Director.....	Melanie Hogg 2018
Director.....	John Kerrigan 2018
Director.....	Joe Peterson 2018

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Michael Cermak 2019

COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2016-2017

American Hero of the Year.....	Michele Cox & Steve Fowler
Auction	David LaFratta & Brenda Staton
Angel Tree	Sharon Pound
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	Jim Adcock
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
Professional Development Program	Annie LaLonde
Photographer.....	Bob Freeman
Programs	Helen Hewitt, Don Lindsay, Sharon Pound
Public Relations - Marketing.....	Annie LaLonde
Respect For Law Day	Bob Gibson
Scrapbook	Beth O'Brien
Shoney's Kidcare ID	Annie LaLonde
Sportsmanship Trophy.....	Melanie Hogg
Socials.....	John Temple
TLC	Erin Favier
Tri-Star Sports(OI)	Frank Leuthold
Website Administrator	Kathryn McCullough
Youth Appreciation Week (OI)	John Meade



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

DIME A DAY

BUZZ BUSWELL
DONNA BUSWELL
DAVE CLICK
ALLEN COLLIER
ROBERT FREEMAN
SHARON POUND
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JOHN TEMPLE
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383. HARRY D. BRYAN
462. MELINDA BASLER
490. WILLIAM "EARL" WHITE
506. ALLEN COLLIER
528. JONIDA ROBINSON
558. MARIE LEONARD
605. JOHN W. MONTGOMERY
628. ESTEL HAMILTON

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2016-17 CENTURY CIRCLE

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BUZZ BUSWELL
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LENA POUND sponsored by SHARON POUND

My purpose is to help and enable you realize your vision for this club. Those of us in this room are united under a common goal and purpose of bringing out the best in our youth, ourselves, and our community. Let Optimism infiltrate your entire life, not just on Fridays during lunch or during a service program we offer. You get back from this organization what you put in. Don't be passive, be engaged and if you have ideas, let them be heard.

Be a catalyst for change and be a source of Optimism in a child's life, in your own life, in our club's life. Together, we act as a collective Optimistic force for our community and I know we've only just begun with the best yet to come."

Be at The Foundry this Friday to say "thanks" to KATHRYN for sharing her love.

NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

The Annual Meeting of The Optimist Club of Knoxville, Inc. will be conducted in conjunction with the Installation of the 97th President in the history of our club along with Officers and Directors at the Fox Den Country Club on Thursday 28 September 2017. Get your tickets now! Tickets are \$30 per person. This annual meeting includes a riveting Treasurer's Report, the installation of Officers and Directors for the coming 2017-2018 Optimist Year and the presentation of some key recognitions to include Optimist of the Year. Please do not miss this event.

THE OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

DAVE CLICK joined The Century Circle. It is not too late to make a donation to The Optimist International Foundation (OUR CHARITY). You may follow DAVE'S example, but even a dime a day \$36.50 helps fund the scholarships and leadership training programs that make our organization run. Please get your club foundation representative ESSIE Johnson and help us close out 2016-2017 with another banner year of generous giving.

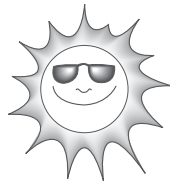
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PICS

September's social was held at K-Town Tavern. As you can see by this photo, a good time and great fellowship were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Social Chairman JOHN TEMPLE for seeking to mix locations and dates to encourage participation. Watch for news about the October event.



DAN McGEHEE inducted a new member last week. WESTON TALIAFERRO with the law offices of McGehee & Cole PC is sponsored by DAN. Please introduce yourself to WESTON and make him welcome.



President-designate BETH O'BRIEN served as Chairman of the Day and Presenter, reprising the 2016-2017 Optimist Year in photographs. She showed a thoughtful collection of images catching us as we worked and played throughout the year. If you missed these photos of YOU, cheer up. Come to the Installation and Awards Banquet on Thursday 28 September and see them all!

SHARON POUND says there are about thirteen weeks until Christmas. Now is the time to sign up to help with The Angel Tree. The 2017 edition of Fantasy of Trees will include Angel Tree Wishes! Here's this year's schedule:
Wednesday, November 22 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Thursday, November 23 3 - 8 p.m. (Thanksgiving Day)
Friday, November 24 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday, November 25 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday, November 26 Noon - 6 p.m.

BRENDA STATON says we need volunteers to help with The Wall That Heals, a 50% replica of The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. Our shift is Sunday 8 October 2017 from 8:00 am to Noon at Lynnhurst Cemetery 2300 West Adair Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918.

If you are not able to make that day and time but wish to help, go to www.knoxwall.org, click on "How Can You Help" and send a message detailing your interest and availability. #knoxwall

In October of 2007 EDDIE MANNIS led a group of volunteers on Flight #1 of HonorAir Knoxville, a day trip to Washington, DC for WWII veterans to visit the monuments and memorials built to honor their service and sacrifice. On October 4, 2017 Flight #25 made up of WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans will celebrate ten years of giving back to our veterans.

BETH O'BRIEN is organizing a welcoming committee from our club to be at McGee Tyson Airport that evening to say "Welcome Home" to the men and women participating in this milestone event. Parking is free. There will be a crowd. Plan to arrive by 7:00 p.m.

DAVID LaFRATTA is worried about you if you have not made reservations for The Annual Meeting of The Optimist Club of Knoxville, Inc. conducted in conjunction with the Installation of Officers and Directors at the Fox Den Country Club on Thursday 28 September 2017.

Help DAVE restore his peace of mind. Get your tickets now! Tickets are \$30 per person. This annual meeting includes a riveting Treasurer's Report, the installation of Officers and Directors for the coming 2017-2018 Optimist Year and the presentation of some key recognitions to include Optimist of the Year.



The Optimist Creed

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.