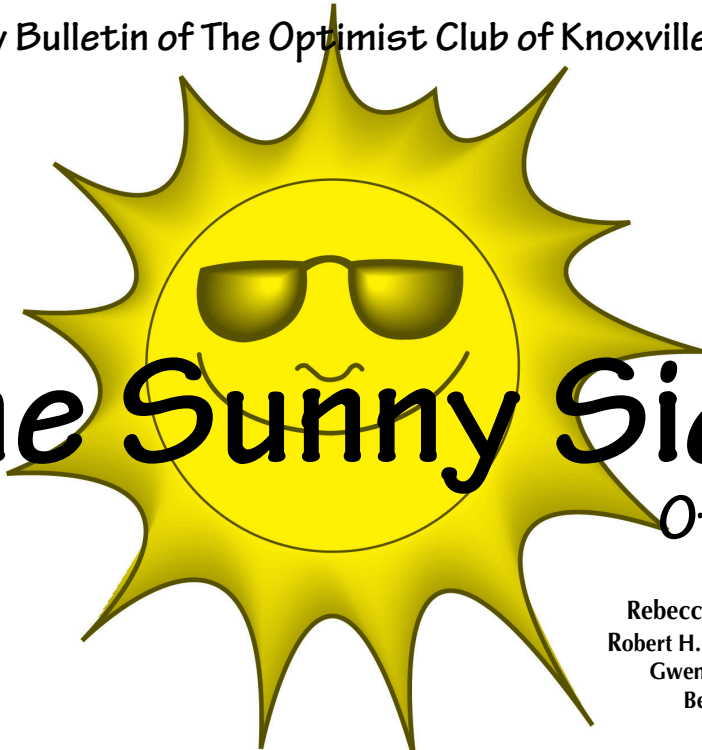


A Look At

# "The Sunny Side" Of Everything



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## LAST WEEK

**THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2019**

Social Chairman JOHN TEMPLE reported that our March Social last Thursday at Chesapeake's was well attended. .

**FRIDAY 29 MARCH 2019**

Author DAVID BRILL wrapped 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 joined us to present: Into the Mist: Tales of Death and Disaster, Mishaps and Misdeeds, Misfortune and Mayhem 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 discussed the book and read an excerpt from one of the 13 chapters, which depict men and women in extreme situations, struggling to survive against brutal and often deadly adversity. DAVID reported that he has learned about two more deaths, bringing the count to 470.



## THIS WEEK

**FRIDAY 5 APRIL 2019**

Annual DOROTHY WEBER Y.E.S. Awards Program. To honor the memory of Dorothy Ann Weber, the Optimist

Club of Knoxville presents the Y.E.S. Award to individuals nominated by invited community organizations. The honorees are individuals, who as did DOROTHY, step up to say 'YES' when the need arises. This year's honorees will represent organizations to which Dorothy gave her time and talents. Nominating organizations are: The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley; The Angel Tree, Inc.; The InterFaith Health Clinic; and the Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians. JIM ADCOCK and ANNIE LaLONDE serve as Co-Chairmen for this annual salute to some of our community's best volunteers.

## NEXT WEEK

**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.

## PLAN AHEAD

**FRIDAY 19 APRIL 2019**

Good Friday 2019. We will not meet on Good Friday.

**FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2019**

JOHNNY MAUER Day. JOHN W. MAUER (September 4, 1901 – December 20, 1978) was an American college basketball, baseball and football coach and multi-sport college athlete. During the course of his thirty-six-year coaching career, MAUER was the head basketball coach at the University of Kentucky, Miami University, the University of Tennessee, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the University of Florida. MAUER was



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 Lawn Mower Safety Clinic.....  
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## 2018-19

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

## IT IS A NEW YEAR!

## SPONSOR A NEW OPTIMIST 2018-19

DAVID SCATES sponsored by MICHELE COX  
 CHIP FLEEMAN sponsored by DAN MCGEHEE

named Outstanding Athlete and Scholar in the Big Ten Conference as a senior, and graduated from Illinois with a bachelor's degree in 1926. It was this recognition after which our recognition of excellence in academics and athletics was modeled.

Later as a member of this Optimist Club, Coach MAUER helped establish an award for excellence both in the classroom and on the athletic field saluting one high school senior from each of the schools in the KIL. The awardees, family members and representatives from their school will be our guests for lunch at The Foundry. BRUCE DUNCAN and BRITT BOWDEN Co-chair this annual event. Invite a friend and share your Optimism.

### 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.

### CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES

#### BIRTHDAY

ERIN FAVIER 4 April

#### ANNIVERSARY

None

### OPTIMIST APRIL ANNIVERSARY

BILL KNIGHT 1979	NOEL GILBREATH 1992
ANDY NEELY 1983	JONIDA ROBINSON 2004
BUZZ BUSWELL 1984	HANNALORE GRAY 2012
JOE BROWN 1986	DARRIN RHINES 2015
LAURA KRESS 1990	

## DID YOU KNOW?

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

## PICS

SHARON POUND served as the Chairman of the Day. She introduced her colleague, DAVID BRILL, author of "Into the Mist: Tales of Death and Disaster, Mishaps and Misdeeds, Misfortune and Mayhem in Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Lt. Governor BETH O'BRIEN reports our club, during the 2017-2018 Awards and Recognition conducted at the District meeting in Chattanooga last month, was recognized as an Honor Club for the 2017-2018 Optimist Year. Congratulations to Immediate Past President BETH for being named Honor Club President

Additionally your club website, under the leadership of KATHRYN McCULLOUGH, was recognized as the BEST in the GATEway District for the same period.

Please save "Box Tops for Education" and bring them to a Friday. CAROLYN BLIND has a collection container at the back table

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.

JOHN KERRIGAN had a "happy dollar" last Friday. He and DENTON know they are awaiting the June arrival of a little girl. He also reported that they will be moving west shortly – far enough west that they will become visitors instead of members.

AL STIGALL was happy to report that his granddaughter has been offered a full scholarship at two different law schools – Belmont and the University of Tennessee. That's certainly worth a "happy dollar"!

Lt. Governor BETH O'BRIEN has tickets! The GATEway District is conducting "30 Days of Optimism Raffle" from 15 April 2019 through 14 May 2019.

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold (000-999). Each \$30 ticket is entered in the daily drawing for all 30 days. (Yes, a ticket may win more than once!) Daily Prize is \$300. Tickets will be available on line "soon". Paper tickets are available from BETH O'BRIEN. (We have attached rules for your convenience.)



**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

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