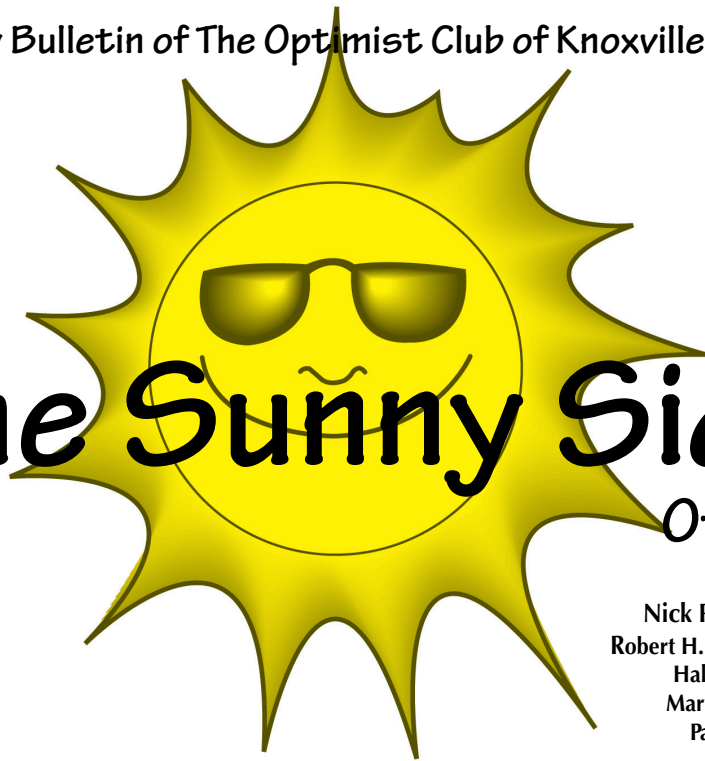


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LAST YEAR

THE ANGEL TREE

Optimists and their guests sorted at The Angel Tree. Optimists and their guests wrapped gifts for donations at West Town Mall. Optimists and their guests showed up Saturday before Christmas to pack up the Gift Wrap Station at the Mall. Optimists and their guests helped pack Headquarters to close out the year. Optimists and their guests and Angel Tree Volunteers will gather at Holiday Inn World's Fair on Thursday 11 January 2018 at 5:30 pm. The idea is for everyone to bring a dozen cookies, either home-made or store-bought, to celebrate (and maybe commiserate a little with your co-volunteers). Let's take a moment to catch our breath and capture ideas to make next year even better! Drop a quick email to SHARON POUND to RSVP. sharon.pound AT att.net

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2017

The South Doyle High School Madrigal Singers presented a Christmas Program to make sure we were all in the Christmas spirit. Their annual visit received rave reviews – a couple of our more senior members remarked that it might well have been the best performance we have enjoyed over the last couple of decades! (Your Editor has enjoyed each and every performance. I confess I have difficulty comparing one year to another – not a criticism of their lasting impact – a function of memory, or lack thereof.)

THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 5 JANUARY 2018

KAREN PERSHING, Executive Director of the Metro Drug Coalition joins us to start off 2018. By its charter, Metro Drug Coalition (MDC) is a private, non-profit corporation partially funded by local government. The mission of Metro Drug Coalition is to improve the health of the greater Knoxville community by reducing the use of alcohol and drugs through policy,

systems and environment change. The affairs, business and property of Metro Drug Coalition are managed and controlled by the Board of Directors.

KAREN will address the "Opioid Crisis" in our community. DON LINDSEY serves as Chairman of the Day. Invite a friend to join you for lunch at The Foundry

NEXT WEEK

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FRIDAY 12 JANUARY 2018

JONI PAPPAS is a board certified music therapist specializing in early childhood intervention, special education and older adults. Her private practice has included work in pre-schools, early childhood centers, and special education programs in Iowa, Mississippi, Indiana and West Virginia. She has also developed Time for Music, a music therapy based early childhood music program. Join her for lunch and a look at Children's Hospital & UT Music Therapy for Children. Why not bring a friend?

PLAN AHEAD

FRIDAY 19 JANUARY 2018

LYNNE FUGATE was appointed CEO of The Girl Scout Council of Southern Appalachians in February of 2016. The Girl Scout Mission is to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. The Girl Scout Council of the Southern



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Appalachians has approximately 9,000 girl members and 2,000 adult volunteers in the Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Tri-Cities metros. Membership is always open to girls and volunteers. Please bring a guest to lunch with LYNNE and a whole bunch of Optimists!

CHEESE

Last month we reported that the end of the cheese program was very near. Unfortunately we missed on that projection – GWIN and GLEN report that we have 61 boxes of cheese left. If anyone needs cheese contact David Harter at 865-250-1511.

CHEESE PAYMENT!

Please get your money turned in ASAP for cheese that you bought or sold.

DUES

Dues statements are out. Your prompt payment is appreciated! Note the new quarterly rate effective January 1st (as mentioned in BETH O'BRIEN'S Presidential Perspective.) New rates were approved by the Board of Directors with this year's budget.

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Take twelve whole months, Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy, Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once.

Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of faith,
 one part of patience, one part of courage, and one part of work.

Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness.

Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed.

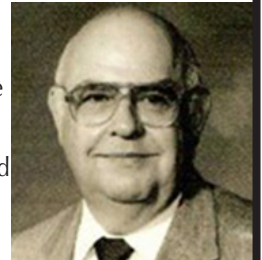
Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love.

Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile,
 and serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness.

You are bound to have a Happy New Year! Author Unknown

HERB HOWARD transferred his membership to the Optimist Club of Heaven on 13 December 2017. HERB was a past president of the Optimist Club of South Knoxville, lieutenant governor of the Tennessee District of Optimist International, and since July 1999, a member of the Optimist Club of Knoxville. For many years, Dr. Howard coordinated Optimist Club oratorical contests in the area. He was also a former state director of the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League, based at UT. Many years earlier, as a student at Science Hill High School, Howard had participated in debate activities of the League. This past fall, Dr. Howard was inducted into the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame for his accomplishments over the past 60 years. HERB was a regular at club meetings until mobility issues made weekly meetings difficult. Quick with a kind word, thoughtful and of good cheer. He will fit right in with all of our friends in the Optimist Club of Heaven.





PICS -

December 2017 was a busy month in the lives of Optimists and their families. Thanks for all you did to support the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley and The Angel Tree, Inc



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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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By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.