A Look At

"The Sunny Side"

Of Everything

LAST WEEK
FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2017
Perhaps you have seen those advertisements about cruising rivers instead of oceans and seas. DAVID LaFRATTA and KATHRYN McCULLOUGH enjoyed their Viking River Boat Cruise on the Danube. (They confirm that the Danube River is beautiful but it is not blue!) They began their Viking Longboat cruise in Passau, Germany. Their 8-day itinerary revealed the highlights of Passau, Germany; Vienna, Austria; Bratislava, Slovakia and Budapest, Hungary while leisurely cruising through spectacular scenery. Thanks to KATHRYN and DAVID for taking us on their trip!

THIS (VERY BUSY) WEEK
TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2017
Auction Co-Chairman DAVID LaFRATTA announced that the Auction Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday 21 March 2017 at Pelancho’s Mexican Restaurant, 1516 Downtown West Boulevard, Knoxville, TN 37919.

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2017
Social Chairman JOHN TEMPLE announced that our March social will be held from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Wednesday 22 March 2017 at Pelancho's Mexican Restaurant, 1516 Downtown West Boulevard, Knoxville, TN 37919.

FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2017
ORATORICAL CONTEST
First conducted in 1928, the Oratorical Contest is the second most popular Optimist International Program. Nearly 2,000 clubs participate in this program each year. The winners at the Club level receive medallions and Zone winners receive a plaque. Districts have the opportunity to provide two $2,500 scholarships or a first place scholarship of $2,500 one for the girl winner and one for the boy winner.

Our Club Oratorical Contest Chairman ERIN FAVIER reports that winners from three school contests will join us on the 24th of March. They represent Home Schooler’s from First Cumberland Presbyterian Church Homeschool, students from Webb School of Knoxville and students from Sacred Heart Cathedral School.

Each year Optimist International announces the topic used throughout the organization. This year it is: “What the World Gains from Optimism.” Contestants will deliver the 4-5 minute they wrote themselves. Three independent (non-optimists) judges will rate each speaker on a set of criteria provided by Optimist International.

Please arrive early if you can. Rules prohibit the audience from moving around during each speech – so we’ll go back for seconds, dessert and so on between each speech.

SATURDAY 25 MARCH 2017
JOHN KERRIGAN is looking for volunteers to help clean-up our community. As part of Optimist International Week of Service we will join the community-wide South Knoxville Cleanup to be held on Saturday, March 25th from 9 am - 12 pm, followed by lunch. The event will kick off at Sam Duff Memorial Park. (Duff Park is located at 4060 Chapman Highway, which you can access via the driveway to the left of the Krystal Burger. There is also additional street parking on Hedgeapple Lane.) Snacks and beverages will be available, as will the use of litter-pickers, gloves, garbage bags, and safety vests—for no cost to the participants. We will reconvene at Sam Duff Park from 12 pm - 1 pm for lunch. Sign up Friday at the back table.
President Elect ...................................................... Beth O’Brien
Vice President .......................................................... Will Brewer
Vice President ........................................................... Wayne Mulkey
Vice President ......................................................... Brenda Staton
Secretary ................................................................. David LaFratta
Treasurer ................................................................. David Harter
Sergeant-At-Arms .................................................. Deno Cole, John Temple
Past President .......................................................... Erin Favier
Director ................................................................. Buzz Buswell 2017
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

Committee Chairs 2016-2017

American Hero of the Year ................................. Michele Cox & Steve Fowler
Auction ................................................................. David LaFratta & Brenda Staton
Angel Tree ............................................................... Sharon Pound
Boys & Girls Club Fitness Authority ....................... Buzz & Donna Buswell
Camp Eagle’s Nest ................................................ Allen Collier
Cheese Sales ............................................................. Gwin Harshaw
Childhood Cancer (OI) ............................................. 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 ................................. Bill Gentry
Fountain City Christmas Parade ............................ Bill Gentry
Golf Tournament ................................................. David Meade
Induction ............................................................... Dan McGehee
Interclub Visitation ............................................... David Harter
Johnny Maurer Day .............................................. Bruce Duncan
Membership ...............................................................
OI Foundation ........................................................ Esse 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 .......................................... Harry Bryan
Youth Appreciation Week (OI) ............................. John Meade

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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

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

AUCTION No matter how fabulous the food or how fantastic the items for auction, it really does not matter if you are not there! BRENDA STATON says, “Buy your tickets!” to “A Grand Affair” coming to Knoxville on Saturday 1 April 2017 at Gettysvue Polo, Golf and Country Club.

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS! Two tickets and two side line passes to one of the following 2017 UT Football games: Indiana State – UMass – Southern Miss

One Baseball Porch (20 ticket, 3 parking passes) for May 18, 2017 game vs. Missouri! The Porch is located behind the left field wall in LINDSEY NELSON Stadium. Bring your own food and beverage of choice or for an additional fee, order from UT provided menu.

Two spots in the 2017 Lady Vols Guest Coaching Program includes seating behind the team bench, pregame meal with coaches, half-time in the locker room and of course a CLOSE parking pass!

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JOHN ADCOCK is looking for volunteers to help with Tri-Star Basketball on Thursday 27 April 2017 from 5-6:00 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club 967 Irwin Street.

March is “Keep Tennessee Beautiful Month” as proclaimed by Governor BILL HASLAM. JOHN KERRIGAN is leading a group of volunteers to help do just that! As part of Optimist International Week of Service we will join the community-wide South Knoxville Cleanup to be held on Saturday, March 25th from 9 am - 12 pm, followed by lunch. The event will kick off at Sam Duff Memorial Park.

MARY and CHRIS ALBRECHT of the Optimist Club of West Knoxville joined us for lunch and a glimpse of: “rollin on the river”. CHRIS spent time in the Navy. His vessel of choice was an aircraft carrier CV-42 – a little too big for the Danube, but CHRIS says he and MARY might be up for a cruise (even on a smaller vessel) in the future.

Their Optimist Club is presenting the 19th Annual Lawn Mower Safety Clinic at Mayor BOB LEONARD Park on Saturday 22 April 2017 from 9-Noon followed by lunch! Pass the attached flyer to any youth between 4th and 12th grades interested in learning about mowing, care of equipment and earning money!

PLEASE BRING ANY ITEMS YOU HAVE FOR THE AUCTION THIS FRIDAY - 3-24. THERE WILL BE NO MEETING NEXT FRIDAY MAKE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR TICKETS!!