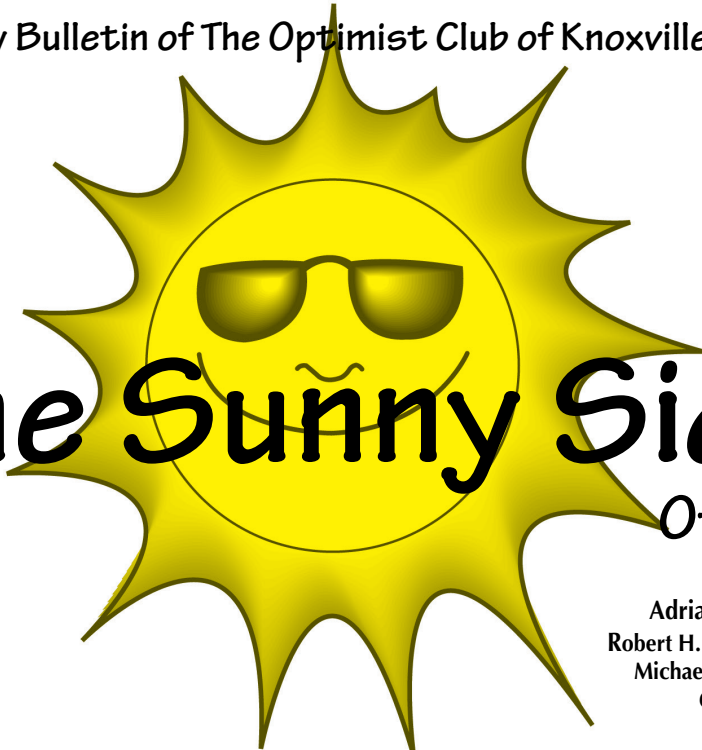


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LAST WEEK

FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2019

CATEY TERRY, President and C.E.O. of the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont joined us last Friday. CATEY outlined impact Tremont has through residential programming.

Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont delivers experiential learning for youth, educators, and adults through programs that promote self-discovery, critical thinking, and effective teaching and leadership. They believe that education creates lasting positive change for people and our planet.

From their home in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, their research and residential programs investigate the diversity that sustains all life, develop a sense of place, and cultivate a stewardship ethic that will influence lifelong decision-making.

"Connecting people and nature" summarizes their mission, which they accomplish by providing hands-on learning experiences. New residential facilities are in the works and as you would expect, there's a twist. They are planning a living building - the green building program that is redefining sustainability.

A living building is just as it sounds. It generates all of its own energy, captures and treats its water, and operates cleanly and efficiently in harmony with nature. A living building is built to mimic natural processes with the intent of improving the surrounding environment. As this project

advances there will be even more reasons to include Tremont in your places to go and things to do list.

THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2019

Next Friday we welcome Alex Feldt, Senior Lecturer at the University of Tennessee Department of Philosophy. ALEX serve as the coordinator for the Tennessee High School Ethics Bowl (THSEB), which is co-sponsored by the Department and the UT Humanities Center. Your Optimist Club volunteered at the tenth annual Bowl last February.

The eleventh annual THSEB will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Knoxville's Holiday Inn at World's Fair Park. It is a full day event, with lunch provided for all participations. We will learn more about Opportunities for Involvement, so invite a friend and see how we can serve.

FREAKY FRIDAY FRIGHT NITE

Freaky Friday Fright Nite in Farragut is your Opportunity for Involvement – and a fun way to see lots of happy kids. Volunteer to help at your Optimist Club's tent on Friday 25 October 2019 at Mayor Bob Leonard Park in Farragut. Children ages 12 and under trick-or-treat along the greenway, play games and decorate cookies.

The event is free – donations to Ronald McDonald House are encouraged. Set-up could use your assistance at 4:00pm. Be prepared to be spooked at 5:00pm.



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NEXT WEEK

FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2019 -

MEETING PLACE SOUTHERN RAILWAY DEPOT

MICHELLE MURRY, Senior Director of Visitors Services for VISIT KNOXVILLE, the official Convention and Visitors Bureau for Knoxville and Knox County. It's their priority and privilege to promote Knoxville as a destination for visitors and groups, each of which generates tourism dollars that benefit our local economy.

Their responsibilities include:

Placing regional, national and international ads promoting Knoxville
Supporting community initiatives encompassing art, history, entertainment and outdoor adventure

Recruiting and booking large conferences and sporting events to venues like the Knoxville Convention Center

Their mission: to accelerate sustainable economic growth and development by increasing visitor and convention business to our community.

Please invite a friend to join you for lunch at The Foundry and learn about Visit Knoxville.

PLAN AHEAD

FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2019

ROSS GREEN, is the author of A Fortress and a Legacy, a story that combines stunning historical accuracy with the pathos of a family torn by war. An exchange of letters between Knoxville native and B-17 bombardier BUD PERRIN and his bride, a former Miss America contestant, gives this story heart and soul.

The book captivates readers with its portrayal of the cross-current of personal relationships set against the background of enlistment, training, and execution of bombing missions over continental Europe. Make sure you invite a friend. You both will be glad you did!

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2019

BECKY HANCOCK, Executive Director of the Historic Tennessee Theatre Foundation joins us for lunch. In 1996, Knoxville's most influential community leaders formed the Historic Tennessee Theatre Foundation, a non-profit organization. Our mission is to preserve, maintain, and operate the Official State Theater of Tennessee as a performing arts and entertainment venue for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2019

Youth Appreciation Week. JOHN MEADE serves as Chairman of this annual luncheon hosted by the Optimist Club of Knoxville saluting area high school students for their Service to Humanity.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 124!

At the time I wrote this message 124 wreaths had been sponsored through our club for the December 14, 2019 placement. The vast majority of those 124 were sponsored by friends, neighbors and citizens who came in contact with the ¼ page flyer available at our meetings. You can help us do good while doing well by handing those flyers "to every person you meet".

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YOU DECIDE

Sergeants-at Arms ARBITRARY & CAPRICIOUS have decided to name their audience AMBIVALENT.

DIEGO GARCIA?

Remember when the question was, "Where in the world is Diego Garcia?" Place is important. Take our meetings for instance. Once a year we take our meeting on the road – literally – we move the feast. This year, we hit the road for the 1 November 2019 meeting.

ALERT For this Friday NOV 1st we are meeting at the **Southern Railway Depot, 306 West Depot Ave, Knoxville, TN 37917**

The Depot sits across the street from The Regas Building and takes up the block between North Gay Street and North Central Street on West Depot Avenue. See attached DEPOT MAP

PICS

JIM WRIGHT, Director of the FISH Hospitality Pantries was our speaker October 11th. President BEN gave JIM a copy of The Optimist Creed and a membership application.

CATEY TERRY and President BEN are seen here following her presentation regarding Tremont. BEN invited CATEY to join us every Friday.

BRADLEY PRUITT says our m=next FISH opportunity will be Saturday 23 November. You can get in some extra work by helping transport food from Trader Joe's. See BRADLEY for details.

DAN GREEN thanked Realty Executives, Gentry Trailways and Flemings Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar for their donations to the fun filled Keeneland Trip. The club netted \$2590!

JOHN TEMPLE reminded all that we are socializing at Calhoun's Restaurant, 625 Turkey Cove Lane, Knoxville, TN 37934 (that's their Turkey Creek location). We convene at 5:30 PM and break up later in the evening. Invite a prospective new member and join us for a non-meeting meeting.

CHRIS ALBRECHT had a "Happy Dollar" for the great Keeneland trip. He was happy that all the work DAN and PAT GREEN put into the trip paid big dividends.

BUZZ was "Happy" as Hardin Valley Academy Girls Soccer Team (SAVANNAH is on that team) won the



District Championship besting Maryville 1-0.

DON LINDSEY joined the "I had cataract surgery and now glasses are optional" club.

SHARON POUND has been wandering and we were wondering when we would see her again. She is happy to be back and even happier that she dodged a fine!

Change jars on the tables help you get rid of pesky pennies and nuisance nickels. Change jars. That's what it is all about – change. Change from a world where cancer ravages our children to one where it does not. That's a change worth the investment.



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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