

A Look At

"The Sunny Side" Of Everything

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JOHNNY MAUER DAY

LAST MEETING

FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2019

Knoxville Police Chief EVE THOMAS was our speaker when we last met. Appointed by Knoxville Mayor MADELINE ROGERO in June of 2018, Chief THOMAS became the first female chief in the department's history. She said she was pleased to have an opportunity to speak to community leaders to hear what is on their minds. Questions centered on the use of some of the physical property at the old "St. Mary's" location and the opioid crisis.

LAST WEEK

FRIDAY 19 APRIL 2019 - GOOD FRIDAY 2019

We did not meet on Good Friday

THIS WEEK

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 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 BRADLEY PRUITT serve as Co-chairs for this annual event. DON LINDSEY will open and close the meeting. Invite a friend and share your Optimism

NEXT WEEK

FRIDAY 3 MAY 2019

Optimist International Essay Contest
Youth under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2018 (not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a post-secondary institution) in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean are eligible to compete in this annual contest. There is no minimum age.

The topic for the 2018-19 school year was: "When All the World's Problems are Solved, is Optimism Still Necessary?"

MAC PREVOST, our club contest chairman, will introduce essayists who competed in this year's contest through our club. Invite a friend and share your optimism as we hear what our participants thought about the importance of "Optimism". ALLEN COLLIER opens the meeting with an Invocation and leads the pledge to the flag. DAN McGEHEE will remind us about the lifeblood of our organization.

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 Vee Panagakos
 Dessert Auction Jim Adcock & Brenda Staton
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 Annie LaLonde
 Election Ben Goodson
 Essay Contest (OI)..... Mac Prevost & Beth O'Brien
 Finance Committee Michael Cermak
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 Football Time in TN
 Fountain City Christmas Parade..... Bill Gentry
 Freaky Friday
 Fundraising..... David LaFratta & Don Lindsey
 Induction..... Dan McGehee
 Interclub Visitation..... David Harter
 Johnny Mauer Day.... Bruce Duncan & Britt Bowden
 Lawn Mower Safety Clinic.....
 Membership Dave Harter & Wayne Mulkey
 OI Foundation Essie Johnson
 Oratorical Contest (OI) Erin Favier
 Professional Development Program .. Annie LaLonde
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 Social John Temple
 TLC Erin Favier
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2018-19

DIME A DAY

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 2018-19 year

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PLAN AHEAD

FRIDAY 10 MAY 2019

In July 1965, a discussion between Past Optimist International President CARL BOWEN and former FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER resulted in the birth of Optimist International's Respect for Law program. This is the fourth most popular program with more than 1,500 Clubs participating last year. Your club has conducted an RFL program since it became a program of Optimist International. We honor law enforcement officers nominated by the leadership of agencies located in our community. BOB GIBSON serves as our Chairman of the Day for our annual Respect for Law Day. GWIN HARSHAW will offer the Invocation and lead the pledge to the flag.

FRIDAY 17 MAY 2019

Last October, The Knoxville Utilities Board announced that GABRIEL "GABE" BOLAS, II would become the new president and CEO of that utility. Invite a friend to join you for lunch on Friday 17 May and you both can meet GABE. He is the seventh president and CEO of KUB, he is an engineer and – well, come to lunch and let him tell you all about himself and his plans for the future. BUDDY RIMMER will offer the Invocation and lead the pledge to the flag to get our meeting started.

FRIDAY 24 MAY 2019

Cathedrals are in the news – especially Notre Dame! By now you have heard "experts" explaining how difficult it will be to design and rebuild that fire-damaged structure. To provide some perspective we welcome a former member of this club, KELLY HEADDEN with BARBER & McMURRY Architects - the firm responsible for the design of magnificent Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Northshore Drive. Come meet KELLY and learn "the rest of the story". FRANK LEUTHOLD starts our meeting off with the Invocation and pledge to the flag.

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES

BIRTHDAY

JACQUELINE ZURAF 13th
 KATHRYN McCULLOUGH 14th
 EDDIE HOWARD 16th
 LENA POUND 20th
 JOHN MAYS 26th

ANNIVERSARY

ROB STOOKSBURY 24th

OPTIMIST APRIL ANNIVERSARY

BILL KNIGHT 1979
 ANDY NEELY 1983
 BUZZ BUSWELL 1984
 JOE BROWN 1986

NOEL GILBREATH 1992
 JONIDA ROBINSON 2004
 HANNALORE GRAY 2012
 DARRIN RHINES 2015

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 and click on "NEWSLETTERS" on the upper right margin.

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PICS

At our last meeting, BOB GIBSON introduced Knoxville Police Chief EVE THOMAS. Following her talk and a lively Q & A session, President CHRIS COX presented Chief THOMAS with a copy of The Optimist Creed and a membership application.

The Sergeants-at-Arms took time to recognize BILL KNIGHT for his forty (40) years as a member of this Optimist Club. Between April of 1979 and now, BILL has been fined once or twice. Knowing that fines go to the HENRY NAFF Scholarship Fund BILL volunteered two dollars – FOR EACH YEAR OF HIS MEMBERSHIP! Thanks BILL and congratulations.

LAWNMOWER SAFETY was not dampened by the atmosphere. Students learned the fundamentals of gas powered mowers and trimmers from experts representing Knox County U.T. Extension Institute of Agriculture, 4-H, and Farragut Lawn & Tractor. Chairman of the 21st Annual Lawnmower Safety Clinic CHRIS ALBRECHT thanked fellow Optimists and extended a special thanks to the Town of Farragut, Rural Metro, and 4-H.

GATEway District Optimists \$20 Registration includes lunch and snacks.
SUPER ZONE MEETING
AREA D Zones 11, 12, 13, & 14
Saturday, June 8, 2019
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Allen Memorial United Methodist Church
800 Decatur Pike
Athens, TN 37303
The GATEway District Comes to You!

Here's your opportunity to network with other nearby Optimist Clubs
Participate in round-table discussions and activities. Learn more about the Personal Growth and Improvement (PGI) Program.



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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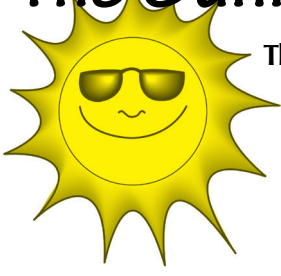
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"The Sunny Side"



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FIRST CLASS

NAME	BUSINESS	BUSINESS	HOME	NAME	BUSINESS	BUSINESS	HOME
(2) Adcock, Jim	ret. (PO Box 6445 37914-0445)		546-3709	(2) Knight, Phillip	F.A.S.T. Collections Service	693-7660	690-7170
(1) *Albrecht, Chris	ret. (12659 Bayview Dr 37922)		207-4294	*Knight, William G.	William Knight Insurance Agency	670-2990	693-4046
(24) Alexander, Ralph	Ameriprise Financial	212-2376	524-7953	(1) LaFratta, David	Siemens Molecular Imaging		414-698-4318
*Arms, Mike	Tennessee Strategies, Inc.	659-4745	691-0932	(20) LaLonde, Annie**	Shoney's of Knoxville	690-6331	740-5652
Armstrong, Matt	McGehee, Cole, Guindi & Walling, PC	523-9191	256-2016	*Leonard, Marie	retired (11533 Nassau Drive, Farragut 37922)		966-1865
(7) Bailes, John	Lattimore, Black, Morgan & Cain, PC	862-6503	671-0527	(14) *Leonard, Patrick**	Public Defenders Office	594-6120	207-2051
(6) Black, Jim	retired (605 Woodedge Lane 37934)	966-1037	803-3440	Leonard, Sheri	Pinnacle Financial Partners	766-3117	924-1694
Blind, Carolyn	TN Collectibles		406-8196	(23) Leuthold, Craig**	Clayton Family Foundation		694-8671
Blind, Don	retired almost (135 River Point Dr. Lenoir City 37772)		300-5438	(37) Leuthold, Frank O.	University of Tennessee	974-7231	693-3996
Boulton-Budlong, Barbara	3B Telecom		607-9598	(10) Lindsey, Don**	retired (5312 Trace Manor Lane - 37912)		250-0914
Bowden, Britt	F.A.S.T. Collection Service	693-7660	208-9368	Mabins, Deloris	Director of Development, University of TN	410-419-1877	410-419-1877
Bradley, Jasen	Fitness Together	671-2022	789-4712	Mauer, Kelsey	State Farm		615-306-1268
Brewer, II, William	Attorney, McGehee, Cole, Guindi & Walling, PC	281-8400	256-5207	(2) Mays, John E.	retired (5114 Dovewood Way - 37918)		687-6930
Bright, Robert	U.S. Dept of HUD	474-8212	567-9596	(19) McBride, R. Dennis	United Community Bank	988-2366	776-1395
(19) Brooks, Ernie**	Boys & Girls Clubs of the TN Valley	232-1104	607-0224	(3) McCullough, Kathryn**	Siemens Molecular Imaging		615-335-6262
(8) Brown, Joe L.	Brown, Jake & McDaniel, PC	637-8600		(43) *McGehee, Dan**	Attorney, McGehee, Cole, Guindi & Walling, PC	523-9191	805-9191
(11) Bryan, Harry D.**	retired (9628 Briarwood Dr. 37923)		690-2813		Town of Farragut	966-7057	388-5247
(30) *Buswell, Buzz**	Knox County Dir. Veterans and Senior Services	604-4443	604-4443	Mckelvey, Bud			388-5247
(21) *Buswell, Donna	retired (1101 Remington Dr. 37923)		603-0094	Meade, John	Midwest Railcar	688-5005	599-7990
Cermak, Michael	Proffitt & Goodson, Inc	584-1850	405-2595	Melloy, Elizabeth	Cellular Sales	584-7555	670-0960
Clarke, Brendan	McGehee, Cole, Guindi & Walling, PC	896-9082	901-605-5890	Mitchell, Penny	(retired) 3008 Hidden Lane 37920		577-3670
(2) *Click, David	retired (11482 N Couch Mill Rd 37931)		201-9320	Monday, Carolyn	(2300 Island Home Blvd. 37920)		573-3613
(15) Cole, Robert (Deno)**	Attorney, McGehee, Cole, Guindi & Walling, PC	281-8400	673-2072	Moore, Melanie			898-3517
(17) Collier, Allen**	Blue Ridge Insurance Services, Inc.	423-626-7376	423-626-4598		retired (223 Fordham Way 37934)		966-1704
Comany, Cynthia	693-3232	675-7792		(4) Neely, Andrew S.	(Andy) Luedeka, Neely & Graham, P.C.	546-4305	691-3127
Cox, Chris	Realty Executives	974-7692	207-659-4586	Nichols, Paul	retired ((625 Dixon Rd Lenoir City 37772)		776-0560
(3) Cox, Gary**			679-6733	(1) Oakley, Darrell	Brandons Awards & Engraving	588-2211	688-3901
Cox, Michele	KUB		679-6773	(5) O'Brien, Beth	retired (1120 Long Branch Dr 37922)		671-3984
Creekmore, Betsy	University of Tennessee	974-2113	525-6084	Quimet, Joyce	Travelers Insurance		806-8158
Deaton, Andrew	UT Student		901-351-8555	Panagakos, Vasilia (Vee)	V&C Collectibles		207-356-6292
DeVore, Lauren			789-9246	(1) Peterson, Joe	retired (210 Hawthorne Oaks Way 37849)		938-7116
Duncan, Bruce	Suntrust Bank	546-9552	292-5040	Pound, Helena (Lena)	Student, University of Tennessee		659-0871
Dyer, Michael	Nationwide Insurance	966-2111	423-775-8265	(10) Pound, Sharon Sweetser**	University of Tennessee - Office of Research	974-1475	983-4879
(3) Enix, Mark	Fountain City Jewelers	686-0502	938-7968	Pratt, Kelly	Holiday Inn World's Fair Park	934-3084	843-241-5359
(2) Favier, Erin**	University of Tennessee		414-1608	*Prevost, Gibbs M. Jr. (Mac)	Dentist	588-4472	577-1094
(5) Finnegan, Alan D.**	retired (8704 Fox Lonas Road 37923)		691-0399	Pruitt, Bradley	First Bank	522-2930	356-5294
Fleeman, Chip	McGehee and Cole	523-9191	617-4098	Pruitt, Deneen	retired (309 Liveoak Lane 37920)		901-355-5565
Fowler, Steve	retired		256-1862	Pruitt, Lonny	retired (309 Liveoak Lane 37920)		901-355-5564
(23) Freeman, Bob	retired (1131 Cherokee Blvd. 37919)		546-0699	Pyle, Landon	R and S Logistics		388-6715
Frost, Albert	7th Judicial Crime Task Force		813-361-2117	(6) Ragsdale, Michael R.**	Tennessee Strategies, Inc.	61-7774	966-3510
Frost, Sheila	retired (122 Pinnacle Point, Andersonville, TN 37705)		813-416-4834	(3) Ramey, Mary Beth	Volunteer Ministry Center	524-3926	922-0166
Gentry, Kimberly	Knox County Schools	755-4650	688-4151	Rhines, Darrin	Knoxville Utilities Board		
(17) Gentry, William**	Century Trailways	523-2796	688-4151	(31) *Rimmer, Harris W. Jr. (Buddy)**	retired		986-8682
(7) Gibson, III Robert H.	Federal Bureau of Investigation (retired)		690-3729	(6) Robinson, Jonida**	PRIMERICA	406-5023	673-9886
(10) Gilbreath, Noel**	Realty Executives	693-3232	675-2668	Robinson, Jr. Theotis	University of Tennessee	974-4923	673-9886
Gillenwater, Brannan	Gillenwater Flooring & Kitchen Gallery	984-0744	609-9861	Scates, David	ABSG	671-5800	399-5189
Goodson, Ben	Proffitt Goodson	584-1850	742-4508	Sewell, John I. (Ike)	retired (3206 Great Meadows Dr. West 37920-3721)		577-9985
Gray, Hannalore			376-1326	Sherrill, Tiffany	Attorney, Moore Ingram Johnson & Steele, LLP	692-9039	931-629-7110
*Green, Dan	Realty Executives	693-3232	567-2420	(2) Staton, Brenda	Coca-Cola North America	789-6181	789-6181
(27) *Griffin, Walter W.**	retired (5213 Haynes-Sterchi Road 37912)		689-5055	Stewart, Lauren	United Way of Greater Knoxville	521-5576	693-6421
Hagan, Cindy	retired (554 Lost Tree Lane 37934)		936-0199	Stigall, Al	retired (5319 Summer Rose Blvd 37918)		607-1607
(8) Hamilton, Kathy**	HealthCare 21 Business Coalition	588-3738	690-4093	Stooksbury, Rob	Lot 1 Luxury, LLC	567-3005	675-1807
Hampton, Don	Natural Alternatives		567-7422	(11) Stratton, D. Michael**	Financial Solutions	531-9898	531-5858
Harshaw, Gwin	retired (9016 Linksvue Dr 37922)		806-8647	Sunday, Jerry	retired (9708 Tallahassee Dr 37923)		805-5123
(24) *Harter, Dave**	retired (7616 Navarre Dr 37919)		250-1511	Sunday, Renee	Mortgage Investors Group	392-1439	919-4808
Harter, Nancy	retired (7616 Navarre Dr 37919)		599-0624	Taliaferro, Weston	McGehee, Cole, Guindi & Walling, PC		615-785-8109
(3) Henley, C. Mark	C.M. Henley Company	947-2448	938-0860	Tate, Brina		951-2571	307-4910
(1) Hewitt, Connie	retired (412 Catherine McCauley Way #5206 37919)		690-2767	Temple, John**	Patriot Investment Management, Inc.	777-2479	777-0442
(11) Hewitt, Helen	Thermopy of Tennessee	524-1124	525-1095	Temples, Fredda Valentine	The Real Estate Firm	659-4024	688-2966
(1) Hogg, Melanie	Attorney, Held Law Firm	637-6550	288-3175	Vignes, Shelby	Mexichem, Inc.	337-0875	225-362-3991
Howard, Eddie	Heritage Termite and Pest Services	525-8900	525-8899	(15) Weber, Glen	retired (10070 McCormick Place 37923)		719-5701
(6) Huber, Lisa**	Shafer Insurance Agency	292-1124	719-4003	Whaley, Earl R.	Earl R. Whaley & Co.	970-7500	982-7867
Hunley, Allen	Dentist	687-1886	363-9427	Wiedman, Cary	Scan Store	329-6657	274-7232
(7) *Ison, Jim	retired (5619 Fountain Gate Road - 37918)		281-8222	*Witherspoon, David Jr.	David Witherspoon, Inc.	577-1613	584-2580
(6) Jackson, Ricky	Coulter & Justus	637-4161	922-6222	Zuraf, Jacqueline	student		671-3984
Jeffries, Mary J	Nursing Consultant	300-4890	300-4890	Zuraf, Tom	retired (1120 Long Branch Dr 37922)	755-2732	671-3984
(13) Johnson, Essie	ret. (417 Bridge View Rd 37914)	522-0824	522-0824				
(1) Kerrigan, John	Panacea LLC		615-308-6900				
Kerrigan, Denton	TVA		615-714-2044				
(2) Klebenow, Anne	Denso Mfg. of TN	379-0127	633-1728				
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