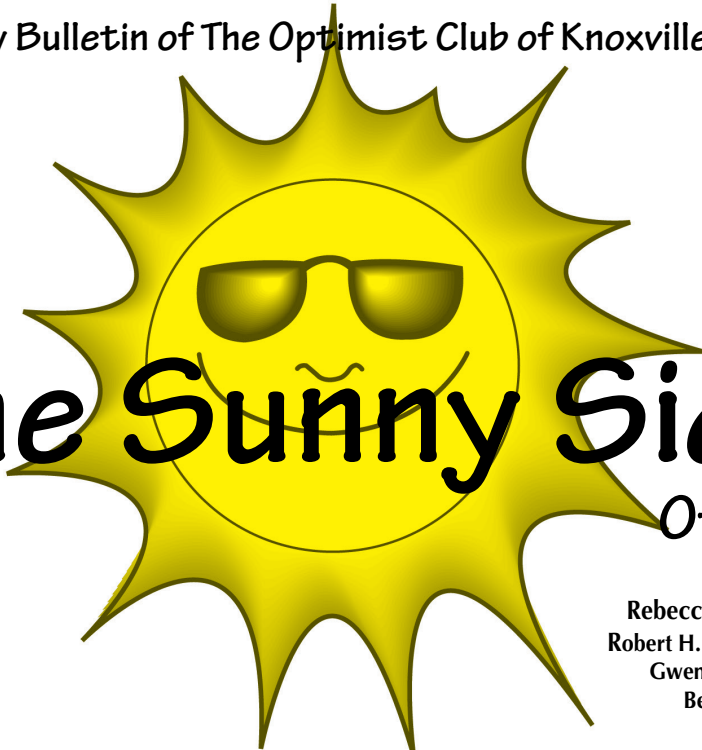


A Look At

# "The Sunny Side" Of Everything



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## HONOR AMERICAN HEROS

### LAST WEEK

FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2019

Our thanks to CASPER COX for a very special presentation about the making of the film, "HIDDEN RIVERS" the significance of the biodiversity of Southern Appalachia, how we can enjoy this remarkable experience firsthand and how we can all help educate future generations about this national treasure. CASPER COX shared his twenty years of snorkeling experience; enjoying, learning and educating thousands of children while snorkeling the clear streams of East Tennessee and beyond.

Founded in 2003, Freshwaters Illustrated has a twofold mission: (1) to educate diverse public audiences about the life, study, and conservation of freshwater ecosystems through illustrative science-based efforts, and (2) to provide illustrative resources and services to scientists, educators, and media specialists.

Following our meeting CASPER presented the film, "HIDDEN RIVERS" a 1-hour film that explores the rivers and streams of the Southern Appalachian region, North America's most biologically rich waters. The film follows the work of conservation biologists and explorers throughout the region, and reveals both the beauty and vulnerability of this aquatic life, and how many people are finding ways to protect it.

Film Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/66103145>  
Website: [www.hiddenrivers.org](http://www.hiddenrivers.org)

### THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2019

Social Chairman JOHN TEMPLE announced that our June event will be held on Wednesday 26 June 2019 at K-Town Tavern, 320 North Peters Road, Knoxville, TN 37922 beginning at 5:30 and ending when they run out of Chivas – or the last Optimist decides to leave – whichever comes first!



FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2019

### HONOR AMERICAN HEROES

When emergencies happen in our community a network of dedicated professionals respond. They are the dispatchers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, first responders and rescue specialists. We call them American Heroes. Retired Knoxville Fire Department Assistant Chief (and fellow Optimist) STEVE FOWLER and MICHELE COX are co-chairs for the day and will present the honorees who were nominated by these agencies: Knoxville Fire Department, Knox County Emergency Communications District (E-911), Knox County Rescue, AMR Knoxville Dispatch, and Rural Metro Fire Department.

Saving apartment building residents inside during a heavy fire; dispatching when a high percent of firefighter equipment are on a 3-Alarm fire leaving less to cover the rest of the city; dedicating 40 years of service on a heavy rescue team and mentoring others; being the go-to-person when others seek guidance and always seeking to help in technology; having a positive attitude on every shift and being a hero in daily life to others. You are invited to hear these and more stories of heroism during the Optimist Club of Knoxville's 17th annual American Heroes Awards luncheon. A patriotic theme will be part of the program.

### DRAWING IS THIS FRIDAY!!

A \$5 donation to the Optimist Club of Knoxville's Childhood Cancer Campaign puts you in the drawing. Turn in your tickets and money. Buy that last minute "winner".

### NEXT WEEK

FRIDAY 5 JULY 2019 - NO MEETING

On July 3, 1776, JOHN ADAMS, a Massachusetts delegate to the Second Continental Congress and one of the drafters of The Declaration of Independence, penned a letter to his wife ABIGAIL ADAMS In it he wrote:

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 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  
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"The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

It actually took two more days to refine the language in The Declaration, thus we celebrate the 4th of July in a fashion much like that described by ADAMS two hundred and forty-three years ago.

**PLAN AHEAD**

**FRIDAY 12 JULY 2019**

The Shangri La Therapeutic Academy of Riding Executive Director LYNN PETR joins us for a look at "Ride On". Invite a friend and share your Optimism.

STAR serves children and adults from Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Fentress, Knox, Loudon, Jefferson, Monroe, McMinn, Roane, Sevier, and surrounding counties. We work with individuals starting at age four to seniors with physical, mental and neurological disabilities or those considered at-risk. In 2018, STAR served 249 individuals with a total of 4,715 hours of Equine Assisted activities.

**SATURDAY 27 JULY & SUNDAY 28 JULY & MONDAY 5 AUGUST 2019**

ANNIE LaLONDE says, "It is hard to believe but SHONEY'S KidCare Photo ID is really just around the corner! Save the dates. Saturday 27 July 11AM to 5PM at West Town Mall; Sunday 28 July 12 NOON to 6PM Foothills Mall, Center Stage and Monday 5 August 3PM to 6PM School Mania, Jacob Building, 3301 Magnolia Avenue.

**SUNDAY 28 JULY 2019**

Thirty one years ago your club began a relationship with Camp Eagles Nest, an overnight camp for oncology patients at East Tennessee Children's Hospital. The Optimist Club of West Knoxville also adopted the Camp by providing a cookout meal the evening of opening day. We continue that tradition with a cookout with hot dogs and hamburgers on Sunday 28 July from 4-7 at the Wesley Woods location in Townsend. Sign up to help.

**SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2019**



**CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES**

**BIRTHDAY**

DAVE HARTER 06/24  
 DON BLIND 06/26  
 CYNTHIA CORMANY 06/27  
 DAN MCGEHEE 06/27

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**ANNIVERSARY**

FRANK LEUTHOLD 06/23  
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HARRY D BRYAN 1977  
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 JOHN MAYS 1984  
 BOB FREEMAN 1991  
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 TOM ZURAF 2017  
 VEE PANAGAKOS 2017

**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**

Tag team Chairmen of the Day BRADLEY PRUITT and CHRIS COX kept things moving at our last meeting.

Our speaker CASPER COX receives a copy of THE OPTIMIST CREED from his brother and our President CHRIS COX.

A trip to Keeneland in Lexington, Kentucky will raise funds for our Optimist Club. Organizer DAN GREEN says it is a day trip to the races on Sunday 13 October 2019. For \$99 you receive admission to Keeneland, travel via luxurious Gentry coach, snacks, wine, beer and great fellowship. Bus leaves Land Oak offices in West Knoxville at 8:30am and returns to the same location 9:00-10:00pm



the same day. Contact DAN GREEN (865) 567-2420 or [dan\(at\)dangreenrealtor\(dot\)com](mailto:dan(at)dangreenrealtor(dot)com)

**DRAWING IS THIS FRIDAY!!**

A \$5 donation to the Optimist Club of Knoxville's Childhood Cancer Campaign will get you a ticket in our 2nd Annual Luxury Weekend drawing that includes:

- 2 Nights stay in a premier King Guest Room at the fabulous Tennessean Hotel, Knoxville's Personal Luxury Hotel... A value of over \$500!
- Your stay will include Breakfast for 2 in the Drawing Room, a \$75 value.
- Complimentary Valet Parking, a \$40 value.

**...BUT WAIT, IT GETS EVEN BETTER!**

The prize package will include a \$100 gift certificate at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, **AND** a \$50 gift certificate at Lonesome Dove Restaurant in the Old City, **AND** a gift certificate to Chesapeake's Seafood Restaurant!

**EVERY DOLLAR BRINGS US CLOSER TO A CURE FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER.**

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



**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.

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