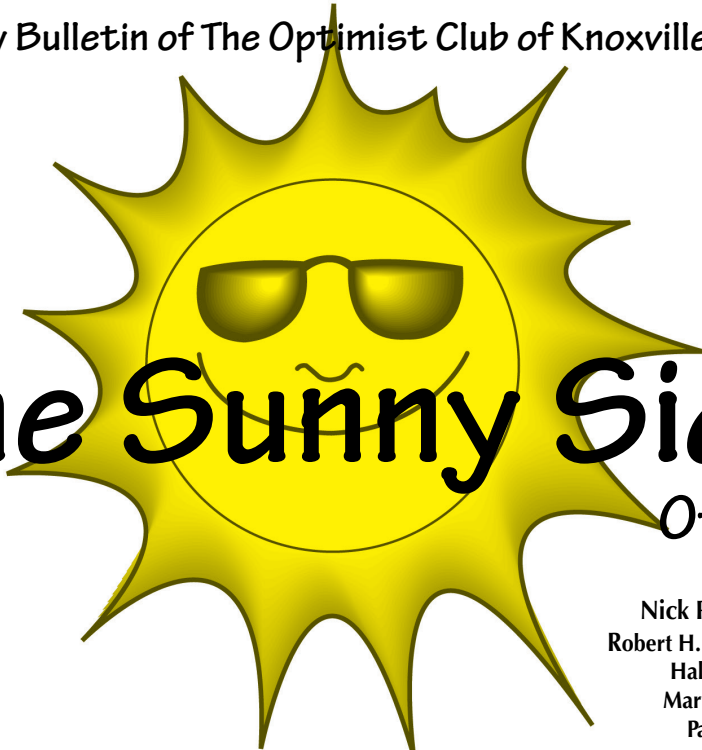


A Look At

"The Sunny Side" Of Everything



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LAST WEEK

TUESDAY 21 AUGUST 2018

Social Chairman JOHN TEMPLE reports that our August Social at K -Town Tavern saw a pretty good turnout including CHRIS and MARY ALBRECHT, DENO COLE, CHRIS COX, BOB FREEMAN, NOEL GILBREATH, DAVID LaFRATTA, DON LINDSEY, SHARON POUND, BRENDA and SAVANNAH STATON and JOHN TEMPLE. Attending This event counts as a makeup for a missed regular Friday meeting. A combination of attending meetings and making up missed meetings by attending any of our club activities to include Board Meetings can lead to notching a year of "perfect attendance".

FRIDAY 24 AUGUST 2018

VISIT KNOXVILLE Executive Director KIM BUMPAS was our speaker last Friday. Visit Knoxville is the official Convention and Visitors Bureau for Knoxville and Knox County. They 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. They support community initiatives encompassing art, history, entertainment and outdoor adventure. They also recruit and book large conferences and sporting events to venues like the Knoxville Convention Center. Their mission is to accelerate sustainable economic growth and development by increasing visitor and convention business to our community.

SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 2018

Members of our club volunteered at the FISH Hospitality Pantry last Saturday. Thanks to JIM ADCOCK, CHRIS ALBRECHT, BOB FREEMAN, DON LINDSEY, DAN McGEHEE, BETH O'BRIEN, SHARON POUND, MAC PREVOST, DENEEN and

LONNY PRUITT and BRENDA and SAVANNAH STATON for volunteering. Organizers reported that 429 Families were served and 40 kids received Boost Bags. Just in case you missed it earlier, here's a primer on boost bags. None of the food for the boost bags is donated but has to be purchased through FISH funds. When a child arrives with a parent or guardian at the Pantry, each and every child is given a boost bag which contains juice, milk, yogurt, cheese sticks, raisins and some fresh fruit. All items are organic. Children generally open the bags on the spot and begin to eat.

THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 31 AUGUST 2018

BLAKE McMEANS' story is one of promise, tragedy, debilitation, redemption and second chances. McMEANS received several scholarship offers from around the country, but decided to stay close to home and play tennis at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. But McMEANS would never play a match for the Volunteers. Invite a friend to join you for lunch and hear BLAKE explain "the rest of the story".

This Friday, 31 August, some lucky person will receive two season tickets to all of the University of Tennessee Volunteers home football games in NEYLAND STADIUM! **Chairman BRADLEY PRUITT say be sure to turn in tickets and monies this Friday.** DAN McGEHEE offers the Invocation and leads the pledge to the flag.

NEXT WEEK

FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2018

We welcome JERRY ASKEW, President of Alliance for Better Nonprofits. The Alliance for Better Nonprofits (ABN) is a membership-based organization that serves nonprofits in 25 East



BLAKE MCMEANS' STORY



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SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2018

Your Optimist Club joins forces with the Veteran Heritage Site Foundation, Oakwood – Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association and Keep Knoxville Beautiful in a Neighborhood Clean-up. We will meet on Sharp's Ridge at 0830 for a memorial session recognizing the sacrifices of first responders on 9/11 before the clean-up begins on the Ridge. Similar to our clean-up effort in South Knoxville, all you need to bring is you. Sensible (closed toe) footwear is advised. Sign up on our website.



PLAN AHEAD

FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2018

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THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2018

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Club Treasurer DAVE HARTER announced that the meeting will take place on Thursday 27 September 2018 with a social hour followed by meal and program. This is a meeting all members and their guests are encouraged to attend.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (OIF)

Here is a very meaningful way to recognize a fellow optimist: donate a Dime-A Day in their honor or memory. See our OIF representative ESSIE JOHNSON and she will make it happen.

Dime A Day Donations in HONOR OF to date:
RANDALL SUMNER honored by President BETH O'BRIEN
CONNIE HEWITT honored by JACQUELINE ZURAF
JOYCE OUMET honored by IKE SEWELL

Dime A Day Donations in MEMORY OF to date:
 CHRIS ALBRECHT in memory of DANA CARL SMITH (he named The Sunny Side)
 ESSIE JOHNSON in memory of ESTEL HAMILTON (long time Cheese Chairman)
 Secretary TOM ZURAF in memory of HERB HOWARD (O.I. Oratorical Contest stalwart)
 BUZZ & DONNA BUSWELL in memory of PAUL HARBIN (Past President of OIF)



PICS

DENO COLE served as Chairman of the Day last Friday. He introduced KIM BUMPAS, Executive Director of VISIT KNOXVILLE. At the conclusion of her interesting and informative presentation, President BETH invited KIM to join us as a member and gave her a copy of The Optimist Creed.

BRADLEY PRUITT, Chairman of "It's Football Time in Tennessee Raffle", hold season tickets to be presented to the winner of the drawing to be held this Friday, 31 August 2018 during our regular Noon meeting at The Foundry.

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Speaking of K-Town Tavern, last Tuesday several of our members joined Social Chairman JOHN TEMPLE at K-Town for the August Social. Smiling faces indicates that a good time was had by all. Thanks to BOB FREEMAN for capturing the event. JIM ADCOCK, CHRIS ALBRECHT, BOB FREEMAN, DON LINDSEY, DAN McGEHEE, BETH O'BRIEN, SHARON POUND, MAC PREVOST, LONNIE and BLANK PRUITT, BRENDA and SAVANNAH STATON, reported for duty at FISH Hospitality Pantry serving 429 Families and 40 (Boost Bags) before they were done.



The Optimist Creed

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.