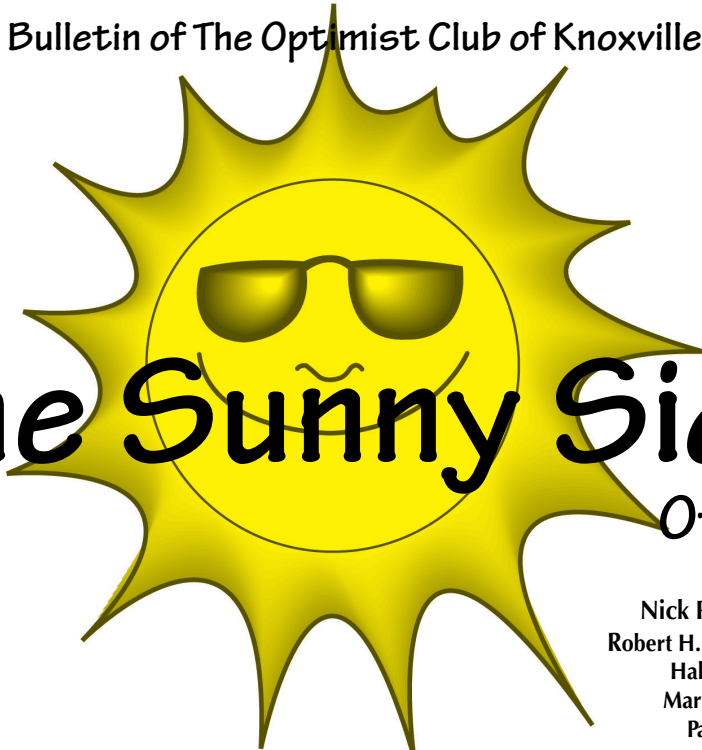


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LAST WEEK

FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2017

CLARENCE L. VAUGHN, III, Executive Director of the Police Advisory Review Committee joined us last week to kick off the month of December. The mission of the Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC) is to provide the citizens of the City of Knoxville a civilian oversight committee to audit the discipline process and the policies and procedures of the Knoxville Police Department (KPD). The purpose is to strengthen the relationship between citizens of the City of Knoxville and the KPD, to assure timely, fair and objective review of citizen complaints while protecting the individual rights of police officers, and to make recommendations concerning citizen complaints to the Chief of Police and the Mayor.

This independent City of Knoxville agency has the authority to review and/or investigate allegations of misconduct filed by the public against the KPD.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2017

Social Chairman JOHN TEMPLE has our 5 December Social set for K -Town Tavern, 320 North Peters Road, Knoxville, TN 37922. We gather at 5:30 pm and leave when the last elf pleads "no more eggnog"! Please invite a friend to join you for this non-meeting meeting. "No minutes are kept."

WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2017

LISA HUBER writes: The Optimist Club of Knoxville will be holding our Annual Boys & Girls Club Christmas Party at The Foundry. Sign-up sheet is by the

badge box. We will gather at 4:30pm in anticipation of the kids arriving shortly thereafter. This is an opportunity for our club to give these children an experience in fine dining and they will be performing in front of their peers! We look forward to this party each year. Chairman LISA HUBER looks forward to seeing the children and YOU, as we once again come together to make a difference in a child's life.

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2017

FISH Hospitality Pantries Executive Director JIM WRIGHT. Opportunities to Serve Children. DENO COLE will offer the Invocation and pledge to the flag. The food will be good and the fellowship even better and that's a promise!

NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2017

Join fellow Optimists and their guests as we sort at The Angel Tree. No experience needed. A complete tutorial will be offered along with plenty of support from experienced sorters. If you have a passing acquaintance with the alphabet and numbers you will be a professional in no time at all.



6:00 PM to 8:00ish at The Angel Tree Headquarters (old Kroger Store Kingston Pike across from entrance to Farragut High School in the opposite end of the complex housing Farragut Wine & Spirits). We will begin at 6:00pm - many hands make light work.



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FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2017

The South Doyle High School Madrigal Singers present a Christmas Program. Mark your calendars. Invite a friend to join you for this annual holiday treat! DARREN RHINES has volunteered to offer the Invocation and lead the pledge to the flag.

**Angel Tree – 2017 Sign Up Form
for Friday 24 November through
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PLAN AHEAD

FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER 2017

NO MEETING MERRY CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY 29 DECEMBER 2017

NO MEETING HAPPY NEW YEAR

FRIDAY 5 JANUARY 2018

KAREN PERSHING, Executive Director of the Metro Drug Coalition joins us to start of 2018. By its charter, Metro Drug Coalition (MDC) is a private, non-profit corporation partially funded by local government. The mission of Metro Drug Coalition is to improve the health of the greater Knoxville community by reducing the use of alcohol and drugs through policy, systems and environment change. The affairs, business and property of Metro Drug Coalition are managed and controlled by the Board of Directors.

KAREN will address the "Opioid Crisis" in our community. Invite a friend to join you for lunch at The Foundry

FRIDAY 12 JANUARY 2018

JONI PAPPAS is a board certified music therapist specializing in early childhood intervention, special education and older adults. Her private

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practice has included work in pre-schools, early childhood centers, and special education programs in Iowa, Mississippi, Indiana and West Virginia. She has also developed Time for Music, a music therapy based early childhood music program. Join her for lunch and a look at Children's Hospital & UT Music Therapy for Children. Why not bring a friend?

PICS

MELANIE HOGG served as Chairman of the Day last Friday. She introduced CLARENCE L. VAUGHN, III, Executive Director of the Police Advisory Review Committee.

NOEL GILBREATH earned the wrath of Sergeant-at-Arms JIM BLACK. It seems that JIM has a job description from Madam President that states the no one should be talking when she is talking. NOEL paid his fine – which is an indication that the real estate market is good! (Note: The Sargent will also fine you if you are NOT talking when Madam President is talking – i.e. there can be a fine for fine's sake!)

IKE SEWELL reported that his mother ILIA SEWELL JONES passed on 10 November. Born 21 August 1903, she was the oldest Georgian at the time of her passing = 114 – one of the oldest people in the world with verified birthdates. In her memory, IKE made a donation to the HENRY NAFF Scholarship fund, a fitting way to remember a person who spent decades teaching.

JIM ADCOCK, on behalf of LISA HUBER reminded everyone that our Annual Boys & Girls Club Christmas Party at The Foundry takes pace Wednesday 6 December. We will gather at 4:00 pm in anticipation of the kids arriving about 4:30. This is an opportunity for our club to give these children an experience in fine dining and they will be performing in front of their peers! We look forward to this party each year. Chairman LISA HUBER looks forward to seeing the children and YOU, as we once again come together to make a difference in a child's life.

REMEMBER!

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PICK UP YOUR CHEESE FRIDAY!

Last week we reported that the end of the cheese program was very near. Unfortunately we missed on that projection – GWIN and GLEN report that we still have some cheese left. They encourage you to step up and get cheese this Friday. With your assistance, THIS may well be the last week they will have cheese for sale!



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- To promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs;
- To inspire respect for the law;
- To promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people;
- To aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world.



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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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