

A Look At

"The Sunny Side" Of Everything

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SWEETS FOR THE SWEETEST DESSERT AUCTION



LAST WEEK

FRIDAY 1 FEBRUARY

ANNETTE "A home for every pet." Last week we welcomed JANET TESTERMAN, Chief Executive Officer of Young Williams Animal Center. JANET is a Knoxville native, and before joining Young-Williams Animal Center as CEO, she spent nearly a decade in internal communications with Scripps Networks Interactive and earlier with E.W. Scripps' as executive editor of custom publications, Knoxville Magazine and skirt! Magazine.

Young-Williams Animal Center works tirelessly toward its vision of finding a home for every pet through adoptions, spays & neuters, lost & found resources and the help of their amazing volunteers.

The goal is to find a forever home for every pet that can be placed. In some cases pets are reunited with their families, in others they are adopted and in still others they are rescued to places where there are more adopters than eligible pets.

More animals made it out of the Young-Williams Animal Center alive in 2017 than ever before. Almost 1,300 fewer animals were euthanized last year than in 2016. That brings the shelter's current save rate to more than 84 percent. That means 84 percent of the animals at the shelter are adopted, reclaimed or rescued instead of put down. The goal? "No kill"!

THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2019

SWEETS FOR THE SWEETEST DESSERT AUCTION
The Annual Sweets for the Sweetest Dessert Auction

came about when the club decided to honor the memory of DOROTHY WEBER by recognizing a community volunteer, who, as did she, steps up and says 'YES' when there is a need. Creating that recognition without funding it would not have met with her approval, so the Dessert Auction was established to generate funds to cover the costs associated with the DOROTHY WEBER Y.E.S. Awards. This pre-Valentine's Day event depends upon to elements: donations of tempting homemade and commercially prepared dessert items and bidders who will give no quarter in their quest to be successful in capturing those chewy chocolate chip cookies or Key lime pie!

Sign up to donate one or more items to be auctioned off during the silent auction conducted during our 8 February Friday meeting. Then invite a friend to join you for lunch that day and suggest that they bid so as not to go home empty handed.

During the silent auction we will be hearing about plans for a special recognition as our club approaches 100 years of community service.

NEXT WEEK

FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2019

It will be our pleasure to welcome Knoxville Opera's Executive and Artistic Director BRIAN SALESKY for lunch on Friday 15 February 2019. Believe it or not, the Rossini Festival is right around the corner. On April 13, 2019 downtown Knoxville will be transformed into a European-style pedestrian street mall appropriate for the entire family as the 18th annual festival takes center stage. Invite a friend to join you and the Maestro for lunch and an update about performing arts in general and the Knoxville Opera in particular.

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2018-19

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 to make your donation for the
 2018-19 year

IT IS A NEW YEAR!

SPONSOR A NEW OPTIMIST 2018-19

DAVID SCATES sponsored by MICHELE COX
 CHIP FLEEMAN sponsored by DAN MCGEHEE

PLAN AHEAD

THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2019

Social Chairman JOHN TEMPLE announced that our February event will be held on Thursday 21 February 2019 at K-Town Tavern, 320 North Peters Road, Knoxville, TN 37922 beginning at 5:30 and ending when the last Optimist decides to leave – or maybe around 7:00 pm?

FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2019

The Opioid Epidemic: Is it a Social Disease, a Brain Disease or both? Invite a friend to share your optimism and a great Foundry lunch as we hear what UT Psychology Professor RALPH LYDIC has to say on the question.

FUTURE FRIDAY

Interesting and informative. Illuminating. Entertaining. Persuading. Programs at our Friday lunches may be described by one of more of these words. They do not happen by accident. Hear an interesting speaker? Know a subject that needs illumination? Contact HELEN HWEITT, DON LINDSEY or SHARON POUND and spill the beans! They are doing a great job of keeping every Friday a "don't miss meal"! They would be happy to hear your suggestions.

FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2019

Our Annual Club Oratorical Contest is coming next month! This year's topic: "Is There A Fine Line Between Optimism And Reality?" As always you may expect some thoughtful presentations on this year's topic.

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES

BIRTHDAY

GARY COX 6 FEBRUARY

ANNIVERSARY

ERIN FAVIER 8 FEBRUARY

OPTIMIST ANNIVERSARY

ESSIE JOHNSON 2004
 LIZ MELLOY 2009
 PHIL BALLARD 2010
 CHRIS COX 2016
 JOE PETERSON 2016



OPTIMIST CLUB OF HEAVEN – CHARLIE BRASWELL

We recently learned that CHARLIE BRASWELL has transferred his membership to the Optimist Club of Heaven.

Charles Walker Braswell, 89, passed away at his home Thursday evening, January 24th, 2019. CHARLIE was a UT graduate, an officer serving in Korea during the war and in the Army Reserve before retiring as a Lt. Colonel. He joined this club in 1992 and was active in many of our projects. He was always willing to help. He attended Friday meetings regularly notching 12 years of perfect attendance. He was really involved with The Angel Tree, serving as one of the Reindeer hauling gifts from West Town Mall to headquarters during the weekday afternoons. Please keep his widow JUANITA in your prayers.

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PICS

RALPH ALEXANDER served as Chairman of the Day for our meeting on 24 January. BESS CONNALLY, Reference Librarian at the Lawson McGhee Library, the main library for the Knox County Public Library (KCPL) system in Knoxville, was our speaker. President CHRIS COX presented BESS a copy of The Optimist Creed.



Club Foundation Representative ESSIE JOHNSON congratulates our two newest CHRISTIAN D. LARSON Partners, CINDY HAGAN and President CHRIS COX. Each made an unrestricted donation of \$1000 to the Optimist International Foundation – “our charity”.



DAN GREEN is working on a FALL trip to Keeneland Racecourse in Lexington, Kentucky. Contact DAN if you are interested in this day trip to Keeneland, an internationally renowned racecourse and the Thoroughbred industry's leading auction house.

PAT LEONARD served as our Chairman of the Day last Friday He introduced JANET TESTERMAN seen here receiving a copy of The Optimist Creed from acting President BRADLEY PRUITT.



JIM ADCOCK says “Sweets for the Sweetest Dessert Auction” is this Friday. Remember to bring your dessert and your checkbook!

JOHN TEMPLE says Social Chairman JOHN TEMPLE announced that our February event will be held on Thursday 21 February 2019 at K-Town Tavern, 320 North Peters Road, Knoxville, TN 37922 beginning at 5:30 and ending when the last Optimist decides to leave – or maybe around 7:00 pm?



KELLY PRATT thanks you for dropping pesky pennies, nuisance nickels etc.... into the collection jars to benefit the Optimist International fight against Childhood Cancer. So far you have lightened your own load and given \$301.39 to fight childhood cancer!

DAVE HARTER says Act now! We have some BIG ORANGE Basketball Cheese! It is perfect for any gathering as you watch the Number One Ranked Tennessee Volunteers fight their way to greater achievements of the future.

**REMEMBER TO
BRING YOUR
DESSERTS THIS
FRIDAY**





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.

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