

A Look At

"The Sunny Side" Of Everything

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LAST WEEK

FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2019

DAN McGEHEE served as Chairman of the Day last Friday. He introduced us to his friend, University of Tennessee senior GRANT RIGNEY who was recently named a Rhodes Scholar. GRANT will spend two years studying "pretty much whatever" he wants to at Oxford University. GRANT took us behind the scenes for a look at the interview and selections process – something most of his audience will never experience first-hand. He did not start out with thoughts of being a student at The University of Tennessee, but being selected as a HASLAM Scholar gave him thousands of reasons to become a Vol For Life. He shared some words of wisdom: "be serious about what you are doing but don't take yourself too seriously". Good advice no matter where you are going to be for the next two years.

Thanks to DAN McGEHEE for introducing us to GRANT.

THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 8 MARCH 2019

MICHAEL DUNTHORN is the City of Knoxville's Homeless Program Coordinator. The City of Knoxville's Office on Homelessness is responsible for coordination of community efforts to implement Knoxville's Plan to Address Homelessness. This plan is centered on the principle that homelessness is an unacceptable circumstance for anyone in our community, and focuses our community's aspirations to prevent, reduce, and end homelessness.



NEXT WEEK

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.

PLAN AHEAD

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2019

We welcome RICHARD JOHNSTON, Executive Director of Tennessee Children's Home where they have been "Sharing Faith, Hope and Love Since 1909". Their residential care provides for physical, social, emotional, spiritual and educational needs of children and youth in a safe and secure environment.

The children live in on-site homes with other children and with House Parents. The residential care is structured to help the children be successful, with an on-site school, tutoring services, church attendance, counseling services, and substance abuse counseling. Invite a friend to join you for lunch and hear about this home.

FRIDAY 29 MARCH 2019

Author DAVID BRILL wraps up our programs for March. His essays, personality profiles, and articles on science, ecology, the environment, business, health, fitness, parenting, and adventure-travel have appeared in more than 25 national and regional magazines, including National Geographic Traveler, Men's Health, AARP the Magazine, Bicycling, Family Fun, American Way, and Smokies Life. He has written extensively about Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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IT IS A NEW YEAR!

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He joins us to present: Into the Mist: Tales of Death and Disaster, Mishaps and Misdeeds, Misfortune and Mayhem in Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Between 1931 and 2013, 468 persons lost their lives in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Author David Brill's new book, Into the Mist, chronicles some of those tragedies, as well as several epic storm events and heroic rescues. Brill will discuss the book and read from its 13 chapters, which depict men and women in extreme situations, struggling to survive against brutal and often deadly adversity.

Autographed copies of Into the Mist and Brill's first book, As Far as the Eye Can See: Reflections of an Appalachian Trail Hiker, will be available at the program. As Far as the Eye Can See, originally published in 1990, is now in its 7th printing, 4th edition and includes three bonus chapters.

FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2019

Knoxville Police Chief EVE THOMAS joins us April 12. Appointed by Knoxville Mayor MADELINE ROGERO in June of 2018, Chief THOMAS became the first female chief in the department's history. Invite a friend and share you optimism as we welcome Chief THOMAS.

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES

BIRTHDAY

LAURA KRESS March 5
FRANK LEUTHOLD March 6
PAT LEONARD March 6

ANNIVERSARY

None this week

OPTIMIST MARCH ANNIVERSARY

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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.

DID YOU KNOW?

The most current issue of The Sunny Side is located on your club's 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.

PICS

DAN McGEHEE served as Chairman of the Day last Friday. He introduced us to his friend, University of Tennessee senior GRANT RIGNEY who was recently named a Rhodes Scholar.

GRANT and President CHRIS COX discuss "foreign" membership as GRANT considers joining this club as he packs for two years in England.

Periodically your fellow optimists volunteer at the FISH Food Pantry. To make this happen on a more regular basis BRADLEY PRUITT has stepped up to provide coordination. BRADLEY announced that our next volunteer session will be Saturday 27 April. There is also a need for drivers to pick up at Trader Joe's. Sign up at the next meeting.

The club has a camera which is in like new condition but is surplus to our needs. GLEN WEBER has volunteered to sell the camera and accessories valued at about \$300.00. Check it out at next Friday's meeting.

DAN McGEHEE has navigated the treacherous waters of the Internal Revenue Service and come away with 501 (c) (3) status for the Optimist Club of Knoxville Foundation. This move has been discussed at Board meeting as far back as your Editor can remember – that's 35 years. Thanks, DAN. Now to put it to good use!

Caught singing "Happy Birthday" to Dr. SUESS are Sergeant-At-Arms BUZZ and the most literate person he could think of to pay the birthday fine, SHARON POUND (a real Editor with a paying gig).

ANNIE LaLONDE was recognized by BUZZ for being inducted into the American Advertising Federation – Hall of Fame at the Addy's. Congratulations ANNIE! Well done.

Stolen Valor – sort of. It seems that DAVE HARTER tried to impersonate CHRIS ALBRECHT by wearing a shirt matching CHRIS'S. Too much in shock over the attempted affront to issue a fine, CHRIS deferred to BUZZ who set things straight.



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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Optimist Mission Statement

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.