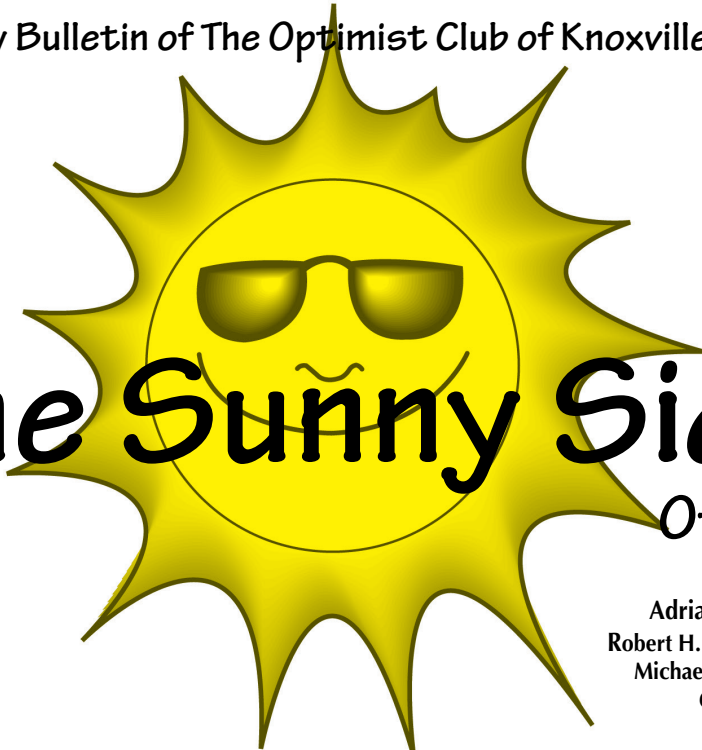


A Look At

# "The Sunny Side" Of Everything



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## LAST WEEK

FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2019

MICHELLE MURRY, Senior Director of Visitors Services for VISIT KNOXVILLE, the official Convention and Visitors Bureau for Knoxville and Knox County joined us last Friday at the Southern Railway Depot. It's their priority and privilege to 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  
Supporting community initiatives encompassing art, history, entertainment and outdoor adventure  
Recruiting and booking large conferences and sporting events to venues like the Knoxville Convention Center

Their mission: to accelerate sustainable economic growth and development by increasing visitor and convention business to our community.

ROSS GREEN  
AUTHOR

## THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2019

ROSS GREEN, is the author of A Fortress and a Legacy, a story that combines stunning historical accuracy with the pathos of a family torn by war. An exchange of letters between Knoxville native and B-17 bombardier BUD PERRIN and his bride, a former Miss America contestant, gives this story heart and soul.

The book captivates readers with its portrayal of the cross-current of personal relationships set against the background of enlistment, training, and execution of bombing missions over continental Europe. Make sure you invite a friend. You both will be glad you did!



## NEXT WEEK

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2019

BECKY HANCOCK, Executive Director of the Historic Tennessee Theatre Foundation joins us for lunch. In 1996, Knoxville's most influential community leaders formed the Historic Tennessee Theatre Foundation, a non-profit organization. Our mission is to preserve, maintain, and operate the Official State Theater of Tennessee as a performing arts and entertainment venue for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

## PLAN AHEAD

WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2019

November's Social will be conducted at Double Dogs, 8910 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923. Chairman JOHN TEMPLE says they have a great menu and a wide variety of libations – okay, he didn't say that word – he said "drinks" but I'm the Editor so "libations" it is. We start around 5:30 PM and quit around 7:00 – give or take.

FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2019

Youth Appreciation Week. JOHN MEADE serves as Chairman of this annual luncheon hosted by the Optimist Club of Knoxville saluting area high school students for their Service to Humanity.

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2019

Black Friday. You have overdosed on Turkey and you blood type is now Pumpkin. Relax! No seriously, relax. We are not going to be meeting at The Foundry. You won't have to explain the rest of us to your house guests. See you Friday 6 December 2019.

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2019

Unless you live in a cave, you have encountered "The Elf on the Shelf" in some form. We begin

**Officers 2019-2020**

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 Childhood Cancer ..... Chris Albrecht, Kelly Pratt,  
 Zack Kipp  
 Christmas Dinner and Haslam Center Party  
 for Boys & Girls Club..... Lisa Huber  
 Community Yard Sale.....  
 Dessert Auction ..... Jim Adcock & Brenda Staton  
 Dorothy Weber "YES" Award..... Jim Adcock &  
 Annie LaLonde  
 Election ..... Bradley Pruitt  
 Essay Contest (OI).....  
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 Interclub Visitation..... David Harter  
 Johnny Mauer Day.....  
 Lawn Mower Safety Clinic.....  
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 Youth Appreciation Week (OI) ..... John Meade



**2019-20**

**DIME A DAY**

BUZZ BUSWELL  
 DONNA BUSWELL  
 BOB FREEMAN  
 BETH O'BRIEN  
 SHARON POUND  
 JACQUELINE ZURAF  
 TOM ZURAF

**\$100.00 CLUB**

BOB FREEMAN

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 704. BETH O'BRIEN  
 710. CHRIS COX  
 714. CINDY HAGAN

Contact ESSIE JOHNSON  
 to make your donation for the  
 2018-19 year

**SPONSOR A NEW OPTIMIST 2019-20**

AUSTIN BULLOCK sponsored DANIEL MCGEHEE

December by welcoming CAROL AEBERSOLD, the creative person behind The Elf. She has a great story about a great story! Invite a friend and join CAROL at The Foundry for lunch.

**FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2019**

When you see the costumed singers making their way to the front of the room you know it is Christmas time and the Madrigal Singers of South Doyle High School under the direction of CODY BOLING are about to set your holiday off in fine fashion! Invite a friend to join you for this festive event at The Foundry.

**DANIEL FISHER MCGEHEE**

In 1985, DAN was elected President of The Optimist Club of Knoxville. He began every meeting during his year by saying, "It's another great day to be an Optimist." He also invited members to gather for some non-meeting events of a social nature – our first "social" was at Grady's on Kingston Pike and we moved around a lot during that year.

DAN transferred his membership to the Optimist Club of Heaven on Tuesday 29 October. He will be missed and remembered.

**Services are set for 3:00 PM  
 Friday November 8, 2019 at  
 the Church of the Ascension,  
 800 South Northshore Drive,  
 Knoxville, TN 37919.**



**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 161!**

At the time I wrote this message 161 wreaths had been sponsored through our club for the December 14, 2019 placement. The vast majority of those 161 were sponsored by friends, neighbors and citizens who came in contact with the ¼ page flyer available at our meetings. You can help us do good while doing well by handing those flyers "to every person you meet". With just a little more effort on your part, we can make a positive impact on the number of wreaths available for placement. Right now, the East Tennessee State Veterans' Cemetery on Lyons View Pike is seriously short of wreaths. Please redouble your efforts. Ask every person you meet – give them a flyer. Let's make a difference!



**OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Our Club OIF Representative is ESSIE JOHNSON. She is collecting a Dime-A-Day in support of the OIF. Donations help fund scholarships for contests like Essay, Oratorical and Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Do what BETH O'BRIEN, TOM & JACQUELINE ZURAF and BUZZ BUSWELL did at the last meeting. Write your check payable to the OIF for \$36.50 and hand it to ESSIE.

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## THE BRIBE

Sergeants-at Arms ARBITRARY & CAPRICIOUS admit that they take bribes. Case in point. One of our members has been bribing them – a dollar every week – for an opportunity to serve at Sergeant-at-Arms for a meeting.

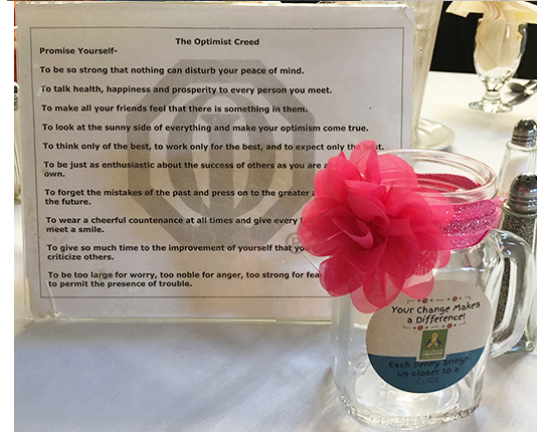
Well, they finally agreed and so this Friday a man who needs no introduction will be telling everyone, “It’s a FINE day to be an Optimist.” Wear ORANGE, sit up straight, use your napkin and mind your ‘P’s and Q’s”. MAC PREVOST knows all of the tricks – he’s used them on The BOYS, so a word to the wise should be sufficient!

## PICS

MICHELLE MURRY, Senior Director of Visitors Services for VISIT KNOXVILLE was our speaker last week. President BEN gave MICHELLE a copy of The Optimist Creed and a membership application. (He also recounted his first introduction to us – “...thought you were weird” and then pointed out that he came back, joined in our projects and now he is our President!

WELCOME BACK! We were thrilled to have JOHN, DENTON and MINOR KERRIGAN join us for lunch at the Southern Railway Depot last Friday. MINOR got to meet a whole bunch of Optimists as they played “pass the baby”. She tolerated all of the cooing very well. Happy trio is the caption for this photo. So happy for all three of them.

Change jars on the tables help you get rid of pesky pennies and nuisance nickels. Change jars. That’s what it is all about – change. Change from a world where cancer ravages our children to one where it does not. That’s a change worth the investment.



## PURPOSES OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

- To develop optimism as a philosophy of life utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed;
- 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.

Save  Please!

Every clip counts



## 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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