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"To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet"

OPTIMIST CLUB OF WASHINGTON FEBRUARY, 2024 NEWSLETTER

GATHERINGS THIS MONTH:

02/01 – 4th Annual "Respect for Law" Dinner (photos and story in the March newsletter)

02/07 – Noon meeting @ Moe's – Our guest will be Chris Hahne with Washington Youth Sports Assn. Also, a visit from our East Mo District officers

02/14 – Noon meeting @ Moe's – Pat Forget and Teresa Gildehaus with Washington Emergency Relief Fund

02/21 – Noon meeting @ Moe's – Let Your Optimism Shine recipients for January and February

02/28 – Noon meeting @ Moe's – Dawn Kitchell with Family Reading Night event and check presentation

Wednesday Gatherings – Noon at Moe's Restaurant

1st Thursday of each month Gathering – 6:00pm at Moe's Restaurant

If you have not already be sure to "like" us on Facebook at Optimist Club Wash Mo.

And continue to check out our website.

<http://optimistclubwashmo.wixsite.com/optimistclubwashmo>

[Club Venmo - @WashMO-Optimist](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

03/23 – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

05/02 – Annual Scholarship & Awards Dinner

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FFA STUDENTS JOINED US ON JANUARY 24TH....

They gave us an update on the happenings with the program. The club thanked the students for all their hard work with the Christmas Tree lot this past season.



Then we presented the students with their share of the tree lot profit in the amount of \$2,126.35.

LET YOUR OPTIMISM SHINE HONORS...

No January “Let Your Optimism Shine” recipients due to a snow day! Looks like we will have both January and February in February. Double the awesomeness!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND THE GRINCH...

As we said in January we had a very successful breakfast this past December. This breakfast was the highest profit since we started tracking in the amount of **\$2,028.72**. Not bad for two hours! The next closest was in 2018 at \$1,814.78. Once again thanks to the planning committee and all the members and family members that volunteered that morning.

SWIM LESSON SCHOLARSHIPS

Yes believe it or not it is only February but swim lessons are a “thing” already or will be soon. The committee has already submitted a grant request to Optimist International so we can continue to help our youth with swim lessons along with our budget line item.

Submitted by Peg Winzenburger, Committee Chair

We gave scholarships for lessons in Washington to two girls from **Paul Scheperle's** church (Life Stream Church). They also took lessons last year.

The YMCA reported they added to our \$1140 for a total of \$2021 and gave 341 swimming lessons in 2023. They also served 23 youth and young adults with developmental disabilities. They were very grateful for our donation and look forward to working with us in 2024.

If any members want to nominate a family for swim lesson scholarships, please contact me as soon as possible at gwwinzenburger@yahoo.com or 636-283-3125.

LET ME INTRODUCE OUR NEW MEMBERS TO THE CLUB:

Brandy Koch

Larry Brinker

Helen Brinker

Erin Marquart

And

John Rutz

More information on our newest members in the upcoming months. Induction ceremony will also be forthcoming. Be sure to introduce yourself to these new members when you see them at a meeting or event.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY...

Yes, believe it or not Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at Miller's Grill is right around the corner on **Saturday, March 23, 2024**. More information will be forthcoming from the committee.

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

<i>Larry Brinker</i>	<i>02/15</i>
<i>Matt Busekrus</i>	<i>02/28</i>
<i>Brianna Clift</i>	<i>02/11</i>
<i>Carole Lohmeyer</i>	<i>02/06</i>
<i>Erin Marquart</i>	<i>02/19</i>
<i>Carol Maune</i>	<i>02/24</i>
<i>Guin Yoest</i>	<i>02/28</i>

HAPPY FEBRUARY CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO:

<i>Matt Busekrus</i>	<i>4 yrs</i>
<i>Cory Davis</i>	<i>2 yrs</i>
<i>Julie Frankenberg</i>	<i>25 yrs</i>
<i>Tonya Meyer</i>	<i>2 yrs</i>

OPTIMISTIC THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



2023-2024 Officers & Board Members

<i>Nell Redhage</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Cory Davis</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Judy Straatmann</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Julie Frankenberg</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Tim Willard</i>	<i>Past President</i>
<i>Megan Maurer (2024)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Sheila Marquart (2024)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Guin Yoest (2025)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Robin Kluesner(2025)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Chris Marquart(2026)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Peggy Winzenburger(2026)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>