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OPTIMISTS bring out the best in youth, our
communities and ourselves!

OPTIMIST CLUB OF WASHINGTON OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

GATHERINGS THIS MONTH

***10/02 – 6:00pm evening meeting at Moe’s –
Officer/Board Member Installation***

***10/08 – Noon meeting @ Moe’s – CASA Raffle Check
Presentation***

***10/15 – Noon meeting at Moe’s – October Let Your
Optimism Shine recipients***

***10/22 – Noon meeting at Moe’s – Emma Grafath and
Madelyn Ley Co-Presidents of WHS JOI Club***

10/29 – Noon meeting at Moe’s

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](#)

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENT:

10/11 – “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” Bed Build

**11/21 – High 5 Friday at Washington West (more
information to follow)**

12/06 – Breakfast with Santa & The Grinch

NEW OPTIMIST YEAR, NEW 2025-2026 OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBER TEAM:

October 1st marks the start of a new Optimist year.
We want to thank our retiring officers and board
members for all their dedication and looking
forward to the new team that will continue to lead us
as an awesome Optimist Club!

More kudos, photos and recognitions in the
November Newsletter.

LUNCH COST INCREASE –

Periodically we review our meal cost at Moe’s to
make sure we are in line. As we all know food costs
have been increasing (as well as drink cost) so with
that being said effective **November 1st** our lunch
price will go to **\$13.00**. The evening meal price will
remain the same at **\$15.00**. If you want to particiate

in the **50/50** that will be the additional **\$1.00** as always.

SUMMERTIME SPLASH FOR CASH RAFFLE

The Raffle is over and again another successful fundraiser! Once again thank you to everyone that sold/purchased tickets. It is a great fundraiser! Congratulations to our one and only winner this year...**Robin Kluesner** and congratulations to all the members who sold winning tickets and there were quite a few of you this year.

Be sure to join us on **Wednesday, October 8th** as we welcome **CASA** representatives to present them their check and hear the latest and greatest about this awesome organization.

COLYTN'S P J PARTY –

As a reminder we are collecting new pajamas for Colytn's PJ Party throughout the month of **October**. Any children's PJs, boys or girls will be accepted. Just remember to keep the tags on them and bring them to a meeting.

We will also accept cash donations and go shopping for you if you are not a shopper!

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BED BUILD IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH....

You still have time to help the club build beds for the youth of our community. If you are interested you have until **Tuesday, 10/7**. Please reach out to **Judy Straatmann** and she will get you on the list – Judy's contact info is:
judystraatmann@gmail.com

This time we are partnering with New Life Church to build beds so that no child has to sleep on the floor. This is the second time we have taken part in this very rewarding experience. Thanks to everyone

that has signed up! We also will be presenting our donation of **\$1,250.00** that day.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE CLUB:

With the start of a new Optimist Year, there also comes the opportunity for you to join in and help plan some events. Megan sent out the committee listing last Thursday. If you did not receive it please let us know and we will get it to you. If you are interested in serving on any of the committees reach out to Vice President:

Robin Kluesner
rklues@gmail.com

and she will add you to the committee. Robin will also be able to tell you the committee tasks if you have any questions.

LET YOUR OPTIMISM SHINE RETURNS –

And as always we started the new school year out with some inspiring students. Meet:



Bailey Maune from St. Vincent's School with Nell Redhage presenting Bailey her certificate.



Hunter Langford from Clearview Elementary with Paul Redhage presenting Hunter his certificate.

Also it is fun at these events to meet the student's parents, grandparents, siblings and school principals.



This last month, Hunter brought his mom, dad and grandparents and of course his principal, fellow Optimist member and committee member for LYOS, Matt Busekrus.

CELEBRATE COMMUNITY –

Several of your Optimist Club members volunteered at the Rotary Trail Day in September. It was our second year doing this in conjunction with “Celebrate Community”.



ALUMINUM CAN TABS REMINDER –

Just a friendly reminder about the collection of tabs from drink cans and other pop top cans. As **Chris Marquart** mentioned in an email in July we now have an account set up at **Franklin County Recycling at 6365 Bluff Rd under Optimist Club of Washington**. You can take items from the list and donate the funds to the club's account which will benefit **Ronald McDonald House and the club**. You can also bring the tabs to a weekly meeting and give them to Chris.

Don't forget **Shannon Chrisco** is still collecting the plastic bags also.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

Robin Kluesner	10/26
Judy Smith	10/19
Liz Stemmley	10/26
Tim Willard	10/04

HAPPY SEPTEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO:

Nick Frankenberg	9 yrs
Paul Redhage	9 yrs
Peggy Winzenburger	9 yrs

OPTIMISTIC THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



2025-2026 Officers & Board Members

<i>Megan Maurer</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Robin Kluesner</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Judy Smith</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Julie Frankenberg</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Cory Davis</i>	<i>Past President</i>
<i>Chris Marquart(2026)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Peggy Winzenburger(2026)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Sheila Marquart(2027)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Shannon Chrisco(2027)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Carol Maune(2028)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Judy Straatmann(2028)</i>	<i>Board Member</i>