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OPTIMIST CLUB OF WASHINGTON AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

GATHERINGS THIS MONTH

08/07 – No noon meeting – See you on the Fairgrounds

*08/13 – Noon meeting @ Moe's – Dawn Kitchell with the
Community Literacy Foundation*

*08/20 – Noon meeting at Moe's – Terry Wilson with the
Four Rivers Genealogy*

*08/27 – Noon meeting at Moe's – Sarah Peper with the
Conservation Department*

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>

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SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENT:

**Wednesday, August 6th – 10th – Fair Time –
Washington Town & Country Fair**

**Monday, August 11th – Post Fair Stand Clean-up
at 6:00pm**

AND IT IS FAIR TIME.....

Presently our largest fundraiser of the year is kicking off on Wednesday, August 6th. Fair Committee Co-Chairs, **Karen Koopman and Shannon Chrisco** have everything lined up...you just need to show up to volunteer. Couldn't be any easier. We are blessed to have the youth from **Life Stream Church** and **Young Life** helping us this year. Thanks to everyone that has signed up for one or more shifts. Much appreciated! If you were waiting to see where the need was at.... it is now time to sign up and there are a few holes to fill yet. See the sign-up link to see where the need is.

**If you are still in need of a parking pass please contact Shannon Chrisco and she will make arrangements to get you a pass –
Phone – 314-882-2563 or
shannonchrisco@gmail.com**

Pre-Fair clean-up is taken care of but help with the Post-Fair clean-up would be appreciated on

Monday, August 11 beginning at 6:00pm. Join in and wrap up the fair for 2025!

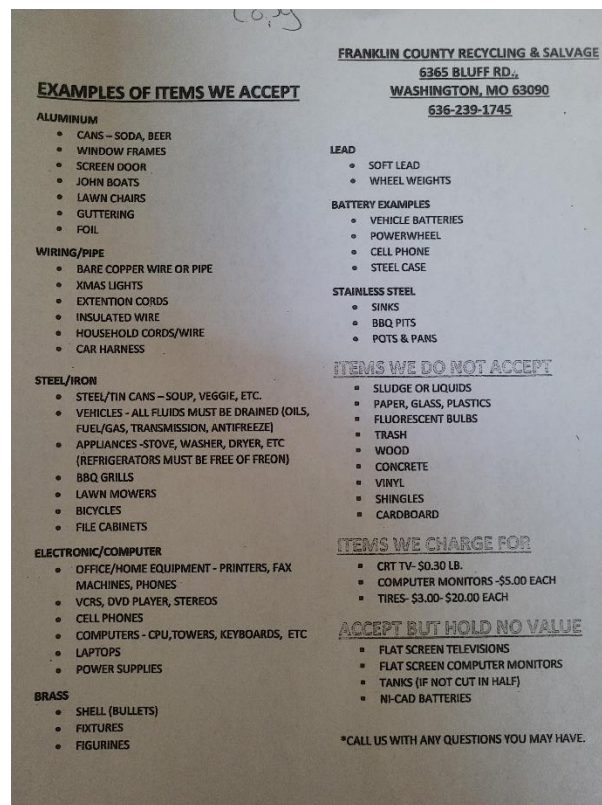
SUMMERTIME SPLASH FOR CASH RAFFLE –

Ticket sales are wrapping up and thank you to all the members that sold our 200 tickets. As you know the drawings will start September 1st and every week day throughout the month!

This is our second largest fundraiser of the year and we thank you for the help and participation.

ALUMINUM CANS 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. Our first drop off started our account with **\$33.30**. Great start thanks to big contributions from **Robin Kluesner and Sheila Maquart**.



JUNIOR WINGS BOARD PRESENTATION –

We had the joy of hearing from the student board connected with the **WINGS Foundation** thru the Washington School District. It was a great presentation and believe we all learned something new about the Foundation. After the presentation President **Cory Davis** challenged the membership in attendance to make a donation to help offer more grants thru the Foundation. Many donations were collected!



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE NEEDS DRIVE RECAP –

Thanks to the leadership of a great committee our **11th Annual Needs Drive for Ronald McDonald House** was a huge success again. **Thanks to Schwoeppe Machine, Innovative Machine, G&H Tool, the club and club members** we donated a total of \$4009 in items and cash donations to support Ronald McDonald House.

Thanks to the members for your participation to make this event a success. **Chris Marquart and Sheila Marquart, Committee members** delivered the items on July 7th to Ronald McDonald House.



MEMBER NEWS –

WELL WISHES....

For continued healing to **Nell Redhage** who recently had a back procedure. We hear Nell is doing very well and just has to take it easy for several more weeks.

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO:

Diane Borovic	08/18
Rick Frankenberg	08/05
Nick Frankenberg	08/23
Megan Maurer	08/30
Shari Roberts	08/01
Mark Trebacz	08/29

HAPPY AUGUST CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO:

Sheila Marquart	5 yrs
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2024-2025 Officers & Board Members

Cory Davis	President
Megan Maurer	Vice President
Judy Straatmann	Secretary
Julie Frankenberg	Treasurer
Nell Redhage	Past President
Guin Yoest (2025)	Board Member
Robin Kluesner(2025)	Board Member
Chris Marquart(2026)	Board Member
Peggy Winzenburger(2026)	Board Member
Sheila Marquart(2027)	Board Member
Shannon Chrisco(2027)	Board Member

OPTIMISTIC THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

