

TOWNE LAKE OPTIMIST CLUB

Club Highlights July - September 2021

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Tasha Whitener, Waymark Foster spoke to the Club about the Teen Journey Weekend to be held in October. Journey Weekend is a weekend camp for teens ages 12-17 "...they learn social and emotional skills, conflict resolution, character and team-building." Please visit <https://waymarkfoster.org/about> and find more information about this great organization. We presented Waymark a check for \$750.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT LUNCH & LEARN

Meet Bob Richie, July Speaker.

Bob shared information about his career in sales and his transition into retirement. Bob also enjoys research and opted to learn more what it means to retire. He found that over time there are five (5) stages of retirement that people will experience. Bob presented the five (5) stages, and members enjoyed a lively discussion.

Meet Amanda Weber, August Speaker

Amand spoke at great length about clinical trials and vaccine research and the work she did in these areas for over twenty years. Members engaged in an open Q&A session.

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As we close our year, we want to thank our Guest Speakers and their Organizations for providing programs benefiting youth in Cherokee County,

Thank you to our members for making our Member Spotlight Lunch & Learn a great success.

NEW – ETOWAH HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR OPTIMIST CLUB

This year as we continue our Club mission *To Bring Hope and a Positive Vision for the Future by Bringing Out the Best in Kids*, we are sponsoring a Junior Optimist Club at Etowah High School ("EJOI"). Members will polish leadership skills, practice good citizenship, gain hands-on-experience and more, and will join our Boy Scout Troops in placing flags for *Flags for Kids* in the Townelake area.

Cherokee County School District approved EJOI and paperwork is in progress to finalize the Club Charter through Optimist International.

Towne Lake Optimist Club is the Sponsor and Mrs. Henderson will be the teacher sponsor. Thank you to Mrs. Henderson for your leadership.

Our Club also wants to thank Amanda Weber for her efforts in making EJOI a reality. Please contact our Club or Mrs. Henderson for more information.

Q4 YOUTH PROGRAMS SUPPORT UPDATE

Third quarter funding provided over \$3000 to *Waymark Foster Teens Journey Weekend and Boy Scout Troops 639 & 641*.

TLOC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT LUNCH & LEARN



Bob Richie



Amanda Weber

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?" – Martin Luther King, Jr.

<https://discovercorps.com/blog/50-inspirational-quotes-volunteering/>

WEEKLY MEETINGS UPDATE

October will begin Fiscal Year 2021-2022: We resumed regular meetings mid-September, and in the new FY except for holidays, including School Holidays, we will continue to meet on Tuesday. We invite you to join us and learn more about Optimists.

Day: Tuesday **Time:** Noon – 1:00 p.m. **Address:** The Tavern, Towne Lake Hills East Golf Course.
A special **“Thank You”** to the staff at The Tavern for setting up our room and providing great food and service!

NEW – FLAGS FOR KIDS BUSINESS PARTNER PROGRAM

A little history. *Flags for Kids* began in 2012 and has allowed over \$200,000 to benefit youth programs and it is time to do more.

Our *Flags for Kids* Business Partner program will help us reach new goals and in turn, we want to promote our Partners' business. As a Partner you will find your business on our Facebook Page, Website and in Club publications.

This year we welcome and say thank you to: *Animal Hospital of Towne Lake, Ribley Chiropractic and C&T Auto Service.*

If you have a business and would like to participate, please contact us for more information.

NEW - RECOGNIZING YOUTH FOR ACADEMIC AND GOOD CITIZEN ACHIEVEMENT

Our Club started a new initiative recognizing students for Academic or Good Citizen Achievement. We look forward to working with our local schools and recognizing youth for their hard work and good citizenship.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Towne Lake Optimist Club Facebook Page. 'Like', 'Follow', 'Share' our Page. We appreciate your support!

<https://www.facebook.com/Towne-Lake-Optimist-Club-916279998451376/>

Please visit our Page to learn about Optimists and to see specifically what's happening in the Towne Lake Optimist Club.

WEBSITE

Our website presents photo highlights, provides information about Optimist International, our Club's activities, access to the *Flags for Kids* subscription form, contact tool, directions to our meeting location and our new Business Partners page. Please visit: <http://www.townelakeoptimists.com/>

FLAGS FOR KIDS SUBSCRIPTION

How to subscribe to our *Flags for Kids* program. Email dennis.arneson@comcast.net, Click on the website link above and complete the subscription form, or print and mail form and check to the address at the bottom of this newsletter.

We appreciate all of our Subscribers for supporting *Flags for Kids* and our children in Cherokee County, Georgia.

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“Friends of Youth”

Our Mission

“By providing hope and a positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth and adopt optimism as a philosophy of life.”

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