

TOWNE LAKE OPTIMIST CLUB

FY 2021 Highlights *A Year in Review*

2021 GUEST SPEAKERS

Tasha Whitener, Waymark Foster spoke to the about the Teen Journey Weekend.

Will Anderson, Field Representative from the Office of Congressman Barry Loudermilk spoke about the 11th District, the 800,000 constituents served by Congressman Loudermilk and services provided.

Amber Way, Community4Youth Director, representing *Royal Family KIDS*- spoke of the many programs provided and the 2021 summer camp

Greg Webb & Emily Yeager, *Teach One to Lead One* –shared challenges with the program during the pandemic and their plan to move forward.

William Fincher III shared his experiences with the FBI and as Assistant District Attorney in Atlanta.

Lisa Nevitt from *Lekoteck* shared how they were able to continue providing services during the pandemic.

Lori O'Sullivan, *St. Michael's House*, shared challenges brought about by the pandemic and how they were able to provide services.

Captain Kevin Ameson, *Cherokee County Reserve Officers*, shared how they were able to provide the annual Shop with a Hero for Cherokee County Youth.

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Thank you to our Guest Speakers for all you do throughout Cherokee County, and to our members for making the *Member Spotlight Lunch & Learn* a great opportunity to get to know one another.

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. 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.

NEW - RECOGNIZING YOUTH FOR ACADEMIC AND GOOD CITIZEN ACHIEVEMENT

Ryan Weber was recognized for his achievement winning ET Booth MS Geography Bee in May. **Congratulations Ryan!**

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT LUNCH & LEARN

In March we introduced a *Member Spotlight Lunch & Learn*. Meet Member Speakers **Steve Fahl**, **Dan McShea**, **David Saltz**, **Bob Richie** and **Amanda Weber**. We look forward to hearing from other members in 2022.



"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/>

CLUB MEETINGS

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!

FLAGS FOR KIDS AND THE NEW BUSINESS PARTNER PROGRAM

Brief history. *Flags for Kids* began in 2012 and has allowed over \$200,000 to benefit youth programs in Cherokee County, and we would like 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 highlighted 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.

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, or click on the website link above, tab to the *Flags for Kids* page 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."