

# HIGH NOON



**Jackson Noon Optimist**  
**P.O. Box 615**  
**Jackson, MO 63755**



Meetings held on Wednesday - 12:00 PM - Delmonico's

**April 2021**

**Volume 7**



## Promise Yourself...

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

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

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

## President's Message

WOW----Welcome Optimist Worldwide, is a fresh way to increase participation and membership in your club. With a focus on the social side of membership, WOW will help your club turn every activity into a recruiting opportunity and have fun doing it. The keys to success are:( per OI website)

\*Create opportunities for fun social interaction (think Janell and our NOW May 19th picnic at the #1 Park pavilion).

\*Create opportunities for all ages, all types of volunteers, existing members and potential members. i.e., Safety City, scholarship and essay contests, Bingo night.

\*Invite your circle of friends and reach outside your circle to the larger community.

\*Be welcoming at the event. We mention Birthdays, joys and concerns, National days for laughing, offer to pay for meals, fellowship games (coming soon again).

\*Take 5 to 10 minutes to talk about your Optimist club projects.

\*At the end, ask attendees to join right here, right now.

\*Follow up with those who need a little time to make the decision to join.

Hope this information from OI will help you with ideas to promote our club as we begin to start more activities and meetings.

Optimistically yours,

Paula



### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 03**      **JANET POSTON**
- 05**      **NANCY COLLIER**
- 08**      **LADONIA BEGGS**
- 18**      **EMILY COLLINS**
- 29**      **CATHY BOYD**
- 29**      **LOIS FLANNERY**



## **Park Day**

The City of Jackson will hold its annual Park Day on Saturday, April 24, 2021.

Park Day is a community day that will start at 8:00 a.m. at Pavilion #1 in the City Park. All volunteers will receive a free t-shirt and refreshments.

Our club's Band Shell Beautification committee will lead the cleanup efforts at the band shell.

Due to the construction of new bathrooms at the band shell, there is not much landscaping work that can be done at this time.

### MEETING SCHEDULE—APRIL

- 06 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Jackson Chamber meeting room
- 07 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's  
*Business Meeting*
- 21 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's  
*Program: Catholic Charities*

## **BINGO**

- Noon Club—April 9**
- Men's Club—April 23**

## **Conference**

The Third Quarter East Missouri District Conference will be held on April 30-May 1, 2021.

Drury Inn and Suites in Arnold, Missouri is the conference location.

The main focus of the conference will be the District Oratorical Contest that will take place on Saturday. Complete agenda will be available in the near future.

If you are interested in attending, please contact me so that I can get you registered.

*Debra Hoffmann, Club Secretary*

# March Meeting Notes

## March 3

*Business Meeting* (See board briefs on the right.)

## March 17

*Essay Winners presented their essays.* (See article on next page).

## Girls State & Boys State

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State will be held on the campus of University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg on June 20-26, 2021.

Club members Debra Hoffmann, Barbara Lohr and Cathy Boyd participated in the interviews at Jackson High School on Thursday, March 4. We selected three excellent representatives.

### Girl's State

*Kylie Harris*

*Delaney Pipkin*

*Emma Shields*

The American Legion Boys State will be held on the campus of University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg on June 12-19, 2021.

Club members Esther Bohnert and Lauri Spain participated in the interviews at Jackson High School on Tuesday, March 2. They selected one representative.

### Boy's State:

*Ashton Reed*

# Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

## Correspondence

- Email from Mary Prince offering her resignation from the club.
- Letter from American Legion Boys State thanking us for our financial support in the past and asking for continued support.
- Request for donation from the Semo Pickleball Club.

## Committee Updates

- *Bingo*—Noon Club Bingo--March 12, Men's club Bingo-March 26.
- *Oratorical Contest*—Event will be held on March 6, 2021 via Zoom.
- *Scholarship*—Applications were due on March 1. Committee will be reviewing applications next week.
- *Essay Contest*—Essay winners have been selected. Our club winners will be attending our club meeting on March 17.
- *Boys & Girls State*—Interviews were held (see article on the left for further information).

## Board Action

- Accepted resignation of Mary Prince .
- Approved submission of a grant application to Optimist International to support our Safety City project.
- Approved \$100 donation (Hole Sponsor) for the East Missouri District Golf Tournament. Also approved payment of registration fees for a maximum of 4 girls to participate in the tournament. Girls must reside in the Jackson R-2 school district.
- Approved payment of FOO (Friend of Optimist) membership fee for Blake Lingle, our Girls Basketball coordinator.

*Debra Hoffmann, Secretary*

# Essay Contest

The Jackson Noon Optimist Club held the annual Optimist Essay Contest on March 17, 2021 at Delmonico's.

This year's topic was "Reaching your Dreams by Choosing Optimism. The Noon Optimist winners were:

**Hiren Parekh—First Place**

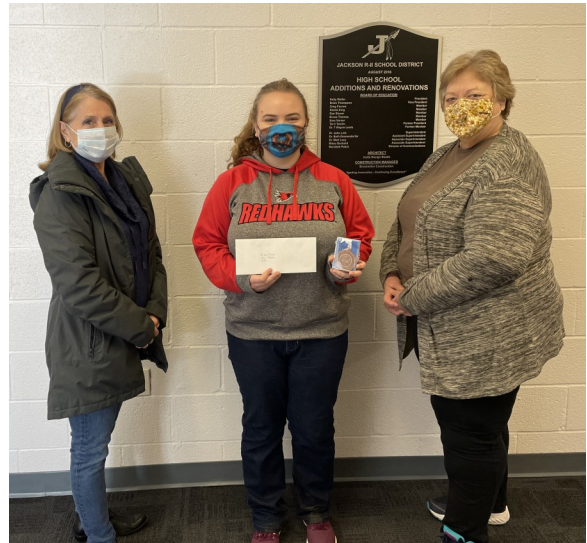
**Hailey Jansen—Second Place**

**Riley Ries—Thirds Place**

The first place winner will advance to the district level. District entries will be judged by April 15, 2021 and winners will be notified by letter between April 15 and June 1. District level winner will receive a plaque and a \$2,500 college scholarship for first place winner.

Thank you to Gene Galnore, The Jackson Optimist Club for organizing this year's essay contest, and to Lauri Spain and Deb Hoffman for serving as judges for the Essay Contest.

*Wanda Young & Clarinda Unger  
Co-Chairs for Essay Contest Committee*



Riley Ries—Third Place Winner



## Essay Committee and Essay Winners

*Left to Right: Clarinda Unger, Co-Chair; Hailey Jansen-Second place Winner; Hiren-Parekh-First Place; Wanda Young, Co-Chair*

# Oratorical Contest

The topic was “Healing the World with Optimism.” The 2020-2021 Optimist Oratorical Contest was held by Zoom on March 6, 2021. We had five participants—four of them placed and the fifth is the alternate.

Our club sponsored two winners:

**Lydia Pobst**

**Gabrielle Graham**

They both will receive a \$100 check and a 1<sup>st</sup> place medallion. They will advance to the Regional Contest which will be held on April 11.

Winners from the Regional Contest will advance to the East Missouri District which is scheduled for May 1.

*Shelly Kaiser*  
*Oratorical Chair*

# Scholarships

The Noon Optimist Club of Jackson awarded a total of \$4,000 in scholarships to 4 high school seniors. There were 17 applicants for the club’s general scholarships and 15 applicants for the Mary Purcell Scholarship.

Three students were each awarded a \$1,000 general club scholarship:

**Mallorie Coffee**

**Hayden Jansen**

**Bryce Norman**

One student received the \$1,000 Mary Purcell scholarship:

**Allison King**

Congratulations to these students. We plan to have them attend our club meeting in June.

*Scholarship Committee: Mary Boner, Debra Hoffmann and Lauri Spain*



“Spring is the time of the year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade” —*Charles Dickens*

“Spring is the best life coach: It gives you all the energy you want, all the positive thoughts you wish and all the boldness you need!” — *Mehmet Murat ildan*

“Spring is painted in daffodil yellows, robin egg blues, new grass green and the brightness of hope for a better life.” — *Toni Sorenson*

“Spring is nature’s way of saying, “Let’s party!” — *Robin Williams*

“Spring is far more than just a changing of seasons; it’s a rebirth of the spirit.” — *Toni Sorenson*

# JACKSON NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

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