

HIGH NOON



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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

Happy Easter!

Ladies, we have had a super busy month! The committees for Girls Basketball, Oratorical & Essay Contests, Feed My Starving Children, Scholarships, Boys State & Girls State, Special Olympics, Optimists NOW Event, Youth in Government, Respect for Law and Bingo Workers have all been going strong planning, implementing and finalizing the events this month. I think they all need a vacation!

But wait, there's more! Officer Elections and the East Missouri (EMO) Third Quarter Conference are coming up. If you are interested in running for an office, we have several to fill. We will be needing a Secretary and a Treasurer as both Debra Hoffmann and Dorothy Rowley are retiring. These offices are appointed by the new President, Shelly Kaiser, please speak to her if you are interested. Many thanks and blessings to Deb and Dorothy for all the years of tireless service they have given to us. We are also going to need a Vice-President, President-Elect and three two-year term Board Members on the ballot. The Nominating Committee of Paula Givens, Esther Bohnert and I would love to hear from you if you are interested.

The EMO District Conference will be held on May 5-6 at the Hilton STL Airport, St. Louis, MO. Please contact Debra Hoffmann or myself if you are interested in attending. Early bird registration is due April 14. We'd love for you to attend!

Bits & Pieces: We had fun Fellowship with Teresa Meier for St. Patrick's Day and two informative programs consisting of Boys & Girls State Students and Dr. Scott Smith with Proposition I & N. Thank you to Cathy Goodman and Heidi Duckworth for all of our great programs!

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 05 NANCY COLLIER**
- 08 LADONIA BEGGS**
- 18 EMILY COLLINS**
- 29 CATHY BOYD**

Bingo

April 14--Noon Club

April 28--Men's Club

President's message continued

There is a lot of information for you about the Optimists NOW Event in this newsletter, read all about it! Band Shell Beautification work is coming soon if the weather co-operates. It's time to be ready with those gardening gloves, tools and sunscreen!

The Lenten season is quickly coming to a close and we are all reminded to be thankful for the greatest sacrifice on earth, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May you and your family have a Blessed Easter and once again, I thank you for all the good work you do for our community.

Be Kind
Do Good
Change the World for the Better

Janell Hinkebein

MEETING SCHEDULE—APRIL

- 04 Board Meeting—6:30 p.m.
Meeting Room at Jackson Chamber of Commerce
- 05 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Business
- 12 NOW meeting—Emanuel United Church of Christ (*article p. 7-8*)
- 19 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Fellowship: Janell, Mary, Emily and Esther
- 26 Noon Meeting—Youth in Government at new County Courthouse (*article p. 4*)

**East Missouri District
Third Quarter Conference
May 5-6, 2023
Hilton STL Airport
St. Louis, MO**

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.

The district service project will be for SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. They are asking for new (no used items accepted due to infection control) toys such as: fidget spinners, fidget cubes, hand held spiky sensory balls, hand held squish balls, or pinwheels.

If you are interested in attending, please contact me so that I can get you registered. Early bird registration is due by April 14, but you can still register after that.

Debra Hoffmann, Club Secretary

Girls State & Boys State

On Wednesday March 22, our program was presented by the students that our club sponsored for Boys and Girls State in 2022. Hunter Wendel, Sadie Middleton and Anna Lacy spoke to the club about their week last summer at Lindenwood University. They all were excited to tell us about the great experiences they had, the things they learned and the friendships they made. They each expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to attend Boys and Girls State.

Mrs. Anitra Bahner, Assistant Principal of JHS, accompanied the students. She thanked the club for their continued support of the two programs and was pleased with the number of students that would get to attend this summer.

Lauri Spain

Respect for Law

The Respect for Law committee recently met to read essays written by 6th graders participating in the Respect for Law essay competition.

Twelve students from Jackson Middle, Immaculate Conception and St. Paul were chosen to spend the day with law enforcement personnel to learn more about their professions. Students will do this on April 4.

Lauri Spain



Picture left to right: John Strickland, Courtney Tyler, Lucas Bonnegent, Ethan Robbins, Shelly Kaiser. John and Shelly were the committee chairs for the event.

Oratorical Contest

Contest was held March 21, 2023 at Jackson Lower KC Hall.

Three students participated: Ethan Robbins, Courtney Tyler & Lucas Bonnegent. All three contestants were from Jackson High School. They each received \$250 in prize money.

This year's topic was "Discovering Optimism within Me."

They will all continue on to the next level of competition that will be held on April 16th at 2:00 p.m. at the Osage Center.

March Meeting Notes

March 1

Business—See board briefs at the right.

March 8

Program: Jackson R2 School

Dr. Scott Smith, Dr. Matt Lacy and Dr. Keenan Kinder administrators from the Jackson R2 School District presented information about Proposition I and Proposition N that will be on the voting ballot for the April 4 election.

March 15

Fellowship: Teresa Meier

We had a "St Patrick's Day Trivia" contest at our March Fellowship Day. Teresa Meier arranged an exciting, informative game in which Emily Collins was the winner. It was so much fun that we forgot to take a picture!!!

Emily had also handmade crocheted Shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day and gave one to everyone attending the meeting.



March 22

*Program: Girls State and Boys State
See article on the next page.*

March 29

*Fifth Wednesday—President's Choice
See page 4.*



Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jackson Chamber office. This was the March board meeting.

Committee Updates

- *Bingo*—Noon Club Bingo--March 10, Men's Club Bingo-March 24.
- *Girls Basketball*—Games will finish this month. Thanks to the members who have worked at the gyms.
- *Oratorical*—Contest will be held on March 21 at the KC Hall.
- *Feed My Starving Children*—Event date is March 10-11, 2023. Club made a \$400 donation and we can have 10 workers at the event.
- *NOW*—Event will be held on April 12 at Emanuel United Church of Christ. Fried chicken will be provided for the meal. Members will be asked to bring a side dish. Donations for the Jackson R2 Snack Packs will be taken. List of suggested items will be on the invitation.
- *Special Olympics*—Practices will continue on Mondays at East Elementary from 6-7 p.m.
- *Scholarship*—Applications will be reviewed and winners decided by April 15.
- *Youth in Government*—Committee members are in contact with the school, city, and county to continue preparation for this event.
- *Respect for Law*—April 4.
- *Girls and Boy State*: We will sponsor Charlee Koepp and Holland Guilliams for Girls State and Lucas Bonnegent for Boys State.

Other Items

- Nominating Committee appointed: Paula Givens, Esther Bohnert, Janell Hinkebein.

Debra Hoffmann, Secretary



Fifth Wednesday

March 29

Fifth Wednesday meeting was held on March 29 at Emanuel United Church of Christ.

The Bethany Circle ladies served a delicious lunch consisting of soup, salad, sandwiches, dessert and drink.



Val Tuschoff, Earlene Sokolowski, Cathy Sievers, Roxie Davis, Susan Brown

Youth in Government Day

April 26

Cape Girardeau County Courthouse

Selected Jackson High School Students will shadow a city or county official for the day.

Event begins with breakfast for students and officials. They will then go to their respective offices and then return to the courthouse for lunch at Noon.

Since this a regular meeting day for the club, our meeting will be a part of the Youth in Government luncheon event and will be held at the courthouse at Noon. Lunch will be provided for all attendees.

Committee members: Esther Bohnert, Cathy Boyd, Emily Collins, Janell Hinkebein, Debra Hoffmann, Merideth Pobst



Anita Sievers, Club OI Foundation representative presented Dime-a-Day pins to those members who contributed \$36.50 to the OI Foundation.

Junior Golf

The Official East Missouri District Qualifying Tournament for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship is scheduled for June 9, 2023 at the Ste. Genevieve Golf Club.

Age divisions include:

Boys 10-11	Girls 10-12
Boys 12-13	Girls 13-14
Boys 14-15	Girls 15-18
Boys 16-18	

Registration deadline is June 3, 2023.

If you know of a golfer that might be interested please let Janell or any board member know.

Band Shell Beautification

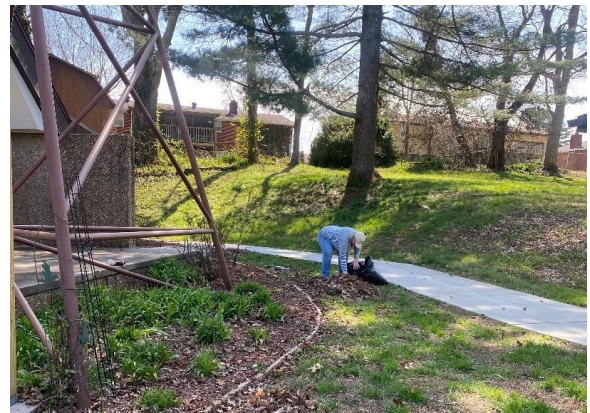
The Band Shell Beautification committee has begun their work to beautify and maintain the landscaping at the band shell in the Jackson City Park.

This week Marilyn Lowes, Gail Kamp and Lauri Spain trimmed roses, raked leaves and tidied up the band shell in preparation for the summer season. The truck was full of yard waste.

We will be working at the band shell throughout the spring, summer and fall. We would appreciate help from any other members.

We will also work on Park Day on April 29.

Lauri Spain



Jackson Park Day April 29

Volunteers should report to Pavilion #1 on Parkview Street in City Park at 8 a.m.

Free t-shirts and refreshments will be provided.

2023 New Optimists Welcome Event

April 12

The Fellowship Hall at Emanuel United Church of Christ

304 East. Adams St., Jackson, MO

11:30-1:30, Lunch served at Noon

Ladies, it is that time of year again when we all get together to party and bring in new members for the NOW Event! Please take a moment to thoughtfully read this article and use as many of the suggestions below as possible. I know it's long, but it is vital for us to have a successful event.

Sponsors, ask your guest(s) to attend the event with you. Prospective members will feel more comfortable attending with someone they know, instead of coming alone. Arrange to meet them at Harp's, the Jackson City Pool parking lot or another suitable spot. You may pick them up or let them follow you.

After you arrive, please bring your guest(s) to the sign-in table. We will give them their nametag and their door prize ticket. After you are all signed in, introduce them to other members, help them find a seat, and answer any questions they may have about Optimists.

We will not pressure our prospective guests to join our club. This party is to be a fun day. We want our guests to feel welcome and to enjoy the food and festivities. We will not be announcing/discussing any committees, fundraising, etc. Those activities will be presented after the guests have joined the club (on a different day). Thank you!

The RSVP List will be available at our meetings until April 5 for you to sign up so we have enough food for everyone. If you are not able to attend any meetings and need to RSVP, please contact Janell by text, phone call or email. The most important thing we need from our members is to attend and to assist our guests by making them feel welcome and comfortable. Oh, don't forget to wear your Optimist name tag!

This year we will be hosting a Snack Drive with the items being donated to the Jackson R2 Snack Pack Program. From the information we have been given, these items are most in need: fruit cups, fruit snacks, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, Cheez-Its, beef jerky, Pop tarts and gallon sized Ziploc bags. Please no chips or snack cakes. ***You may bring your snack items to the April 5 meeting or on the day of the NOW event.*** Thank you for your generosity and Optimistic spirit!

Please pray for great weather and for everyone to have a wonderful time! The NOW Event Committee thanks you for your help!

2023 Optimist NOW Event Committee:

Esther Bohnert
Tammy Duncan
Ann Fields
Paula Givens
Kathy Lowes
Donna Rushing
Clarinda Unger

Connie Werner
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573-450-6131 (text or call, please leave a message)

Optimists NOW Event 2023 Reminder List for Members

Before you leave your house or work for the NOW Event:

- 1) Wear your Optimist name tag and put on a smile.
- 2) Don't forget your food items for the Jackson R2 Snack Pack Program.

Other tips:

- 3) Meet or bring your guests to the event (if possible).
 - 4) When you (they) arrive bring them to the sign-in table and help them get their nametag. After you are both signed in, introduce them to other members. Help them find a seat and answer any questions (or find someone who can answer their questions. they may ask about Optimists.
 - 5) This is a fun NO-pressure event; our guests will be approached near the end of the event to ask if they would like to join. In the mean-time help them feel welcome and comfortable.
 - 6) Please start praying now for good weather and great attendance that day!
- Thank you so much!



NOW Event Committee—Janell, Esther, Donna, Ann, Kathy, Clarinda (not pictured)—Tammy, Paula, Connie

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