

HIGH NOON



Jackson Noon Optimist
P.O. Box 615
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Meetings held on Wednesday - 12:00 PM - Delmonico's

July-August 2021

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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

Hope everyone had a restful July vacation from attending Optimist meetings, and continued to spread optimism and kindness.

We did not have a vacation from planning an installation banquet on September 29th. Working SEMO fair gate is back on for September 17th and 18th. Sign up sheets will be at meetings. The childhood wellness and health grant give away has a park permit for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday August 28th at Safety City. Did I mention all the bingo workers for July!! Thank you to all, including the Youth Appreciation giveaway workers the first Tuesday night at Homecomers. We passed out 1500 ride tickets and 300 ice cream tickets in 40 minutes! Guess we did not have the month off at all.

Our district meeting is in Cape at Drury August 13th through the 15th. Four members have signed up to attend. We will have a memorial tribute to Barb Lohr Sunday morning during the convention .

See everyone Wednesday August 4th at Delmonico's.

Optimistically yours,

Paula Givens

Happy Birthday!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8-1 SUSAN HAHS**
- 8-3 KATHY LOWES**
- 8-5 JANELL HINKEBEIN**
- 8-17 KRISTIN DANIEL**
- 8-20 JUDY WILES**
- 8-29 ANNA DEAN STATLER**

MEETING SCHEDULE—AUGUST

- 03 Board Meeting—Jackson Chamber @ 6:30 p.m.
- 04 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's *Business Meeting*
- 18 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's *Program: Catholic Charities*

BINGO
August 13

Men's Club Bingo
August 27



August 13-15	East Missouri District Convention
August 28	Grand Reopening of Safety City
August 31	Joint Board Meeting
September 1	*Business Meeting *Girls State Representatives
September 15	Program: Better Business Bureau
September 21	Budget Meeting
September 29	Installation Luncheon

June Meeting Notes

June 2

Business Meeting (See board briefs on the right.)

June 16

Scholarship Recipients and Oratorical Contest Winner (See article on next page)

No July Meetings Vacation

Band Shell

I have continued to maintain the landscaping at the Jackson Municipal Band Shell this summer. The final Municipal Band concert is Thursday, August 5.

Plans are being made for late summer or fall to replace landscaping stones that were destroyed during the construction of the new bathrooms by the band shell.

Lauri Spain, Committee Chair

Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

Correspondence

- Confirmation of Coverage for the Optimist Club Liability Policy for 2021-2022 provided by Optimist International.

Committee Updates

- *Bingo*—Noon Club Bingo--June 11, Men's Club Bingo-June 25.
- *Band Shell*—Work has been done on the to prepare for the opening of the Muny Band season on June 3. be
- *Youth Appreciation*—Planning to give out ride tickets to the first 300 children at Home-comer's.
- *Scholarship*—Recipients are invited to the club meeting on June 16.
- *Nominating*—Need candidates for President and President-Elect to complete the slate for 2021-2022.
- *Boys State*—Refund of \$590 has been requested since the 2021 representatives are not going to invited to participate due to Covid protocols at Central Missouri State University.

Board Action

- Approved funds for two Jackson High School girls to participate in the East Missouri District Golf Tournament on June 4.
- Approved termination of club membership (per club bylaws) for individuals who did not pay their dues for 2020-2021 by June 1, 2021.

Debra Hoffmann, Secretary

Scholarships

The Noon Optimist Club of Jackson recently awarded a total of \$4,000 in scholarships to four high school seniors. Mallorie Coffee (JHS), Hayden Jansen (ND), and Bryce Norman (JHS) were each awarded a \$1,000 general scholarship. Allison King (JHS) was awarded a \$1,000 Mary Purcell scholarship.

Two of the winners—Mallorie Coffee and Allison King joined us at our noon meeting on Wednesday, June 16. They read their scholarship essays and told us about themselves and their future educational/career plans.

Allison King and Mallorie Coffee



Oratorical Contest Winner

Lydia Pobst presented her winning speech at the club meeting on June 16. Lydia won the club oratorical contest, the regional contest and placed second at the East Missouri District Contest.



Youth Appreciation

Tuesday, July 27 at the Jackson Home-comer's Celebration, our club along with the men's club held the annual Youth Appreciation event.

The clubs purchased (\$1 tickets) and gave away 1500 ride tickets—5 tickets to the first 300 children. Each child was also given a ticket for a free cup of ice cream at the Excelsior DeMolay stand. DeMolay reported to us that 202 of the tickets were redeemed.



Fair Gate Fundraiser

September 17-18

The Jackson Noon Optimist Club has been asked to work the Fair Gate at SEMO District Fair on Friday, September 17 and Saturday, September 18. We have been assigned Gate 3 which is the fair gate we have worked in the past.

The Fair Gate Project is our second highest money fundraiser of the year. If you are able to work, please contact one of the following committee members:

Clarinda Unger @ (573)837-5097
Janell Hinkebein @ (573)450-8131
Lauri Spain @ (573)382-2137
Emily Collins @ 579-8226

Thank you

Janell, Lauri, Emily and Clarinda

Safety City Event

We are using funds from a Childhood Well-ness grant to have a bike, scooter and helmet giveaway on Saturday, August 28th at the entrance to Safety City in Jackson City Park.

The 0 to age 5 items will be given at 9a.m. The ages 6 to 12 items at 9:30 on a first come, first serve basis. We have 50 items to give away. The Safety City committee has been busy collecting items for goody bags as well. Hope everyone can come and help at this exciting event!

Paula Givens

30th Anniversary

The Jackson Noon Optimist Club was chartered on March 27, 1991 with 50 members. Charter members that are still members of the club include: LaDonia Beggs, Anita Sievers, and Connie Werner. We will celebrate this anniversary at the annual club Installation Luncheon on Wednesday, September 29.

Each year the club has conducted Optimist International Projects that provided a variety of opportunities for the youth in the Jackson community. These OI projects included: *Essay Contest, Oratorical Contest, Respect for Law, Youth in Government Day, Youth Appreciation Day, and Bicycle Safety.*

In addition to the OI projects, the club funded several capital projects through the years. Some of those projects were:

- Bicycle Safety Area was built 1992. Major updates and improvements done in 2020-2021.
- Skate Park in the Jackson City Park was built in conjunction with the men's club.
- Donated \$12,000 for basketball goals at the new Jackson Civic Center (Founding Donor)
- Donated \$4,000 to Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship to build a new tack room
- Donated \$25,000 for the Whitey Herzog baseball field.
- Numerous donations for soccer fields and football fields for youth sports. (JAYF and JAOSA).
- Donated \$5,000 to the SEMO Pickleball Club in 2021 to build pickleball courts at the old tennis courts in Litz Park.

The club also provides other local projects and makes donations to other organizations. These will be highlighted in next month's newsletter.

Leadership Team 2021-2022

<i>President</i>	Esther Bohnert
<i>President-Elect</i>	Janell Hinkebein
<i>Vice President</i>	Shelly Kaiser
<i>Past President</i>	Paula Givens

Board of Directors to serve a two-year term:

- ◆ Judy Beussink
- ◆ Cathy Boyd
- ◆ Cathy Goodman

Board of Directors that were elected for 2020-2021 and will serve one more year in that capacity:

- * Barbara Gholson
- * Heidi Duckworth
- * Rebecca Terry

The following offices are appointed by the incoming president:

Debra Hoffmann, Secretary
Dorothy Rowley, Treasurer

The term of office for all newly elected officers will begin October 1, 2021 and continue through September 30, 2022. In the event an officer is unable to complete their term, that vacancy will be filled by a member appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

Installation Luncheon
Noon Meeting
September 29, 2021
Kimbeland Country Club

JACKSON NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

2020-2021 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Paula Givens—314-956-8705

VICE PRESIDENT

Janell Hinkebein—243-3367

PAST PRESIDENT

Lauri Spain—204-7006

SECRETARY

Debra Hoffmann—243-7479

TREASURER

Dorothy Rowley—243-5882

DIRECTORS:

Mary Boner—887-5951

Heidi Duckworth—421-5504

Barbara Gholson—243-8582

Kathy Lowes—243-5713

Janet Poston—450-0262

Rebecca Terry—579-1376

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:

Mark Weinsoff

EAST MISSOURI DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

Liz Christman

Lt. Governor Zone 11:

John Strickland

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