

HIGH NOON



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

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Volume 3



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

Can you believe Thanksgiving is already behind us? I hope everyone of you had the best holiday possible.

Bingo has been rolling right along and I am thankful for all of you ladies that give up your Fridays to not only help our club, but our Men's club and both Cape Girardeau's clubs. We have helped our community and so many kids with the money we make from this fundraiser. All I can say is "WOW, what a wonderful gift of your time!"

Our Christmas party is coming up soon so please check out the invitation in this newsletter and get yourself in gear for a great time. Thank you to the committee for organizing and getting us all together, we can't wait!

Don't forget, in January we will be meeting every week. I know it's a hard transition, but it's time to get this train back on track like before Covid hit us. It will be good to see your smiling faces more often.

Advent is here and as we prepare for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, let us remember the true meaning of the season and the magnificent gift our Lord gave us. Glory to the new born King!

Please remember to keep the poor, the sick, the lonely and our veterans & their families in your prayers. God Bless all of you!

Please remember to:

Be Kind

Do Good

Change the World for the Better

Yours in Optimism

Janell Hinkebein



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Amy Ybarra**
- 11 Lynette Moore**
- 23 Anita Sievers**
- 24 Merideth Pobst**

MEETING SCHEDULE—DECEMBER

- 06 Board Meeting—6:30 p.m.
Meeting Room at Jackson Chamber of Commerce
- 07 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Business
- 10 Christmas Party—6:00 p.m.
Emanuel United Church of Christ
- 14 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
**Fellowship*
- 21 No Meeting
- 28 No Meeting

Noon Club Bingo

December 9

Men's Club Bingo

December 30

Note: No Bingo on December 23

**Optimist Girls Basketball
Registration**

December 10

Jackson Civic Center
9:00 am—12:00 Noon

Grades 1-8





Jackson Noon Optimist Christmas Party

Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, 6:00 pm
United Church of Christ
304 East Adams, Jackson, MO



We will be having a Food Drive for the Jackson Ministerial Alliance again. See below for suggested food items.

Please bring your favorite appetizer/dessert and a \$15 wrapped gift for our annual gift exchange (optional). If you invite a friend, please bring a gift for them as well. Beverages provided.

RSVP: Please reply to this email or contact Esther Bohnert at 573-270-3187 or sign up at our next meeting on December 7. If you are already signed up you don't need to reply to this email.



Suggestions for Food Pantry Donations:

Oil, flour, sugar, cranberries, grape juice, cranberry sauce, pumpkin,
variety of cereals, flavored packets of oatmeal in a box and soups, such
as vegetable, beef or chicken noodle

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, deoderant

Monetary donations are always appreciated! Please make checks payable to Jackson Ministerial Alliance.

Please feel free to bring your food or monetary donation to our Noon Optimist meeting Wednesday, December 7, 2022 instead of the Christmas Party. Clarinda Unger will be collecting.

November Meeting Notes

November 2

Business Meeting (See board briefs on the right.)

November 9

New Member Induction: Tammy Duncan, Sara Gerau and Brooke Roth were inducted as new members of our club. (See photo below)

Fellowship: Christy O'Neal was the emcee for a fun game of Thanksgiving Family Feud. Everyone received a door prize.

November 16

Program: Jennifer Icaza-Gast reported on the Student Santas program. The club presented her with a donation of \$250 for the project. (See photo below)

November 23—No Meeting

November 30—Fifth Wednesday

President's Choice/Fifth Wednesday meeting was held at Emanuel United Church of Christ. The Women's Fellowship served a delicious salad luncheon. (See photos on next page.)



Shelly Kaiser, sponsor
Sara Gerau, new member
Tammy Duncan, new member
Janell Hinkebein, sponsor
Brooke Roth, new member
Lauri Spain, sponsor

Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Updates

- *Bingo*—Noon Club Bingo--November 11, Men's Club Bingo--November 25.
- *Santa Keys*—Keys are almost complete—only 6 packets to be turned in.
- *Girls Basketball*—Signups will be held on November 12 and December 10 at the Civic Center.
- *Shine Club*—Pumpkin Patch event was not well attended this year. Lots of extra food was delivered to the Fire Department.
- *Christmas Party*—Christmas Party will be held on December 12 at 6 p.m. at Emanuel United Church of Christ.
- *Feed My Starving Children*—Event will be held March 10-11, 2023. The club will make a budgeted donation of \$400.

Board Action

- Accepted resignation of Catherine Alipala.
- The missing awards banner has been found and new patches are being sewn on.

Debra Hoffmann, Secretary



President Janell presents Jennifer Icaza-Gast a check for \$250 for the Student Santas project. Individual members also made a donation and we collected \$289! I am so proud of all of you!

Fifth Wednesday

The fifth Wednesday club meeting was held on Wednesday, November 30 at Emanuel United Church of Christ. The ladies of the Women's Fellowship prepared a delicious salad luncheon. We feasted on sandwiches, a wide variety of salads, and scrumptious desserts.

A brief meeting was conducted. Melinda Arends was a guest of Susan Hahs. Melinda spoke about the Kids Business Fair that her 11-year old son was organizing. The board of directors had voted to make a \$250 donation to this project.



President Janell presents Melinda Arends a check for \$250 as a donation to the Kids Business Fair.



Thank you ladies for a delicious meal.



East Missouri District 1st Quarter Conference

The East Missouri Optimist District 1st Quarter Conference was held October 28-29, 2022 at the Columbia Courtyard in Columbia, MO. Attendees from our club were: Janell Hinkebein, President; Esther Bohnert, Past-President; and Emily Collins, Lieutenant Governor.

Our team arrived Friday, registered, received our name badges and meeting packets before the Executive Committee Meeting began at 7 pm. One of the suggestions at the meeting was to improve the Friday night session by having a motivational speaker, trivia night, or other interesting topic.

At Saturday morning's Board of Directors Meeting, we passed the minutes from the last conference and also passed the budget. The books were also audited in a timely manner (This was not accomplished last year). Following that we had an Honor Flight Presentation by Nicole Amick Slusser. She told us that veterans from WWI, Korean or Vietnam Wars are invited to go to Washington, D.C., to tour the monuments, museums, etc. Many veterans received the great welcome they didn't get the first time they returned home from war. The excursions have been healing for several veterans as they left the bad behind them at the conclusion of the trip. Nicole also sang "Letters from War" & "God Bless the USA". This presentation was moving, as well as informational. After a break, Julie Robison, Mid America Regional Vice President gave a presentation.

Following lunch, Ernie Wren, EMO Governor gave a talk and challenged each club to recruit three new members this year. Ernie is planning a special event if we accomplish this goal. Achievement & Awards Training was given to all. We are still trying to figure out how to use the online format.

There was a drawing between all the clubs in Missouri that added the most members between August 1-September 30. Our Jackson Noon Optimist Club won \$65 in Buffalo Wild Wings gift cards. We can't wait to figure out how our club can make good use of them!

Conferences & Conventions 2022-2023

1st Quarter EMO District Conference

October 28-29, 2022
Courtyard by Marriott
Columbia, MO

2nd Quarter EMO District Conference

February 24-25, 2023
Hilton STL Airport
St. Louis, MO

3rd Quarter EMO District Conference

May 5-6, 2023
Hilton STL Airport
St. Louis, MO

Optimist International Convention

July 2-5
Arlington, VA

4th Quarter EMO District Convention

August 18-20, 2023
Hilton STL Airport
St. Louis, MO

Essay Contest

The Jackson Noon Optimist will participate in the Optimist International Essay Contest for the 2021-2023 school years. The topic for this year is “Who is an Everyday Hero the Optimism in that Brings Out You?”.

The contest is open to students who are Freshmen-Seniors in High School and the contest is open to contestants under the age of 19 as of October 1st of the current Optimist International contest year (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023) and who have not yet completed secondary school or its equivalent.

Jackson Noon Optimist will judge the local students’ and determine the top winners. Winners will be notified in February, and will be invited on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 to read their winning essays and receive their awards at a club meeting.

The awards are as follows:

First place - \$250

Second Place - \$175

Third Place - \$100

First place winning essay will be sent to the district level where college scholarships are available for top winners. Students wishing to participate in this essay contest can obtain the application form at:

https://www.optimist.org/documents/2023/programs/22-23_essay_application.pdf

All applications must be received by Friday, January 20, 2023. If you have any questions you may contact either Clarinda Unger: (537) 837-5097 or Wanda Young (573) 270-6553.



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