

# HIGH NOON



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



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

January 2020

Volume 4



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

I hope that everyone had a very merry Christmas. This time of year is busy but so enjoyable for most. Thanks to Susan Hahs for opening her home to us for our annual Christmas party. We had a great time! (See photos in the newsletter pages 7-8.)

As you reconnect with old friends you might think about asking them to join an Optimist club. This month, let me tell you about the different types of memberships. Most of us only think of the traditional Club Membership but there are other ways people can be involved with Optimist clubs. I took this information from the Optimist International website. You can visit the website for more information on this. (optimist.org) The types of memberships are listed on page 9 of this newsletter.

As you review the different Optimists memberships, think about how some of your friends could help serve our youth, our communities and themselves.

Happy New Year!

Optimistically yours,

Lauri Spain



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

**04 PAULA GIVENS**  
**07 MARY JANE CRAFT**  
**12 DONNA LANGFORD**  
**17 LORI FOWLER**  
**17 DOROTHY ROWLEY**  
**19 MARY KIRN**  
**24 JUDY BEUSSINK**  
**28 WANDA YOUNG**

## MEETING SCHEDULE—JANUARY

- 01 **No Meeting**
- 07 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Jackson Chamber
- 08 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's  
*\*Business Meeting*  
*\*LFCS Development Director*
- 15 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's  
*Program: MSHP Sergeant*  
*Clark Parrot*
- 22 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's  
*Fellowship*
- 29 President's Choice  
My Daddy's Cheesecake

## BINGO

Noon Club—January 10

Men's Club—January 24

Noon Club—January 31



President's Choice  
 5th Wednesday Noon Meeting

January 29, 2020

My Daddy's Cheesecake

When you arrive, please place your  
 food order and then proceed to the  
 meeting room.



# January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>NO Meeting</b>	2	3	4
5	6	7 Board Meeting	8 Noon Meeting Delmonico's <i>Business</i>	9	10 BINGO	11
12	13	14	15 Noon Meeting Delmonico's <i>Program</i>	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Noon Meeting Delmonico's <i>Fellowship</i>	23	24 Men's Club BINGO	25
26	27	28	29 President's Choice	30	31 BINGO	

# December Meeting Notes

## December 4

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

## December 11

*No Meeting—*

Christmas Party on December 10

## December 18

Committee Updates:

*Girls Basketball*—150+ registrations. Games begin in January.

*Fellowship:*

Members shared their personal Christmas traditions/memories with ladies at their table. Then members were divided into two groups for a fun Question & Answer game led by LaDonia.

Connie Werner led members in The Tray Game. Members were shown a tray containing 20 Christmas related items. After the tray had been shown to everyone, members were told to write down as many items that they remembered .

Members signed a Christmas card and put in monetary gifts for our waitress, Brittany. President Lauri presented the Christmas card with \$100 gift to Brittany at the end of the meeting.

## December 25

*No Meeting—Merry Christmas*

# Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

## Correspondence

- Thank You card from the Jackson Police Department for the club's donation to the Community Christmas Drive.
- Thank You letter from the Community Outreach Board for the club's donation to the Holiday Extravaganza.
- Thank You card from Shannon Ridings (Kelly Waller Insurance Agency) for helping with the Great American Insurance Pumpkin Patch.
- Letter from Missouri Leadership Academy asking for donation to sponsor a high school sophomore from the area to the Academy.
- Letter from LFCS (Lutheran Family Children Services) requesting donation to their Christmas fundraising drive to help children and families in Southeast Missouri.

## Committee Updates

*Girls Basketball*—About 130 girls have registered. Coaches meeting will be held on December 17..

## Board Action

- Approved LFCS (Lutheran Family and Children Services) as part of the club Focus Project with a donation of \$2,000 contingent on two things: (1) donation would be matched, and (2) donation would remain in the Southeast Missouri counties of Cape Girardeau, Bollinger, and Scott.
- Approved a donation of \$400 to the National Child Safety Council. The Cape County Sheriff's office works with this organization to help children in our county.
- Approved a change to club Policies and Procedures regarding Perfect Attendance. The name of the award will be changed to Annual Participation Award.

*Debra Hoffmann, Secretary*

## December Events



Connie Werner was the winner of the attendance prize presented by President Lauri at the December 4 meeting.



Debra Hoffmann and Lauri Spain made a club visit to the Cape Evening Optimist Club on Thursday, December 5. (This visit will give us some A&A points). We helped several of their club members and representatives of the Student Santa organization pack gifts for children who attend Franklin Elementary School in Cape Girardeau.

Each child received 1 large gift, 3 small gifts, and a book.

## Mark Your Calendar

Second Quarter  
East Missouri District Conference  
February 21-22  
Drury Inn Plaza Hotel Columbia East  
Columbia, MO

Club Oratorical Contest  
February 25  
6:45 p.m.  
Jackson KC Hall

## Girls Basketball

Preparation for the club's Girls Basketball program is underway. Approximately 150 girls are now registered. The coaches meeting was held on December 18. About 90% of the coaches are returning coaches and that speaks well of our program and our coordinator.

Practice will begin on January 6, 2020 and games will start on Saturday, January 25. Volunteers are needed at the gyms on each Saturday that games are held. Grades 2-3 will play at Orchard Elementary, Grades 4-5 at Middle School Old Gym, and Grades 6-8 at Middle School New Gym.

Signup sheets will be available at meetings or you may contact Susan Hahs if you want to volunteer for a particular day/time.

Susan Hahs

# Optimist International Foundation

## Dime A Day Donation



Anita Sievers presented pins to members who contributed \$36.50 to the Dime-A-Day campaign for the Optimist International Foundation.

Contributions may still be made for Dime-a-Day anytime during the Optimist year. Make a check for \$36.50 made payable to OIF (Optimist International Foundation). Submit the check to the Club Foundation Representative, Anita Sievers.



Lauri Spain

Debra Hoffmann

Dorothy Rowley

Carol Rohlf

Donna Rushing

Cathy Wallis

Susan Hahs\*

Kathy Lowes\*

Heidi Duckworth

LaDonia Beggs

Esther Bohnert

Anita Sievers

Paula Givens

Clarinda Unger\*

Lisa Reitzel\*

Cathy Goodman

Janell Hinkebein

Janet Poston

Connie Werner

Mary Kirn

Emily Collins\*

Barbara Gohlson\*

*\*Donors Not Pictured*

# Thank You For Your Donation

# Christmas Party 2019

The Annual Christmas Party was held at the home of Susan Hahs on December 10, 2019. There were 27 members and one guest present. Members enjoyed great food, fantastic fun and festive fellowship.





**Christmas**



**Party**



**2019**





### **Club Member**

As Members of Optimist Clubs, individuals have the opportunity to "Bring Out the Best in Kids" along with other like-minded citizens. Through an Optimist Club, volunteers can answer the needs of local youth by organizing meaningful service projects.

### **Life Member**

Life Membership is an honor often bestowed by a Club on an Optimist who has shown years of dedication to the Club and the organization. Optimists can also enroll themselves in Life Membership. Through Life Membership, a one-time fee is paid and the Optimist pays lower dues for life.

### **College Member**

Any Optimist Member who is enrolled as a full-time college student (minimum of 12 credit hours) is eligible to have their annual dues reduced.

### **Friend of Optimists**

Individuals can show their support of Optimist International by becoming Friends of Optimists. A Friend of Optimists may be someone who does not have an Optimist Club in their area, or they may not have time to dedicate to a local Optimist Club. Optimist Clubs can also bestow a Friend of Optimists membership on a community member who has shown great support for the Club.

### **30 and Under for \$30**

Optimist International is offering a one year, introductory membership to civic-minded individuals. Any new traditional Member inclusive of 18-30 years of age who joins an Optimist Club will receive this special dues offer. For one year, young adults can enjoy the benefits of an Optimist Club with less of a financial impact!

### **Recruit a Teacher Incentive**

From October 1st, 2019 until September 30th, 2020, Optimist Clubs are encouraged to recruit teachers from their local schools. Optimist International is waiving the \$15.00 membership fee and offering a year's dues for only \$30!

### **Social, Service and Young Professionals Group (Club within a Club)**

The Social, Service and Young Professionals Group is a way for your Club to expand their outreach and strength in their community. A Social, Service and Young Professionals Group could provide a traditional Club with an increased volunteer work force to tackle more complex projects and provide a platform for younger professionals to join an Optimist Club. Social, Service and Young Professionals Group must have a minimum of 15 individuals who have not been Optimist Members or Friends in the past four months.

Now that you know the different memberships, think about how some of your friends could help serve our youth, our communities and themselves.

# JACKSON NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

## 2019-2020 OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT**

*Lauri Spain—204-7006*

**VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT**

*Heidi Duckworth—421-5504*

**VICE PRESIDENT**

*Paula Givens—314-956-8705*

**PAST PRESIDENT**

*Clarinda Unger—243-5409*

**SECRETARY**

*Debra Hoffmann—243-7479*

**TREASURER**

*Patty Turner—243-8273*

**DIRECTORS:**

*Mary Boner—262-2077*

*Emily Collins—243-7613*

*Janell Hinkebein—243-3367*

*Kathy Lowes—243-5713*

*Janet Poston—450-0262*

*Rhonda Sievers—204-0625*

*Connie Werner—450-9677*

**OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:**

*Adrian Elcock*

**EAST MISSOURI DISTRICT GOVERNOR:**

*Michael Boles*

**Lt. Governor Zone 11:**

*John Strickland*

Newsletter articles and photos deadline is the 25th of each month. Send reports to Debra Hoffmann: [dhoffmannr2@yahoo.com](mailto:dhoffmannr2@yahoo.com).



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