

HIGH NOON



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



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

June 2021

Volume 9



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

This 3rd quarter of our Optimist year is deemed Rally quarter. Our club really has done it! Working at Bingo and Bandshell cleanup, planning for Youth Appreciation Night at Homecomers, celebrating seniors graduating and receiving scholarships and recognizing our district oratorical contest 2nd place winner. Our May 19th NOW event was a huge success, thank you Janelle Hinkebein and the NOW committee, with 6 new member applications and 90 items donated to Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry.

We have received confirmation that our grant application for matching funds for Safety City childhood wellness was received. They will be deciding in a few weeks. Keep your fingers crossed for good news on that so we can plan a grand reopening of Safety City.

The club officer election report was due May 20th and the nominating committee wants to thank the members who made the job easy by saying YES for being leaders beginning October 2021. There is still one spot to fill, but I am confident we will get the job done. Elections will be in June with the installation banquet scheduled for September 29th.

Enjoy your July vacation, there are no meetings scheduled on Wednesdays for our club.

Your Optimistic President,

Paula Givens



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6-23 AMY ROMACK

6-29 CONNIE WERNER

MEETING SCHEDULE—JUNE

- 01 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Jackson Chamber meeting room
- 02 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Business Meeting
- 16 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
*Guests: Scholarship Recipients
and Oratorical Contest 2nd place
district winner*

BINGO

Noon Club--June 11

Men's Club--June 25

Oratorical Contest

The East Missouri District Optimist Oratorical Contest was held on Saturday, May 1, 2021. Contestants competed via Zoom. Lydia Pobst represented the Noon Optimist Club of Jackson after having won the local club oratorical contest and the regional contest.

Lydia placed second at the EMO District contest and earned a \$1,500 scholarship. Congratulations!!!

Lydia competed as a high school junior and will be a senior at Jackson High School in 2021-2022 and is looking forward to competing again. Her parents are Justin and Merideth Pobst. Merideth is a nine-year member of the Noon Opti-



May Meeting Notes

May 5

Business Meeting (See board briefs on the right.)

May 19

NOW Event

See article on page 4-5.

Band Shell

On Tuesday, May 25 Lauri Spain and Debra Hoffmann worked at the Band Shell sprucing up the landscaping in preparation for the opening of the Munny Band season on Thursday, June 3.

We enlisted the help of our spouses, Darrell and Paul, to us rake, pull weeds, etc.

Lauri Spain, Committee Chair

Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

Correspondence

- Request for sponsorship from SEHealth for their annual 5K.

Committee Updates

- *Bingo*—Noon Club Bingo--May 14, Men's Club Bingo--May 28.
- *Band Shell*—Lauri Spain and her committee are beginning the spring clean up. Due to construction of new restrooms happening at the band shell, there will be extra landscaping work to be done when the construction is complete.
- *NOW*—Event is scheduled for May 19. Members are to turn in their guest list by April 17.
- *Safety City*—Work to be done on the final building by Breaking Bonds group.
- *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.

Board Action

- Approved \$250 sponsorship for the SEHealth 5K fundraiser.
- Approved \$50 donation to EMO District Convention for refreshment expenses.
- Approved termination of membership (per club bylaws) for members whose 2020-2021 dues are not paid by June 1.

Debra Hoffmann, Secretary



NOW 2021

The NOW (New Optimist Welcome) Event was held on Wednesday, May 19 at Pavilion #1 in Jackson City Park. A cool breeze blew as eight guests and 18 established members were greeted and signed in. President Paula Givens welcomed everyone and Merideth Pobst led the prayer before lunch. Pizza and cupcakes were served and everybody enjoyed the picnic atmosphere.

After everyone was done eating, President Paula told our guests of the different organizations and people that we help in our community. She also told them of our fundraising by working at Bingo World and the SEMO Fair Gates. These activities raise money to support our many projects. Merideth Pobst then gave a talk on "Why I'm an Optimist". It was both inspirational and motivating. Thank you, Merideth!

Debra Hoffmann was our go-to person to answer any questions the prospective guests had about Optimists. They were all well informed by the end of the event. Debra also designed the NOW Event Invitations, provided and edited several documents and also stepped in to help the committee out the day of the event. Many thanks, Debra!

Tickets were drawn for door prizes, which were the flowers that were used for table decorations. Guests were given giftbags and the Optimist Member Invitation form that they could fill out to join our club. Great news, six wonderful ladies completed applications for membership that day! Please help make them feel welcome when they start attending our meetings.

Optimist members and guests were encouraged to bring canned goods or food items to donate to the Jackson Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. We almost met our goal of 100 by collecting 89 items. Many thanks and blessings to all who contributed to the food pantry. Several families will benefit from your generosity, thank you for caring for the needy in our community!

Thank you also to the NOW Event Committee members and all who participated, organized, or brought a prospective member to this event. Everyone worked hard and helped make the day a success. We hope everybody had a wonderful afternoon of fun, food, fellowship and enjoyed their day with the Jackson Noon Optimists.

2021 NOW Event Committee:

Esther Bohnert

Ann Fields

Kathy Lowes

Donna Rushing

Clarinda Unger

Connie Werner

Paula Givens, President

Janell Hinkebein, NOW Chairperson



Paula proudly displays the canned food items donated for the food pantry.

NOW 2021

Welcome



Guests

Four of our guests were: Teresa Meier, Marilyn Lowes, Gail Kamp and Becky Klob



Guest Wendy Hayes and member Connie Werner



Guest Catherine Alipala and member Janell Hinkebein



Guest Janna Clifton and member Shelly Kaiser



Guest Christy O'Neal and member Lauri Spain



Left: Pizza and cupcakes served by the NOW committee

Right: Members Carol Rohlf and Amy Romack



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