

HIGH NOON



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

May 2021

Volume 8



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

Welcome to May and our NOW (New Optimist Welcome) event. In keeping with our optimistic values, helping others and kindness that we want to exude to our potential new members on May 19th. I am reminded of this poem by our very own Jackson community member.

THE DASH—poem by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars...the house...the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?

In speaking with several of our members over the past few weeks, I found that some have had trying times. Praying that we remember to make our dash count and everyone we encounter to have a most pleasant dash.

Paula



MAY BIRTHDAYS

**07
25
28**

**HOLLY STATLER
MARY TALLEY
ANN FIELDS**

MEETING SCHEDULE—MAY

- 04 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Jackson Chamber meeting room
- 05 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Business Meeting
- 19 NOW Event —City Park
See article on page 4-5

BINGO

Noon Club—May 14

Men's Club—May 28

Band Shell

Spring has arrived and the Band Shell is ready to be beautified for the upcoming spring and summer Jackson Municipal Band season. Unfortunately Park Day was cancelled last Saturday because of rain and we were unable to begin our work.

However, the committee is planning to begin working on:

**Tuesday, May 4
9:00 a.m.**

Band Shell in Jackson City Park

We need volunteers to help us. We will need to rake leaves, pull weeds, put down mulch, etc. Please bring a rake if you have one.

Lauri Spain, Committee Chair



CHOOSE OPTIMISM

Our Choose Optimism theme for the months of April-June is Rally. As the year began, I asked you to Choose Optimism. The last twelve months have been challenging, and the need for optimism has never been greater. Now is the time for your Optimist Club members and your community to Choose Optimism and rally for action as we move forward into this busy time of year.

Mark Weinsoff, President, Optimist International

April Meeting Notes

April 7

Business Meeting (See board briefs on the right.)

April 21

Fellowship—LaDonia Beggs

LaDonia randomly selected members to tell the group why they joined the Optimist club and what they like most about being a member.

Mother's Day Quotes

"I'd like to be the ideal mother, but I'm too busy raising my kids."

~ *Unknown*

"Silence is golden. Unless you have kids, then silence is just suspicious"

~ *Unknown*

"Nothing is really lost until your mom can't find it."

~ *Unknown*

"Sometimes I open my mouth and my mother comes out."

~ *Unknown*

"It just occurred to me that the majority of my diet is made up of the foods that my kid didn't finish..."

~ *Carrie Underwood*

"If evolution really works, how come Mothers only have two hands?"

~ *Milton Berle*

"Insanity is hereditary; you get it from your children!"

~ *Sam Levenson*

"Setting a good example for your children takes all the fun out of middle age."

~ *William Feather*

"If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way Mom told you to in the beginning."

~ *Unknown*

"My mother told me a million times not to exaggerate."

~ *Unknown*

Board Briefs

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

Correspondence

- Thank you note from Lydia Pobst thanking the club for the opportunity to participate in the Oratorical contest.
- Donation request letter from MVTH for their annual horse show.

Committee Updates

- *Bingo*—Noon Club Bingo--April 9, Men's Club Bingo-April 23.
- *Oratorical Contest*—Regional Oratorical will be held April 11, 2021 via Zoom.
- *Scholarship*—Winners have been notified.
- *Park Day*—City of Jackson Park Day will be April 24, 2021
- *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.

Board Action

- Approved donation of \$5,000 to the Semo Pickleball Club for a court sponsorship. There will be a sign placed on the court recognizing our donation.
- Approved donation of \$250 to MVTH (Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship) for their annual horse show.

Debra Hoffmann, Secretary



2021 New Optimists Welcome Event

Wednesday, May 19

Jackson City Park

Pavilion #1, By Old Tennis Courts

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

Ladies, can you believe it has been two whole years since our last NOW Event? It's time to party, bring in new members and get rid of those COVID 19 Blues! 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 both are 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 picnic is to be a fun day. We want our guests to feel welcome and to enjoy the food and festivities. At this picnic 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 next meeting for you to sign up so we have enough food for everyone. (If you are not able to attend the next meeting and need to RSVP, please contact Janell by text, phone call or email.) The only 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!

In case of inclement weather, please keep a close watch on your email for a change of venue after 8 a.m., Wednesday, May 19. We will be assessing the climate and sending out a mass email if we need to move indoors. If we should move our party to the Fellowship Hall at Emanuel United Church of Christ at 304 E. Adams St. in Jackson, please start calling your guests to update them on the situation so they don't show up at the park.

Once again, we will be sponsoring a Food Drive with the items being donated to the Jackson Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. Our goal this year is 100 items, which should be a piece of cake because we received 172 items at our last event. Besides canned goods, these items are also welcomed: Oil, sugar, flour, pasta, dry cereal, oatmeal, etc. 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!

2021 Optimist NOW Event Committee:

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Janell Hinkebein, NOW Chairperson

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New Optimists Welcome

Jackson Noon Optimist Club
Invites You To Join Us
For Our Annual NOW Event

Wednesday, May 19, 2021
11:30-1:30 Lunch Served at Noon
Jackson City Park
Pavilion #1, By Old Tennis Courts

The Jackson Noon Optimist Club is a service organization that has been active in the Jackson community for 30 years. The Optimist International mission statement is: *"By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves."*

Club Members are asked to bring
canned food items for the Jackson
Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry.
Guests: You are welcome to partici-
pate, but are not obligated.



**Please RSVP to Janell Hinkebein by
May 12**

Email: janellhink@yahoo.com
Call or text: 573-450-6131

In case of inclement weather:

Guests will be notified by phone.

Members will be notified by email early that morning.

JACKSON NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

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