

# HIGH NOON



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

November 2023

Volume 2



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

Dear Optimist Club Members,

Greetings and warm wishes to all of you as we step into the beautiful month of November!

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering dedication and commitment to our club's mission. Together, we have accomplished remarkable feats and made a positive impact on our community. Your enthusiasm and optimism are truly contagious!

November is a month that reminds us to reflect on the blessings in our lives and extend a helping hand to those in need.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone about the importance of staying connected and supporting one another. Our Optimist Club is not just a group of individuals; we are a family. Let's continue to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and encouraged. Reach out to fellow members, especially those who may be going through challenging times, and offer a listening ear or a helping hand. Together, we can overcome any obstacle and emerge stronger than ever.

As we embark on this month of gratitude and giving, let us remember that optimism is not just a mindset; it is a way of life. Let's continue to spread positivity, inspire others, and make a lasting impact on our community.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. I am truly honored to serve as your Optimist President, and I look forward to the incredible things we will achieve together in November!

Remember to look at the sunny side of everything,

Shelly



## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**22 Dana French-Shirrel**

## **Bingo**

**November 10--Noon Club**

**November 24--Men's Club**

**Dime-a-Day**

Anita Sievers, Club Foundation Representative is now accepting contributions for the Dime-a-Day campaign of the Optimist International Foundation.

The contribution amount is \$36.50. Checks should be made payable to Optimist International Foundation and reference Dime-a-Day in the Memo Line.

You may submit your contribution to Anita at a regular meeting. You may obtain a form from Anita or print and complete the form attached to the newsletter email.

Our club makes an annual donation the OI Foundation. The Dime-a-Day is a way that individuals can show their support for the work and mission of Optimist International.

\*You may also give your contribution to Debra Hoffmann.

## MEETING SCHEDULE—NOVEMBER

- 1 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's New Member Induction
- 07 Board Meeting—6:00 p.m. Meeting Room at Jackson Chamber of Commerce
- 08 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's Program: Toys for Tots
- 15 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's Fellowship: Lisa Reitzel, Janna Clifton and Katy Liley
- 22 **No Meeting—**Happy Thanksgiving Week
- 29 Fifth Wednesday, President's Choice at Emanuel United Church of Christ



# October Meeting Notes

## October 4

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

## October 11

*Program*—Jennifer Zoellner, Rehabilitation Services for the Blind, State Of Missouri

Jennifer presented an interesting program demonstrating special products to help people who are visually impaired.

## October 18

Larry Ream, Lou Rohlfs and Mary Kirn presented information regarding the status of Friday Night Optimist Bingo since Notre Dame is no longer going to sponsor Bingo on Wednesday and Saturday nights.

Larry and Lou are now the co-chairs of the Bingo Board. The Optimist Clubs will continue with Friday night Bingo. The cost of renting the Bingo Hall has been increased to \$1,500 a month for each of the four Optimist clubs. Therefore, effective November 1 we will increase the prices for paper.

*Fellowship*— *Esther Bohnert and Janell Hinkebein*

We played Bingo. Prizes were given to the winner of each game.

## October 25

*Program*—*Alyssa Phares, President of the Reynolds House Foundation*

The James Reynolds House in Cape Girardeau was built in 1857 in the French Colonial architectural style. The house has been renovated (picture below) and is available to rent for events. Alyssa talked about the renovations and shared before and after pictures of the house.



# Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at Jackson Chamber of Commerce.

## Committee Updates

- *Bingo*—Noon Club Bingo--October 13, Men's Club Bingo--Club members worked Gate 3 on September 15-16 and earned \$1,485.
- *Christmas Activities*—Committee is planning for a display in the city park and a float for the parade.
- *Santa Keys*—Santa key supplies are being distributed to members.

## Board Action

- Approved the Club Policies and Procedures for 2023-2024.
- Approved combining the club's two checking account into one account.

Four members will be attending the East Missouri District Conference on October 13-14.



Jennifer Zoellner, Job Development Specialist  
Rehabilitation Services for the Blind

# First Quarter Conference East Missouri Optimist (EMO) District Courtyard by Marriott, Columbia, MO October 13 & 14, 2023

Shelly Kaiser-President, Amy Robbins-Treasurer, Emily Collins-Past-Lieutenant Governor and Janell Hinkebein-Past-President, represented the Noon Optimist Club of Jackson at the First Quarter Conference in Columbia, MO. Our group arrived in full football/referee gear for the Friday night "Kick-Off". We had a Communication presentation by Dr. Pam Moehl followed by an Executive Committee Meeting. The Tailgate Party followed with food, fun, drinks and games.

Governor Phyllis Neff wanted our goals for the weekend to be: 1) Get to know someone new and learn a new idea to take back to your club; 2) Meet our Committee Chairs and take a position on a committee to share your knowledge and expertise to help us be better Optimist International members; and 3) Have fun!



Saturday morning was the Board of Directors' Meeting followed by Katie Huck's presentation of JOI (Junior Optimist International) in the district. Liz Christman, DFR (District Foundation Rep) also gave a presentation followed by Dr. Pam Moehl with more details on "Communication". We met our District Chairpersons with a speed-dating session. Lots of information was shared among everyone attending.



The highlight of the whole weekend was when our Jackson Noon Club won First Place in the Awards and Achievement Points for our District! Many thanks to everyone who worked hard and reported in their hours of volunteer work. We want to especially thank Christy O'Neal who collected and reported the points, and to Debra Hoffmann who composed the Club Pride Report and Honor Club Tracking Form. What a great team effort!!!

Upcoming Events: The Second Quarter Conference will be held on February 24, 2024 by Zoom or In-Person at the Quonset Lanes-Festus, MO; Third Quarter Conference is on May 3 & 4, 2024 at Best Western Plus-Washington, Mo; The Optimist International Convention will be held on June 23-26, 2024 in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada; Fourth Quarter Convention will be held August 16, 17 & 18 at the Courtyard by Marriott-Columbia, MO.

*Janell Hinkebein*

*IT'S A HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS PARTY*

*Please join us on December 6, 2023*

*6PM For Our Jackson Noon Optimist Christmas Party  
Party will be at the Emanuel United Church of Christ*

*Please bring a \$15 gift for the Gift Exchange  
There will be a sign-up sheet for food at the noon meeting*

*We will also be collecting food for the Food Pantry*

*Canned vegetable - Soup - Canned Fruit - Instant Mashed Potatoes - Crackers  
Hamburger Helper - Mac & Cheese -- Peanut Butter - Cake Mix - Flour - Oil - Sugar  
Hot or Cold Cereal - Juice - Canned Meat - Laundry or Dish Soap - Toilet Paper - ETC*

# JACKSON NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

## 2023-2024 Leadership Team

### **PRESIDENT**

*Shelly Kaiser—573-225-4649*

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT**

*Sara Gerau—573-864-0984*  
*Amy Ybarra—573-275-3109*

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

*Tammy Duncan—812-841-5923*

### **PAST PRESIDENT**

*Janell Hinkebein—573-450-6131*

### **SECRETARY**

*Amy Blackman—573-225-4715*

### **TREASURER**

*Amy Robbins—573-275-1592*

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### **OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:**

*Tracy Huxley*

### **EAST MISSOURI DISTRICT GOVERNOR:**

*Phyllis Neff*

### **Lt. Governor Zone 11:**

*Amanda Walters*

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