

HIGH NOON



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



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

September 2020

Volume 7



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 this newsletter finds all of you happy and healthy. These times are tough on all of us and I do hope that you are getting through all the uncertainty with an optimist outlook.

This month we have planned a couple of dates to get together as a club. I hope that those events do get to happen and that you will be able to join us. There is information about them contained within this newsletter. Please come if you are able.

While there hasn't been many club activities going on recently it doesn't mean that everything has totally stopped. I am wrapping up end of the Optimist year business while President Elect Paula Givens is beginning to think about plans for her year. I know that she, like all of us, is hoping that we can get back to our regular activities soon.

Schools are back in session and kids are optimistically hoping that they can get back to activities that they love and look forward to. We are all hoping that along with them.

Now more than ever the tenets of the Optimist Creed are so important. They serve to lift spirits. Please share them with others that might need them. We have to work together to bring positive hope and vision to our youth, our communities and ourselves.

Optimistically yours,

Lauri Spain

**2020-2021 Slate of Officers
Noon Optimist Club of Jackson**

<i>Past President</i>	Lauri Spain
<i>President</i>	Paula Givens
<i>President-Elect</i>	_____
<i>Vice President</i>	Janell Hinkebein

Board of Directors to serve a two-year term:

Barbara Gholson
Heidi Duckworth
Rebecca Terry

Board of Directors that were elected last year and will serve one more year in that capacity:

Mary Boner
Kathy Lowes
Janet Poston

The following offices are appointed by the incoming president:

Debra Hoffmann, Secretary
Dorothy Rowley, Treasurer

The term of office for all newly elected officers will begin October 1, 2020 and continue through September 30, 2021. In the event an officer is unable to complete their term, that vacancy will be filled by a member appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

Jackson Noon Optimist Club

Installation Luncheon

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Noon—Lunch provided

Jackson City Park

Shelter #5 Band Shell/Route D

(Also known as the Optimist Shelter)

In the event of inclement weather, the event will take place on Thursday, September 24. Same time, same place.

This Optimist year has brought many changes and challenges for our club. Consequently, our annual installation of officer event will be quite different as well. However, our focus will still be to recognize our 2019-2020 leadership team and to install the officers and board of directors for 2020-2021. Lt. Governor John Strickland will join us to install the new leadership team.

We will recognize those members who have earned their Participation Award for this year, along with other awards that will be presented by club president, Lauri Spain.

Please make plans to attend this event as we review and reflect on our club's activities and accomplishments and to look forward to the next Optimist year.

Lunch will be pizza, dessert and drink.

Please RSVP by September 21 to Clarinda Unger or you may reply to the email attached with this newsletter.

Clarinda Unger
Email: cunger55@gmail.com
Phone/Text: 573-837-5097
Phone: 573-243-5409

Board Briefs

This has been an unusual and challenging Optimist year. The last in-person board meeting was held on March 3. Since then we have been meeting each month using a Zoom meeting. We have also had a few special meetings. Information was sent to members by email when necessary.

Here are highlights of the board decisions in the last few months.

Board Actions

- Approved the remainder (\$2,000) of the Focus Project budget to the Jackson R-2 Power Pack project.
- Approved donation of \$250 to Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship for their annual horseshow. The event was scheduled for May but was postponed to later in the year.
- Approved slate of officers for 2020-2021.
- Declared opposition to returning to work at Bingo during the month of September.
- Approved purchase of *Quick Books* for use by the club treasurer.
- Approved that a Covid-19 waiver clause be added to the Girls Basketball registration form if the program is held this year.
- Approved a new slate of officers for 2020-2021. Vote will be taken at the September 9 meeting.
- Approved a request that an internal audit of the club's financials be completed before the beginning of the next Optimist year.

Debra Hoffmann, Secretary

Club Project and Event Notes 2020

Boys State

The American Legion Boys State event to be held in June was postponed to November. We just received word that it has been cancelled.

The plan is to invite the 2020 participants the opportunity to attend the 2021 session. Sponsors are asked to carry over their sponsorship money. The Jackson Noon Optimist sponsors one student.

Girls State

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State was cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus. The club received a check for the original sponsorship money.

Youth Appreciation

Event was scheduled during Homecoming's week. Event was cancelled.

Respect for Law

Cancelled

NOW (New Optimists Welcome)

Event was scheduled for April, but was cancelled. We plan to do an event April 2021.

The Great American Pumpkin Patch

Event is typically held in October. It has been cancelled for October 2020.

Conferences and Conventions

East Missouri District Third Quarter Conference—Conference was cancelled. However, the EMO Board of Directors did have a virtual meeting. President Lauri Spain was in attendance.

East Missouri District Fourth Quarter Convention—A virtual meeting of the Board of Directors was held. President Lauri Spain was in attendance.

Incoming Club Presidents training was done virtually. See article to the right.

Optimist International Convention

The Optimist International Virtual Convention was held June 27-28, 2020.

Debra Hoffmann, club secretary attended. Business sessions, keynote speakers and training workshops were held during the two-day event.

The East Missouri 4th quarter convention was held August 14th and 15th at Drury Inn in Arnold. It was scaled down this year and was by invitation only to incoming presidents and Lieutenant governor elects for training .

I was happy to participate in this socially distanced event. We sat at our own table with our new club president-elect workbook while viewing Zoom Board of Directors meeting and Zoom Infinite leadership training by Mike Boles, who also spoke on community focused training. In person training with questions and answers was led by Liz Christman. Lauren Dell taught us how to use our practical tool kit. Mary Hatfield entertained us with team building training.

Mostly, I wanted to say I look forward to all of us working together to help each other in the coming year .

Paula Given
President-Elect



East Missouri District Conferences 2020-2021

Quarter 1—October 23-24 @Rolla, MO

Quarter 2—February 25-26 @Columbia, MO

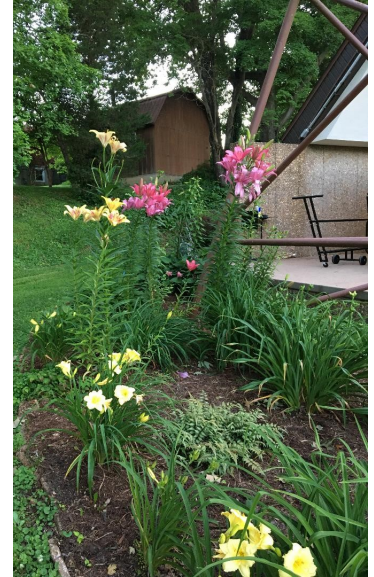
Quarter 3—April 30-May 1 @St. Louis, MO

Quarter 4—August 13-14 @Cape Girardeau, MO

Optimist International Convention

June 30-July 2, 2021 @Atlanta, GA

Band Shell



This summer flowers at the park band shell provided a lovely backdrop to musical entertainment by the Jackson Munny band and special guests.

Several members of the club worked throughout the summer weeding, pruning and fertilizing. The flowers were especially beautiful this year and members received many nice compliments on them.

Hopefully you were able to see them!

Lauri Spain

JACKSON NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

2019-2020 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Lauri Spain—204-7006

VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

Paula Givens—314-956-8705

VICE PRESIDENT**PAST PRESIDENT**

Clarinda Unger—243-5409

SECRETARY

Debra Hoffmann—243-7479

TREASURER

Heidi Duckworth—421-5504

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

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.



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