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Our Magnificent Seven!

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The conclusion of the fiscal year is approaching, and the Ray-Pec Optimists continue to expand. On Tuesday evening, seven new members were formally inducted. While inducting members throughout the year is ideal, there is distinct value in

celebrating growth collectively.

The 4th Quarter Western Missouri (WEMO) District Convention will take place from August 14th to 16th. Brian Mills, a respected member of our organization, will assume the role of Governor for the District. As Brian prepares to take office, the addition of seven new Optimist members brings the district's net total to an increase of five members. In recognition of this achievement, Optimist International will present the outgoing District Governor, Don Beatty, with a Green Jacket. Ultimately, the most significant benefit of growth and new membership lies in the positive effects on our communities, youth, and law enforcement. Each additional member serves to multiply our collective impact substantially.

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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, to noble for anger, to strong for fear and **too happy** to permit the presence of trouble.

Up Next: August 5th - Real World Learning & LEAD Center at RPHS

Join us as Samuel Johnson, Coordinator of Real World Learning introduces us Client-Mentor learning opportunities at RPHS!

Real World Learning



Stuff the Bus!

Members are invited to participate in the Stuff the Bus school supplies and donations initiative. At the August 12th sunrise meeting, the Stuff the Bus team will collect supplies and donations from members to contribute to the Ray-Pec community drive. A list of suggested supplies is provided below. Cash donations are particularly used for purchasing headphones (over-ear, plain, no Bluetooth), dry erase markers, and water bottles. Attendance at the August 12th meeting is encouraged, where a club photo with the collected donations will be taken.



Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Tues 8/5** – 6:30am LEAD Center & Experiential Coordinator RPHS
- Tues 8/12** – 6:30am Stuff the Bus, Bring School Supplies and help Stuff the Bus
- Tues 8/12** – 6:30 am Cass County Library
- Tues 8/15-16th** – WEMO District Convention, Springfield MO
- Tues 8/19** – 6:30am Superhero Tuesday! Cass County Sheriff SGT Bill Talley
- Tues 8/26** – 6:00pm TBD



...And welcoming! These showed up to cheer on our newest Optimists!



Michelle Beard, Crystal Benson, Jack Benson, Connie Circo, Tom Circo, Frank Jimenez II, Pete Kerckhoff, Renee Kerckhoff, Alan Klein, Eleanor Kopetsky, Jim Kopetsky, Ed Lust, Kathy Lust, Joe O'Neal, Niki Ray, Mike Sanders, Shari Sanders, Richard Sanders, Kris Turnbow, Denise Woolf