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## PROMISE YOURSELF

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**Pictured:** Belton and Ray-Pec Optimist Members Share Best Practices at Johnny's Tavern  
*Two Clubs, One Vision: Sparking Growth Through Shared Optimism*

When the Ray-Pec and Belton Optimist Clubs came together for a joint dinner meeting at Johnny's Tavern, the room buzzed with energy, ideas, and a shared commitment to growth. Belton Optimists showcased their dynamic use of social media—highlighting a moment when a California visitor was so inspired, they walked in and donated \$1,000 on the spot. Ray-Pec Optimists shared a powerful visual handout outlining their year-round programming, from weekly initiatives to collaborative efforts that uplift the community.

The evening wasn't just about exchanging best practices—it was about igniting a movement. Both clubs were motivated to launch two new Optimist Clubs by year's end, proving that when optimism meets action, incredible things happen. High fives all around!



## THE OPTIMIST CREED

### 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.

### *Let's Rally for Brian and WEMO!*

**Big news:** Our very own Brian Mills will officially become Governor of the West Missouri Optimist District (WEMO) on October 1st! To celebrate and support his leadership, we're encouraging all Ray-Pec Optimists to attend the 1st Quarter Conference in Jefferson City the weekend of October 3–4.

This year's conference is extra special—it's a joint gathering of both East and West Missouri districts. WEMO is showing up in full force, and Brian is asking clubs like ours to help lead the charge. Book your hotel and stay overnight Friday, October 3rd to join the fun and fellowship.

🎨 Friday night features a high-flying "Funraiser" where blue (WEMO) and gold (EMO) paper planes will soar from the 3rd floor into the atrium over the Hall of Optimism. The winning team earns bragging rights, hats, and wings for Saturday—and all proceeds benefit the Optimist International Foundation. Let's bring our optimism, our energy, and our blue planes to the skies!

*Hotel is Capitol Plaza and negotiated room rate is \$105. (Book soon, some have already made reservations.) Phone is 573-635-1234 First Timer registration is paid for. Registration includes meals and is \$75 a person.*

*Registration cutoff is September 23<sup>rd</sup>.*



### **Next Week: Sunset Meeting, Two Clubs. One Cause.**

**Tues 9/2** – Gov. Designate, Brian Mills, WEMO A New Vision

**Tues 9/9** – Tentative: Boys & Girls State Students, Board Member Vote Today

**Tues 9/16** – Students of the Month

**Tues 9/23** – Officer Installation, Catered Dinner, Dogwood Gardens, Peculiar 6pm

**Tues 9/30** - CPR Training at Southside Fire District – let Denise Know if you are coming, pizza provided by Tom Circo

*High fives and high hopes—celebrating the spark ignited when two clubs unite to grow, share, and inspire.*

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