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18 MEMBERS' PRESENT

Janet Aliano, Rob Arner, Connie Circo, Tom Circo, Gerry Eftink, Janet Jones, Pete Kerckhoff, Renee Kerckhoff, Alan Klein, Jim Kopetsky, Kathy Lust, Brian Mills, Joe O'Neal, Ed Russell, Mike Sanders, Richard Sanders, Kris Turnbow, Denise Woolf

Election May 13th

The following Officers were elected for the 2025-2026 year:

President: Mike Sanders

1st Vice President – Jim Kopetsky

2nd Vice President – Tom O'Connor

Secretary – Denise Woolf

Treasurer – Renee Kerckhoff

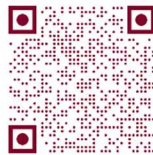
OI Foundation Representative – Joe O'Neal

Randy Grimm – Calvary College Interim Chief Development Officer

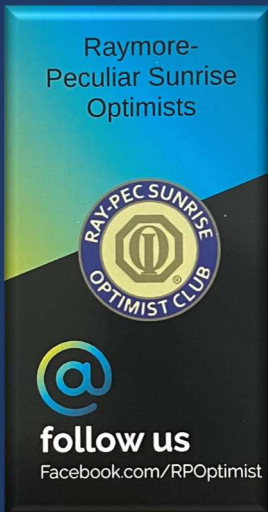
Randy Grimm has come out of retirement after 21 years of dedicated service to Calvary Baptist College and is now serving as the Interim Chief Development Officer, responsible for overseeing the college's fundraising initiatives. The faculty and students of Calvary are actively engaged in their local community through their residences, work, and service. Alongside their various degree programs, Calvary offers a comprehensive sports program that includes baseball, soccer, and volleyball for both men and women.

Randy aims to collaborate with other community service partners and leaders in the region to establish a robust support network that will assist Calvary students in achieving their educational aspirations. Randy is anticipated to become our next new member, sponsored by Mike Sanders. We extend our gratitude to Randy for his contributions to our community.

The QR Code will take you to information on the 24th Annual Calvary Golf Classic at Eagles Landing



Mike Sanders pictured with Randy Grimm



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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.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

You will see your Optimist friends at these events!

5/27 Evening Meeting at Heritage Building, 6:00pm. Hillbilly Bingo

6/3 – Morning 6:30

6/10 – First Responder Peculiar and Chief

6/17 – Raymore City Director & Mayor Turnbow

6/24 – Evening meeting, Camp Quality Kids Cancer Treatment

Senior Awards Night

Mike Sanders and Janet Aliano presented club certificates to winners in Scholarship, Oratorical, Essay, and Prism Art, highlighting the club's partnership with Ray-Pec High School and impact on students successes.



Tom and Connie Circo represented the Club and presented Daylight Donuts to Raymore Police on Peace Officers Day.



WEMO District 3rd Quarter Conference at Osage Beach

The 3rd Quarter Conference hosts the district level competitions in the Oratorical and Essay Contests. The 1st place winners advance to the regional contests. In addition, quarterly Achievement and Activities points are tallied and reported. This quarter, Ray-Pec points were 96K in Category 3. The Club closest to our club in points is 23K. It is probably a safe bet that we will retain our "Top Club" status this fiscal year!



1st Place Oratorical was an 8th Grader from Maryville. The 2nd place winner was a 7th Grader. With declining participation in Ray- Pec Oratorical Contest, the club may reconsider strategies in future iterations of the Oratorical and Essay Contests.



WEMO's Governor Elect, Brian Mills, exhibits the Optimist Creed, *"To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile."*

