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16 MEMBERS' PRESENT

Janet Aliano, Rob Arner, Connie Circo, Tom Circo, Gerry Eftink, Janet Jones, Pete Kerckhoff, Renee Kerckhoff, Jim Kopetsky, Ed Lust, Kathy Lust, Tom O'Conner, Joe O'Neal, Ed Russell, Richard Sanders, Denise Woolf

Kids Speak Out!

The "Kids Speak Out" contest is a pre-Oratorical program that provides a more equitable competition for younger speakers up through age 11 at the CLUB level only. Theme, date, and awards for the contest are up to each club.

Our club has never implemented a pre-Oratorical program for kids. What is exciting about the prospect of hosting such a program is that members decide on the parameters and logistics of the event. Such a program impacts participants and their families as they assist and coach their child's presentation and confidence!

Interested in leading a project with themes like "How I discovered my superpower" or "How I turn a bad day into a glad day"? Contact Denise Woolf to chair and launch this elementary contest. We need you!

Election May 13th

We will be electing the 2025-2026 fiscal year officers next week during the regular meeting 6:30am at IHOP.

Confirming nominations for:

President: Mike Sanders

1st Vice President -

2nd Vice President – Tom O'Connor

Secretary – Denise Woolf

Treasurer – Renee Kerckhoff

OI Foundation Representative – Joe O'Neal

We currently do not have a nomination for 1st Vice President. In the club by-laws the 1st and 2nd Vice President is described:

Article VII – Officers

Section 15: *The 1st Vice President shall act in the capacity of the President in the event of the President's absence, and the 2nd Vice President shall perform such other specific duties as may be assigned to them by the President or the Board of Directors.*

If you feel that you can serve in the capacity of a Vice President, please let Denise Woolf know of your interest as soon as possible. Traditionally, the 1st Vice President serves as President- elect. That has not been the case for the last several years nor is it written in the club by-laws.



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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!

Wednesdays in May – 3:00pm CAN Bagging RP Academy

5/13 – Vote on Club Officers

5/14 – Senior Awards Night RPHS – Presenting 5 - \$1000 scholarships

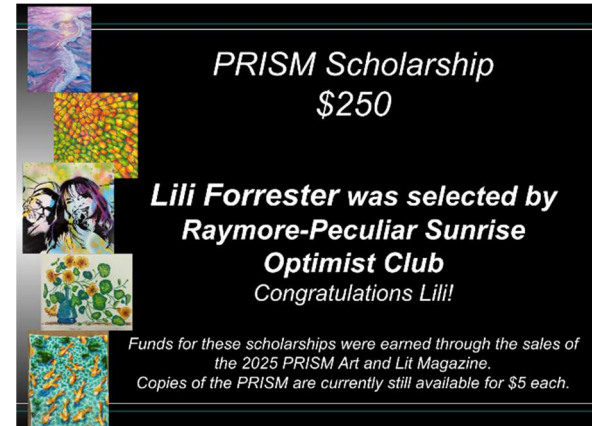
5/17 – WEMO 3rd Qtr Conference Osage Beach, Oratorical and Essay District Contests

Lili Forrester – Prism Art Scholarship

Several months ago, the club gave \$500 to the RPHS Art Department. The funds were used to publish PRISM. This magazine showcases art students work

throughout the year. Sales of PRISM funded two \$250 scholarships.

Optimists were given the privilege of selecting one of the two scholarship recipients.



"Me and Myself"

A reflection of who I once was that will live on longer than I will



"Hidden Growth"

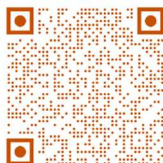
One's growth is always hidden by others and their growth and achievements. Don't compare your growth to others.

"A Lonely Dance"

Nature dances and turns around you but you rarely see the full extent of her beauty and grace.

As the Ray-Pec School year concludes, the QR Codes below provide a sample photo collection of a couple fun activities this year. This collection illustrates the involvement with various youth groups. The table details our activities by Elementary, Middle, and High School programs. It is evident that the High School has more engagement compared to Elementary schools, while there are no activities listed for Middle Schools. Our High School activities will not decrease. We seek assistance in gathering information on how our club can increase its participation with younger generations and their families. Please contact Denise Woolf if you have any proposals.

High School	Middle School	Elementary	All Students	Community/Families
Excellence in Ed		Elementary Raymore Peculiar Field Day & Pre-K	Scouts - Boys and Girls	Heart N Hand
RPHS Art		Pre-K WHALE program	Stuff the Bus	Eagles Community Outreach
RPHS Band		3rd Grade Dictionaries	4H Programs	Hope Haven
RPHS Choir	Substance Abuse Poster Contest			Cass County Library
RPHS Drama			Camp Quality (Kids Cancer)	Easter Egg Hunt
RPHS Oratorical & Essay Contests			CAN Program Coats for Kids	Festival in the Park
RPHS Girls & Boys State Sponsorships				Raymore Mini Mud Run
RPHS Robotics Club			Polar Plunge	Peculiar Festivals
RPHS Scholarships				
Sophomores Missouri Leadership Seminar				
CASS County High Schools Youth Court				



DRIVE Night

Denise Woolf and others were client partners with English 4 students. Students conducted a real life learning experience throughout the school year for their clients.



Excellence in Education

The top scholars for each class along with student recipients of Optimist Scholarships were celebrated April 27th.



Oratorical Contest

Each year the club sponsors a club level Oratorical Contest. 1st and 2nd place winners advance to the Regional District level contest.