

HIGH NOON



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

February 2019

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

Optimist International

President's Message

Congratulations go to Kathleen Thomas as the winner of this year's Essay Contest for the Jackson Noon Optimist Club.

Kathleen will read her essay at our regular business meeting on February 6, 2019. This year's Optimist International Essay Contest topic is "When All the World's Problems are Solved is Optimism Still Necessary?" Please note the Essay Banquet which was scheduled with the Men's Club on February 12, 2019, has been cancelled.

The Oratorical Banquet will be held jointly with the Men's Club on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 6:45 pm at Jackson Knights of Columbus Hall. This year's featured topic for the Optimist International Oratorical Contest will be "Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?". We hope to see all of you there with the cost of the meal to be \$10.

Yearly we sponsor the Optimist Girls Basketball League. As an organization, we believe the game encourages the young girls toward development of team building and leadership skills which will assist them in their future. Last year when our league participants visited the Jackson High School Basketball team, we learned that over 85% of the JHS team members had been involved with the Jackson Noon Optimist Girl's Basketball League. What a noteworthy acknowledgment to our organization as we continue to actively express in our mission statement through our actions!

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2-4 NORMA YOST
2-5 RHONDA SIEVERS
2-19 CLARINDA UNGER

MEETING SCHEDULE—FEBRUARY

- 05 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Jackson Chamber
- 06 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
*Business Meeting, Essay
Contest Winner*
- 13 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
*Program: Bridget Jackson,
Addie Bear*
- 20 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
*Fellowship: Paula Givens
and Donna Rushing, leaders*
- 20 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
*Program: Cape Girardeau
Catfish Baseball Team*

President's message continued

We are still in need of volunteers to represent our club at upcoming Basketball Games which are scheduled each Saturday through March 9, 2019. Please contact Susan Hahs, Kathy Lowes or myself if you can spare a few hours on a Saturday to demonstrate our Club's commitment to the young girls of Jackson. A signup sheet will be circulated at our weekly meetings.

Thank you to our club members who volunteer their precious time toward the support of the youth in our community. As we all know our Kids hold the key to their future and our future.

God Bless

Clarinda

BINGO

February 8

Men's Bingo

February 22

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*



February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Basketball
3	4	5 Board Meeting	6 Noon Meeting Delmonico's Business	7	8 BINGO	9 Basketball
10	11	12	13 Noon Meeting Delmonico's Program	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15	16 Basketball
17	18	19 Oratorical Contest	20 Noon Meeting Delmonico's Fellowship	21	22 Men's Club BINGO	23 Basketball
24	25	26	27 Noon Meeting Delmonico's Program	28		

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Optimist International Day

Members of Optimist International will celebrate **OPTIMIST DAY** throughout the world the first Thursday of every February to promote their efforts in helping and recognizing the young people that make a difference in their communities and who will encourage a greater exchange of ideas between young people and adults.



At the January 30 noon meeting, Mayor Dwain Hahs signed a proclamation in recognition of this special day.

SEMO Prom Mothers

In November, Brenda Randolph gave a program about SEMO Prom Mothers and their mission. As a way to show our support for this group, the board has designated February as a time for individual members to make donations to the SEMO Prom Mothers organization.

Donations may include:

- ★ Short party dresses
- ★ Up-to-date formals
- ★ Accessories—heels, shawls, evening bags, prom jewelry
- ★ Clothing Racks
- ★ Monetary Donations

Members are asked to bring appropriate donations to club meetings. All donations will be delivered at the end of the month.

Jackson Noon Optimist Club

Welcomes

Sandra Cannon

Sandra joined our club in December and was formally inducted on January 9, 2019 by President Clarinda Unger.

Sandra is from California and has lived in Jackson for 2 1/2 years. She works remotely for First American Title—a job she held in California.

She has two sons who are both in the Navy and has one grandson.

She is a volunteer at MVTH and is a wish grantor for the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

New Member



Clarinda Unger, President; Sandra Cannon, new member; Paula Givens new member sponsor

January Meeting Notes

January 2

No Meeting

January 9

Business (See board briefs on the next page)

January 16

Fellowship—Thank You to Mary Kirn

The fellowship committee planned a fun celebration to thank Mary Kirn for her many years of working Optimist Bingo. We played New Year's Bingo, and enjoyed Bingo cupcakes. Mary was presented a gift basket of goodies for her to enjoy.

January 23

Program—Women in the Outdoors

Dee Dee Dockins presented an interesting program on outdoor activities available for women sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation.



January 30

President's Choice—Stooges
(See photos)



Thank You Mary Kirn

Stooges—January 30, 2019



Scholarship

The Jackson Noon Optimist Club will again award four scholarships this year. However, the format of the scholarship program has changed. Three scholarships will be awarded from the general scholarship fund and one will be awarded from the Mary Purcell scholarship fund.

The general scholarship requirements are:

- ◆ High School senior pursuing post-secondary education.
- ◆ Applicants must live within the Jackson R-2 School district.
- ◆ Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2018.

The Mary Purcell scholarship requirements are:

- ◆ High School senior pursuing post-secondary education.
- ◆ Applicants must attend Jackson High School.
- ◆ Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5.
- ◆ Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2018.

Scholarship forms are available in the counselor's office of local area high schools.

If you have questions, need an application or would like further information, please contact a member of the Scholarship Committee.

Mary Boner, Debra Hoffmann, Lauri Spain

Oratorical Contest

The Optimist Oratorical Contest will be held on Tuesday, February 19 at the KC Hall, lower level, in conjunction with the Evening Optimist Club. Dinner will be served at 6:45. Five contestants will give a prepared speech on the topic "Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?"

Please sign up if you can attend. The cost is \$10 per member.

Merideth Pobst

Hope for Kids

The Hope for Kids Committee has approved a donation of \$500 for Westin Engelen, infant son of Angel and David Engelen. Westin has a deformity of the liver that requires medical treatment and will eventually need a liver transplant.



Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 in the meeting room at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce.

Committee Updates

Oratorical—Joint project with the men's club. Banquet will be held February 19, 2019 at the KC Hall. Regional Oratorical contest set for April 7, 2019 at the Osage Center.

Essay—Clarinda reported that as of today there has been only one essay submitted.

Basketball—Susan Hahs reported that 188 girls have registered. There are 23 teams and 42 coaches this season. Practice started on Monday night and the first games will be on January 26. Members will be asked to volunteer to work at the gyms. Signup sheet will be distributed at the club meeting on Wednesday.

Old Business

SEMO Prom Mothers—Reminder that we voted to have February as donation month for the SEMO Prom Mothers organization with members asked to bring appropriate donations to club meetings.

Board Action

- Approved purchase of a liability insurance policy designed specifically for Club Directors and Officers at an annual cost of \$578. Those covered under the policy are: past, present or future directors; trustees; officers; board members; paid, leased, temporary employees; volunteers or staff member of the organization; the club.
- Approved \$100 donation to Emanuel United Church of Christ in memory of Stanley Beggs, spouse of LaDonia Beggs who passed away in December. (As per club policy)

Debra Hoffmann, Secretary

Optimist International Foundation



Dime A Day Donation

On January 9, Anita Sievers presented pins to four members who contributed \$36.50 to the Dime-A-Day campaign of the Optimist International Foundation.

On January 23, Mary Boner also received her pin from Anita.

Contributions may still be made for Dime-a-Day anytime during each Optimist year. Make a check for \$36.50 made payable to OIF (Optimist International Foundation). Submit the check to the Club Foundation Representative, Anita Sievers.



Emily Collins, Janet Poston, Barbara Gohlon, and Wanda Young receive their Dime-a-Day pin from Anita Sievers (*second from right*)



Mary Boner receives her Dime-a-Day pin from Anita Sievers.

Girls Basketball

The girls' basketball program on Saturday mornings is under way for the season. We have 190 girls, 42 coaches and 23 teams. The 2nd & 3rd grade girls play at the Orchard Gym, 4th & 5th play at the Middle School *Old* Gym while the 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls play at the Middle School *New* Gym. So parking at the Middle School on Saturday morning is limited with 2 divisions of players coming and going. We still need volunteers for *every time slot and every week*. If there is a certain division or gym you would like to volunteer in let either Clarinda or I know.

On Feb. 9th Blake has arranged for the girls to have **Free** admission to the SEMO Redhawks ladies & men's basketball game. They must wear their Optimist basketball shirts to get the free admission. I think there may be some extra surprises in store for the girls on behalf of the Redhawks!

Again, I would remind you to wear your Optimist shirt if possible and arrive a few minutes before your assigned time. This is especially important if you are watching the first game, because the practice balls and red mesh bags needs to be out and available for the referees. At the Orchard gym sometimes the referees need to be reminded to tape the floor, which makes the game simpler for the younger girls.

Blake, Clarinda and I will be around most mornings at one of the gyms, if there is a question or concern, please call us. If there is a person or coach belittling the referees call Blake or one of us to come handle the situation. Also, if there is a serious injury, take the name and phone number of individuals in the area that witnessed the accident just in case we need to contact them at a later date.

A big thank you to those who volunteer their Saturday morning to come watch the girls. It is an entertaining morning and to watch the progress of the girls through the season is a testimony that we are doing it right!

Susan Hahs

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