

HIGH NOON



Jackson Noon Optimist
P.O. Box 615
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Meetings held on Wednesday - 12:00 PM - Delmonico's

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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.

President's Message

July turned out to be a quick month of vacation for us, but that doesn't mean that we Optimists weren't busy. On Thursday, July 13, our club donated and helped distribute 1,000 ice cream bars to all the attendees at the Jackson Municipal Band's "An Enchanted Evening with Storybook Entertainment". It was a fun night for all. Thank you, Teresa Meier for organizing this event! Our Youth Appreciation Night was on Tuesday, July 25. Our Noon Club and the Jackson Evening Club distributed 190 ride tickets & 200 ice cream coupons to children at the Jackson Home-comers. Thank you to Paula Givens for coordinating this joyful night!

Bingo has been extremely busy with a large pot and lots more players coming to try to win it. We are in need of another bingo caller, so if you would like to take on this challenge, please contact me or Mary Kirn (573-979-4890). Also, we will need lots of extra help on August 11 if the pot doesn't go on July 28. Once again, many thanks to the ladies (and men) who come to work at all our bingo games. We greatly appreciate you!

We are going to have some more new members join our club after their approval at our next Optimist Board Meeting. Please welcome these ladies with open arms.

The next Optimist Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5, 6:30 pm @ the Jackson Chamber of Commerce. Members are always welcome to join us.

Please be careful in this oppressive heat and be extra aware of keeping water available for your outdoor animals.

Be Kind
Do Good
Change the World for the Better

Janell Hinkebein

Happy Birthday!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8-1 SUSAN HAHS**
- 8-3 KATHY LOWES**
- 8-5 JANELL HINKEBEIN**
- 8-20 JUDY WILES**
- 8-28 TERESA MEIER**
- 8-29 ANNA DEAN STATLER**

Bingo

August 11--Noon Club

August 25--Men's Club

4th Quarter Convention East Missouri District

August 18-20
Hilton St. Louis Airport

President Janell, Lt. Gov. Emily Collins and Esther Bohnert have been registered to attend the convention. If any other club members would like to attend, please let me know so that I can get you registered.

Debra Hoffmann, Secretary

MEETING SCHEDULE—AUGUST

- 01 Board Meeting—6:30 p.m.
Meeting Room at Jackson Chamber of Commerce
- 02 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Business
- 09 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Program: (1) Barracuda Swim Team (2) Alana Gilbert, EMO District Golf Winner
- 16 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Fellowship: Connie Werner
- 23 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Program: Andrew Chronister from SEMO—Topics are: the drone degree and the professional pilot program.
- 30 *President's Choice—Noon Meeting Emanuel United Church of Christ*

Menu: Taco Bar (beef and chicken) with all the fixings, etc., dessert and drink. Cost is \$10. Signup sheet will be available at the upcoming regular meetings or you may contact Debra Hoffmann or Dorothy Rowley.

"August rain: the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time." — *Sylvia Plath*

"This morning, the sun endures past dawn. I realize that it is August: the summer's last stand." — *Sara Baume*

"August is the slow, gentle month that stretches out the longest across the span of a year. It yawns and lingers on with the light in its palms." — *Victoria Erickson*

June-July Meeting Notes

June 7

Meeting Cancelled

June 14

Business—See board briefs at the right.

Three of the club's scholarship recipients attended the meeting: *Madeline Kiehne, Hunter Wendel, and Maci Wendel*. They were each introduced and talked about themselves, their future plans, etc.

June 21

Fellowship: Susan Hahs and Kathy Lowes

We played three fun games. Game winners received prizes that related to the topic of the games.

Selena Ybarra, recipient of the Mary Purcell Scholarship was recognized.

June 28

Program: Sarah Garner, SEMO Food Bank

Sarah provided information about the SEMO Food Bank based in Sikeston, MO.

Induction of three new members: Amy Blackman, Doris Denny and Krissy Groves. (article on page 4)

Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jackson Chamber.

Committee Updates

- *Bingo*—Noon Club Bingo-was June 9, Men's Club Bingo-23 and Noon Club 5th Friday June 30..
- *Scholarship*—Four of the recipients are scheduled to be our guests on June 14.
- *EMO District Golf*—Alana Gilbert won the East Missouri District golf tournament and has qualified for the Optimist International Golf Tournament in Florida in July.
- *Boys and Girls State*—The club is sponsoring Charlee Koepp and Holland Guilliams to American Legion Girls State and Lucas Bonnegent to Boys State June 24-July 1.
- *Youth Appreciation*—Club will again distribute ride tickets and ice cream tickets to youth ages 2-15 on Tuesday, July 25 at Homecomers. Ticket distribution will begin at 6 p.m.
- *Muny Band*—The club will assist the Jackson Muny Band at the "Enchanted Evening with Storybook Entertainment" by distributing ice cream and picking up trash. We have budgeted a \$500 donation for this project.
- *EMO 4th Quarter Convention*—Meeting will be held in St. Louis on August 18-20.
- *Fifth Wednesday/President's Choice* will be August 30 at Emanuel UCC.

Other Items

- ★ Approved \$500 donation to Alana Gilbert to assist with expenses for the OI Golf Tournament in Florida in July.
- ★ Approved renewal of the club's liability insurance policy.
- ★ Reviewed Focus Project applications. Selected the Jackson Barracuda Swim Team and approved an initial donation of \$2,500. Approved an option for additional funds up to a maximum of \$4,000 after receiving more detailed financial statements from the team showing their needs.
- ★ Approved participation in the EMO "Loose Change" fundraiser for the OI Foundation.

Debra Hoffmann, Secretary



Scholarship Recipients



Three of the club's four General Scholarship Recipients attended the June 14 club meeting. They each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Left to right: Hunter Wendel, Maci Wendel and Madeline Kiehne.

Selena Ybarra, recipient of the \$1,000 Mary Purcell Scholarship joined us on June 21.

Congratulations



New Member Induction



On June 28, three new members were inducted into our club:

New Members

- Amy Blackman
- Doris Denny
- Krissy Groves

Sponsors

- Sara Gerau
- Gail Kamp
- Janell Hinkebein

We welcome them to our club and look forward to getting to know and interact with them. Please make them feel welcome.

Left to right: Merideth Pobst (standing in for sponsor Sarah Gerau) and new member Amy Blackman; new member Krissy Groves and sponsor Janell Hinkebein; new member Doris Denny and sponsor Gail Kamp.

September Events



Fair Gate Fundraiser

The Jackson Noon Optimist Club has been asked to work the fair gates at SEMO District Fair on Friday, September 15 and Saturday, September 16. We have been assigned gate three which is the fair gate we have worked in the past.

The SEMO Fair Gate Project is our second highest money fundraiser of the year. So mark your calendars, we will be passing out a sign-up sheet in August.

Thank you

Fair Gates Committee: *Clarinda Unger, Emily Collins, Paula Givens, Lauri Spain, and Tammy Duncan*

2023-2024 Optimist Installation Banquet

Wednesday, September 27, 2023,
11:30 am-1:00 pm

Kimbeland Country Club
2175 E Jackson Blvd,
Jackson, MO.

We will have a RSVP sheet at the meetings or you may respond back to this email to Deb Hoffmann or contact Clarinda Unger (573) 837-5097 to RSVP.

Enchanted Evening with Storybook Entertainment

The club was pleased to participate in a community event sponsored by the Jackson Municipal Band. An Enchanted Evening with Storybook Entertainment was held on July 13 providing storybook characters for children (and adults) to meet and greet.

Our club distributed ice cream to all those in attendance and also picked up trash. A great evening was enjoyed by all.



Youth Appreciation Night at Homecomers



On Tuesday, July 25 these energetic ladies, and John Strickland from the men's club, braved the 102 degree heat index for Youth Appreciation Night at Homecomers. They gave out 1900 ride tickets and 200 ice cream tickets to children for \$2 ride night. The ticket giveaway lasted 14 minutes and the long line was empty in 5 minutes. This was a very efficient group. Thanks to all who helped with this project.



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