

HIGH NOON



Jackson Noon Optimist
P.O. Box 615
Jackson, MO 63755

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



February 2021

Volume 5



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

February offers us 2 highlighted days to show our community, friends and family some love. Valentine's Day the 14th of course, but as Optimists we also have February 4th as designated Optimist Day. Wear your shirt or pin to show your optimistic pride. Share our Optimist creed with a neighbor or acquaintance. Be sure and invite a non-member to learn more about our organization.

Vaccinations continue. Many of our members have received at least their 1st dose, if not already their 2nd. If you are not on the list for an appointment, and do not know how to get on the schedule, let me know and I can help you. It is easiest if you have an email available.

We received a letter from OI foundation highlighting what our dollars supported over the past year.

OI was able to maintain its commitment to supporting the modified world oratorical championship totaling \$40,000. Scholarships from winning participants representing the US, Caribbean and International regions are fully funded by OIF.

Continued the strong support of the Optimist International scholarship programs, Oratorical, Essay and CCDHH.

Awarded \$10,500 for new projects clubs were able to pursue through a club Grant effort.

Supported clubs working on childhood health and wellness efforts in their communities with over \$22,000 awarded.

Thanks for being a great supporter of "Helping Optimist Help Kids".

Hope to see you soon,
Paula Givens



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

MEETING SCHEDULE—FEBRUARY

- 02 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Jackson Chamber
- 03 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
**Business Meeting*

The Board of Directors will determine the meeting schedule for the remainder of the month of February.

****Watch your email for further meeting information.

BINGO

Noon Club—February 12

Men's Club—February 26

Reminder

Pay Club Dues for 2020-2021

Payments may be mailed to P. O. Box 615, Jackson, MO 63755. You may also pay at a regular noon club meeting.

Questions or concerns—contact Treasurer Dorothy Rowley by phone 573-243-5882 or email—d.m.rowley@att.net

♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥

Upcoming Events

Second Quarter
East Missouri District Conference
February 26-27

See letter on page 4.

Club Essay Contest

This Essay Contest will again be a joint project with the men's club. **There will not be a banquet this year.**

Essays are due to the Essay committee by February 18. Essays will then be judged and winners submitted to the East Missouri District for the next level of competition.

Club Oratorical Contest
March 6 on Zoom

Board Briefs

The Jackson Noon Optimist Club Board of Directors held the monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 via Zoom.

Communications

Letter from Rushing Trust Foundation stating that we had received a grant for \$625 for club technology improvements.

Committee Reports

Bingo—The Optimist Bingo board will meet on January 11, 2021 to make a decision regarding February Bingo. Training on new equipment will be offered as well. The results of the survey sent to our club members asking how many were willing to work at Bingo in February were: *Yes—9, No—11, Maybe--1*

Scholarship—Applications have been distributed to Jackson High School, Saxony Lutheran, Eagle Ridge, and Notre Dame.

Board Actions

- **Noon Meetings**—Meetings will be held on January 13 and January 27.
- **Roster Adjustment**—Approved the resignation of Sarah Keys.
- Approved the budgeted \$250 donation to the Jackson Ministerial Food Pantry be made as soon as possible.

Debra Hoffmann, Secretary

Christmas Tree Sales

Our club joined with the men's club in selling Christmas trees as a fund raising project.

We sold a total of \$8,511 worth of trees. Cost of the trees along with other expenses incurred was \$4,636.06. The net profit was \$3,874.94 which we split equally with the men's club. (\$1,937.47 profit for each club). Thanks to all the members (and helpers) that worked this project.

January Meeting Notes

January 13

Business Meeting

January 27

Program—Janna Clifton, Executive Director of Uptown Jackson Revitalization Organization

Janna is the new executive director of UJRO with only five days on the job. She has been busy settling in to her new role. She has worked in retail for the past 15 years.

Janna told us about the organization's purposes and the annual events they will be sponsoring. She had volunteer forms available for anyone interested in helping the organization.



Optimist International Foundation

Dime A Day Donation

Thanks to the following club members who made the \$36.50 donation to the Optimist International Foundation and special thanks to those who donated \$50 to the foundation in recognition of the 50th anniversary of OIF.

Anita Sievers, Club OIF Representative presented the special 50th anniversary pins to members present at the January 13 club meeting.

Donors included:

Susan Hahs	Clarinda Unger
Paula Givens	Janet Poston
Barbara Lohr	Kathy Lowes
Lauri Spain	Dorothy Rowley
Carol Rohlf	Debra Hoffmann
Barbara Gholson	Janell Hinkebein
Anita Sievers	Mary Boner

East Missouri District Conference

I am excited to announce our plans for the East Missouri 2nd Quarter Virtual Conference! The conference will be on February 26 & 27 2021 from the comfort of your living room! Being able to attend this conference from home is just one perk, another perk- IT'S FREE! So besides being able to be in your comfy clothes, and getting to still see your favorite Optimists from around the district, you also don't have to pay a penny!

But the fun doesn't stop there! Zone 2 will be sending out Happiness Bags to members that register (as supplies last) so hurry and get your registrations in so you don't miss out on the goodies inside!

We will be holding this conference via Zoom, but we have a lot of fun planned! Links for registration and Zoom will be sent out soon.

In the meantime, check out our schedule of events planned out.

Friday, February 26

- 6:30 pm Gathering
- 7:00 pm Executive Committee meeting
- 7:30 pm Catch a Rising Star- Part 1
- 8:30 pm Fun and Fellowship

Saturday, February 27

- 8:30 am Coffee
- 9:00 am Board of Directors Meeting
- 9:30 am JOI Around the World
- 10:00 am Break
- 10:15 am Oratorical Contest - Karl Tyminski
- 10:45 am What NOT to Post to Engage Others- Mary Hatfield
- 11:15 am Essay Contest- Angelia Dixon
- 11:45 am Lunch Break
- 12:00 Sleep in Heavenly Peace Presentation- Steve McLean
- 12:30 pm Learning Management System- Liz Christman
- 1:00 pm Optimist Curling- Al Kersey
- 1:30 pm Ben's Blue Bags Presentation
- 2:00 pm Attendance Prizes

Liz Sperry
EMO District Secretary/ Treasurer
2020/2021

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