

HIGH NOON



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



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.

Optimist International

President's Message

Hats go off to Lauri Spain for organizing and developing a high quality Respect For Law Day. Mary Hatfield, EMO Governor, attended the banquet and shared with us what other clubs do for this event. We need to recognize our Club's valuable service for the youth of our community and be VERY PROUD!!!! of our events and how they benefit the City of Jackson.

Congratulations and thank you to Janell Hinkebein and her committee for the NOW event/picnic. WOW, what a fun-filled event that was both encouraging and enjoyable. Thank you to all who brought prospective members. Appreciate all the hard work involved organizing this event. Janell, thanks again for your perseverance of moving us toward the goal of the NOW event.

As we focus on this year's Optimist Centennial celebration, there are two questions monthly about Optimist International History. When you know the 2 answers, send me an email at cunger55@gmail.com. If you do not have email, just write the answers down and bring it to a meeting. Your name will be placed in a drawing each month with the winning entry to be drawn at the fellowship meeting. You must be present to win. (Hint: the answers are on the internet)

1. What Foundation was created to operate exclusively for the charitable, literary or educational purposes of Optimist International? Hint this Foundation started in 1971.
2. What decade was Respect For Law created? This program was undertaken in an effort to combat apathy toward crime and the dispensation of justice?

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

**6-27 PATTY TURNER
6-29 CONNIE WERNER**

BINGO

June 14

MEETING SCHEDULE—JUNE

- 04 Board Meeting—Jackson Chamber @ 6:30 p.m.
- 05 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's *Business Meeting and Scholarship Recipients*
- 12 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's *Program: Lynn Boren, Southeast Hospice*
- 19 Fellowship: Meet at Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship, Sandra Cannon—Fellowship leader
- 26 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's *Program: Bridget Jackson—Addie*

Men's Club Bingo

June 28

President's message continued

Reminder our yearly vacation is coming in July and there will be no meetings. We will be having Youth Appreciation during Homecomers, information coming later. We still have Bingo, Friday, July 26, 2019. Yes that is correct we will be switching with the men in July.

God Bless

Clarinda

July is Vacation Month



June 2019

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		<div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 2px;">Board Meeting</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">Noon Meeting Delmonico's Business</div>			
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			<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">Noon Meeting Delmonico's Program</div>		<div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 2px;">BINGO</div>	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">Fellowship at Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship</div>			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">Noon Meeting Delmonico's Program</div>		<div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 2px;">Men's Club BINGO</div>	
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	<div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 2px;">Optimist International Convention June 30-July 3</div>					

May Meeting Notes

May 1

Business (See board briefs on the right.)

May 8

Program—Southeast Health

Ken Bateman presented an interesting update on what is happening at Southeast Health.



May 15

NOW/Centennial Celebration

See article and photos on pages 7-8 of the newsletter.

May 22

Program—Quilting Ministry

Debbie Carlton from Connection Point Church presented information about how their quilting ministry reaches people in this area.



May 29

President's Choice

The 5th Wednesday meeting was held in the Activity Room at The Villas of Jackson where member Pat Abernathy is a resident. See photos on page 11.

Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 in the meeting room at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce for the May meeting.

Communications:

Thank You Notes from Mikala Liley and Sarah Fetterhoff, two of our scholarship recipients.

Committee Updates

Bingo—A sub-committee has been formed to study member participation in bingo and other club projects. Esther Bohnert and Wanda Young are the co-chairs.

Southeast HealthPoint Fair—Fair was held on April 27. There were 33 children who registered for the Scooter being given away by the club. Winners were Alex and Alise Shrimpun. Bicycle safety T-shirts were given to children. Club members heard many positive remarks about Safety City.

NOW—Invitations have been mailed to 21 guests.

Optimist District Golf Tournament—Applications for the East Missouri District Golf tournament have been sent to the Jackson High School Golf coaches, Saxony Lutheran Golf coach and delivered to Kimbeland and Bent Creek Golf Courses.

Board Action

- Approved using budgeted money for program expense to pay for lunch at The Villas on May 29 and at Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship on June 19.
- Approved \$250 "Sparkler" Sponsorship for Southeast Health annual Independence Day 5K Race. .

Debra Hoffmann, Secretary

Respect for Law

Sixth graders from Jackson R-2, St. Paul Lutheran and Immaculate Conception Schools recently participated in the Respect for Law essay contests. The winners from Jackson R-2 were: Micaela Shipley, Ian Kelley, Conner Strickland, Katy St. John, Ian Lambert, Traci Rhodes, Kaitlyn Aufdenberg, Merritt Smith, James Henry, Logan Broshuis, Shawn Bradley and Gavin Saupe. The winner from St. Paul Lutheran was Anthony Kearns and from Immaculate Conception, Libby Buchheit.

The winners spent the day of May 10th with local law enforcement agencies. The students first stop was Jackson City Hall where they met the City Administrator Jim Roach, who presented them with a proclamation signed by Mayor Hahs. The students then toured the Jackson Police Department, the Jackson Fire Department, and the Cape Girardeau Sheriff's Department.

The students went to the Jackson City Park and met Beny, the Jackson Police Department K-9 who demonstrated how he sniffs out illegal items with his nose. A Missouri State Conservation Agent explained his job and brought along a deer decoy for the kids to see. The students got to try on bullet-proof vests and look at equipment with the Missouri State Highway

Patrol who also flew in a helicopter. The pilot talked about his job and invited students to sit in the helicopter.

On May 14th, the Respect for Law banquet was held to celebrate the contest winners and honor our law enforcement officers. Mary Hatfield, the East Missouri Governor was a special guest. She briefly addressed the group, congratulating the students for their essays and the two clubs for an impressive program.

David Hunt and Lauri Spain, Chairpersons for Respect for Law, would like to thank Jim Young for taking pictures of the activities. They would also like to thank Paul Hoffmann, Deb Hoffmann, and Jim Young for reading essays and Donna Rushing, Clarinda Unger and Janet Poston for helping with lunch. Thanks to McDonald's for donating cookies for lunch and to Chick-Fil-A for their contribution to the lunch. And of course a **special thanks** goes to all the officers that help us with this program. It would not be possible without them. Thank you Officers Polley, Lester, Broch, Adams, Windbigler, Lynch, Bennett, Spain, Price, and Stratton.

Lauri Spain, Respect for Law Chair



Respect for Law



Students enjoyed seeing the Missouri Highway Patrol helicopter.



Mary Hatfield, East Missouri District Governor addresses the group at the Respect for Law banquet.



Respect for Law Banquet May 14.

Optimist NOW Event/Centennial Celebration 2019

The rain may have changed our location, but it did nothing to dampen our Optimistic Spirit! The NOW (New Optimists Welcome) Event/Centennial Celebration was held on Wednesday, May 15 at Emanuel United Church of Christ instead of Safety City in Jackson Park.

Old-time music played in the background as 12 guests and 26 established members were greeted and signed in. We started the party by playing "High School Memories" Bingo as an ice-breaker. President Clarinda Unger welcomed everyone and Secretary Debra Hoffmann gave us a short Optimist Centennial history lesson on how our organization originally started, plus other interesting information. Pastor Sam Roethemeyer led the prayer before lunch, delicious food was served and all were able to enjoy each other's company.

Connie Werner was emcee in a rousing game of "Let's Make a Deal!". "Zonks and Fantastic Prizes" were won by contestants with \$25 being the grand prize during the "Showcase Showdown". Everyone enjoyed playing or watching the antics. This was definitely a highlight of the event!

As a tribute for our International Optimist Centennial Anniversary, all members were encouraged to bring canned goods or food items to the event to donate to the Jackson Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. We exceeded our goal of 100 by collecting 172 items! Pastor Sam and Pastor Joe Rowley were overjoyed with our food drive and were even more excited for all the families the food will help nourish! Many thanks and blessings to our generous members who contributed to the food pantry!

Gift bags and potted geraniums were given to our guests and door prizes were given to everyone at the end of the party. Thank you to all who participated, organized, or brought food to this event. We hope everyone had a wonderful afternoon of fun, food, fellowship and enjoyed a day with the Jackson Noon Optimists.

Janell Hinkebein, Chair



Canned goods and other donated items for the Jackson Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry.

Optimist NOW Event

Centennial Celebration 2019



East Missouri District Third Quarter Conference

Clarinda Unger, President; Lauri Spain, President-Elect, Debra Hoffmann, Secretary; and Janet Poston, Board Member attended the Third Quarter East Missouri District Conference in St. Louis on May 3-4.

The highlight of the conference was the District Oratorical Contest where 6 students competed for scholarship money. Winning a \$2,500 scholarship was Judson Mayfield representing the Marble Hill Optimist Club. Justin Samanta, representing The Optimist Club of Jackson received 3rd place.

Celena Schmolzi, the District Essay Winner, read her winning essay. She was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship.

Our club received 2nd place in Category III of the District Awards and Achievement competition with 49,025 points. The Optimist Club of Jackson (men's club) placed first with 59,800 points.

Training session topics were: Home-Stretch Optimist Trivia, Personal Growth & Involvement/Professional Development Program, and How Fit is Your Club.

Debra Hoffmann



Janet Poston, Lauri Spain, Clarinda Unger and Debra Hoffmann



Mary Hatfield, EMO Governor at left and John Strickland at far right join the District Oratorical Contestants for a photo.

President's Choice

Villas of Jackson

The 5th Wednesday, President's Choice noon meeting was held at the Villas of Jackson on Wednesday, May 29. Twenty-one members enjoyed lunch and fellowship on the outdoor patio in the garden area. Lunch included BBQ pork and chicken, potato salad, baked beans, potato chips and dessert. Thanks to the Villas for providing iced tea and water for us.

Pat Abernathy, Optimist club member, is a resident at the Villas. After lunch Pat invited members to visit her apartment.



Leadership Team 2019-2020

PRESIDENT	Lauri Spain
PRESIDENT-ELECT	Heidi Duckworth
VICE-PRESIDENT	Paula Givens
SECRETARY	Debra Hoffmann
TREASURER	Patty Turner
PAST-PRESIDENT	Clarinda Unger

Voting for the Club Officers and Board Members was held on May 8. Congratulations to those who were elected to serve on the 2019-2020 Leadership Team.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Mary Boner	Kathy Lowes
Emily Collins	Janet Poston
Janell Hinkebein	Rhonda Sievers

Installation Banquet September 23, 2019



Current Board of Directors take time out for a photo after a special meeting at Delmonico's.

Upcoming Conferences

Optimist International Convention
Louisville, Kentucky
June 30-July 3

Fourth Quarter
East Missouri District Convention
August 9-11
Columbia, Missouri

JACKSON NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

2018-2019 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Clarinda Unger—243-5409

VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

Lauri Spain—204-7006

VICE PRESIDENT

Donna Rushing—243-4995

PAST PRESIDENT

Susan Hahs—204-7574

SECRETARY

Debra Hoffmann—243-7479

TREASURER

Patty Turner—243-8273

DIRECTORS:

Mary Boner—262-2077

Emily Collins—243-7613

Janell Hinkebein—243-3367

Janet Poston—450-0262

Rhonda Sievers—204-0625

Connie Werner—450-9677

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:

Rebecca Butler Mona

EAST MISSOURI DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

Mary Hatfield

Lt. Governor Zone 11:

Emily Collins

Newsletter articles and photos deadline is the 25th of each month. Send reports to Debra Hoffmann: dhoffmannr2@yahoo.com.



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