

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

School is out and June has arrived in Jackson!

I hope that everyone had a Happy Memorial Weekend and took time to remember the ultimate sacrifice so many of our military personnel gave to ensure us a life of freedom. Thank you is just not enough to express our gratitude!

The month of May sure flew by. We had Anna Bergmark, the City of Jackson Engineer, and Rachel Webster, Cape County Agent for the MO Dept of Conservation, both give us some interesting presentations. Lots of questions were answered and we all gained a little more knowledge about what's going on in our community. We also had Fellowship by Clarinda Unger and Esther Bohnert that involved a little stepping out of our comfort zone by changing seats. We need to do that every once in a while, to get to know all of our Optimist Members.

Bingo is chugging along and we are thankful for all the ladies & men who show up religiously to help out (even when it's not their day to work)! ATTENTION: This month we have TWO bingo dates to work at- June 9, and it's our turn to have the fifth Wednesday, June 30. Please be ready to volunteer when the sign-up sheet comes to your table. Remember, the money we make from Bingo funds everything that we donate to. Thank you!

We chose five Scholarship winners instead of four this year. The applications were all so good that we made room for one more, and we were pleased to do it.

The Optimist Junior Golf Tournament in Ste. Genevieve is this month. At last count we have paid the entry for five students. Great participation this year!

July is our vacation month, so we will be doing some preplanning this month to be ready for Youth Appreciation Day & the Jackson Muni Band Enchanted Evening with Storybook Entertainment on July 13. We will need lots of volunteers to make it happen, but that's never a problem because it's so much fun!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6-21 GAIL KAMP**
- 6-22 JANNA CLIFTON**
- 6-23 AMY ROBBINS**
- 6-29 CONNIE WERNER**



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 28 CATHY GOODMAN**
- 28 BROOKE ROTH**
- 29 ESTHER BOHNERT**

MEETING SCHEDULE—JUNE

- 06 Board Meeting—6:30 p.m.
Meeting Room at Jackson Chamber of Commerce
- 07 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Business
- 14 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Scholarship Recipients
- 21 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Fellowship: Susan Hahs & Kathy Lowes
- 28 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Program: TBA

**JULY IS VACATION MONTH
NO WEDNESDAY MEETINGS**

President's message continued

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

Last but not least, three wonderful ladies are joining our club. Doris Denny, Krissy Groves and Amy Blackman have all been approved to join and we will be inducting them soon. Please make these ladies feel welcome.

Thank you all for being an Optimist! I love this club!

Be Kind
Do Good
Change the World for the Better

Janell Hinkebein

June Bingo

June 9--Noon Club

June 23--Men's Club

June 30--Noon Club (5th Friday)

July Bingo

July 14--Noon Club

July 28--Men's Club

May Meeting Notes

May 3

Business—See board briefs at the right.

May 10

Program: Anna Bergmark, Jackson City Engineer
Anna gave an informative presentation on Jackson's bridge project, sidewalk project and the Walk Jackson Program.

May 17

Fellowship: Clarinda Unger & Esther Bohnert
We played a fun game of "Getting to Know You".

Before the meeting, several members visited East Elementary School to deliver a \$200 donation check to the Shine Club.

May 24

Program: Rachel Webster, Cape Girardeau County Agent for the Missouri Department of Conservation

Rachel gave an informative presentation about her duties as a conservation agent and allowed members to ask questions.

May 31



Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jackson Chamber office.

Committee Updates

- *Bingo*—Noon Club Bingo-May 12, Men's Club Bingo-May 26.
- *Oratorical*—EMO District Contest will be held at the 3rd Quarter District Conference in St. Louis.
- *Scholarship*—Recipients have been selected and notification have been mailed.
- *Youth in Government*—Event was a great success.
- *EMO District Golf*—We have one application and are still waiting to see if we have other applicants that wish to participate. We are providing \$300 donation for the lunch at the tournament and will pay for players to register (up to a maximum of 10).
- *Nominating Committee*—Candidates for officer and board positions are still being sought. Election to be held on May 17.

Other Items

- ★ Approved revisions to the Hope for Kids application as recommended by the committee.
- ★ Approved the request to turn over the Girls Basketball program to the City of Jackson and to donate \$1000 to help with expenses of running the program.
- ★ Approved donating all of the basketballs and other equipment except for the first-aid kits to the city.
- ★ Focus project forms are due May 17.

Debra Hoffmann, Secretary

*Left: Rachel Webster, Conservation Agent
Right: Anna Bergmark, Jackson City Engineer*

Band Shell Beautification



Pictured are some of the beautiful flowers at the Band Shell in the Jackson City Park. The committee has been busy beautifying the landscaping in preparation for the summer Munity Band season. The band's first regular weekly performance will be Thursday, June 1 at the Band Shell.

The club received \$500 from the Munity Band to help cover expenses of maintaining the landscaping last year and this year.

Shine Club

On Wednesday, May 17, Janell Hinkebein, Janna Clifton and Merideth Pobst visited East Elementary to present a \$200 check to the Shine Club to purchase batons for the Special Olympics practices. Merideth Pobst explained to the club members at the noon meeting about how the Shine Club got started and how our club has been supporting them in their projects.



The 3rd Quarter East Missouri District Conference was held on May 5-6 in St. Louis. Attending from our club were: Esther Bohnert, Emily Collins, Debra Hoffmann and Lauri Spain.

Zone 11, led by Lt. Governor Emily Collins, was responsible for the Hospitality Room on Friday evening before and after the executive board meeting. A Cinco de Mayo theme was used.



The district Oratorical Contest was held on Saturday morning and the district Essay Contest winner presented their essay at the luncheon. The board of directors meetings and general business sessions were also held.

Our club received the Platinum level (top level) in the Awards & Achievements program again this quarter.

EMO District Conference



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