

HIGH NOON



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

March 2019

Volume 6

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

Spring is just around the corner, and our Club has scheduled many Spring projects which will undoubtedly "spring" our membership into action during the next several months.

On February 6, 2019 Kathleen Thomas read her winning essay to our club. Thank You Wanda Young for another year of taking charge of the essay contest. On February 19, 2019 the Oratorical Contest was held and we had two winners Lydia Pobst and Samuel Koenig. Meredith Pobst and Shelly Kaiser thank you for organizing a successful Oratorical Contest.

Since this year is the Optimist International Centennial, in May we will be featuring events to acknowledge our Centennial. So be sure to stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to recognize this milestone of our Club. For the next four months I will be focusing on Optimist Centennial in the president's message. I will be posting 2 questions each month about Optimist International history. When you know the 2 answers, send me an email at cunger55@gmail.com. If you do not have email 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)

March 2019 - Questions

1. What was the location and year that the first Optimist Club was formed?
2. What was the location and year that the first Optimist International Convention was conducted?

I want to express my appreciation for all of you who willingly give up your time to support our fund raisers and who work on committees during the year to provide quality events. Our community definitely benefits from all of your efforts. THANK YOU

Clarinda



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 16 BARBARA GHOLSON**
- 22 ROBIN THOMPSON**
- 23 SHELLY KAISER**
- 25 SARAH KEYS**

MEETING SCHEDULE—MARCH

- 05 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Jackson Chamber
- 06 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Business Meeting
- 13 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
*Program: Dee Dee Dockins,
Landscaping and Plants*
- 20 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's :
**Mayor Dwain Hahs—Use Tax
Fellowship: Connie Werner
- 27 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
*Program : Michelle Chesser
Home Sweet Home Bakery*

BINGO

March 8

Men's Bingo

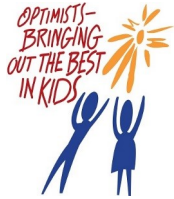
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BINGO

March 29



- ★ March 29 Youth in Government Day
- ★ April 7 Regional Oratorical Contest
- ★ May 3-4 Third Quarter East Missouri District Conference and Oratorical Contest
- ★ May 10 Respect for Law Day Activities
- ★ May 14 Respect for Law Banquet
- ★ May 15 NOW/Centennial Picnic



March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <i>Girls Basketball</i>
3	4	5 <i>Board Meeting</i>	6 Noon Meeting Delmonico's <i>Business</i>	7	8 BINGO	9 <i>Girls Basketball Tournament</i>
10	11	12	13 Noon Meeting Delmonico's <i>Program</i>	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Noon Meeting Delmonico's <i>Fellowship</i>	21	22 <i>Men's Club BINGO</i>	23
24	25	26	27 Noon Meeting Delmonico's <i>Program</i>	28	29 <i>Youth In Government</i> BINGO	30
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February Meeting Notes

February 6

Business (See board briefs on the right.)

Kathleen Thomas, our club Essay Contest winner, presented her excellent essay on the topic “When All the World’s Problems are Solved, is Optimism Still Necessary?” (See article on page 6.)

February 13

Program

Laura Law spoke to the club about the Baby Cap program at Southeast Health. Laura is a volunteer that makes and donates caps for babies born at Southeast Health. Anyone interested in crocheting or knitting caps made of acrylic or cotton may do so. The caps can be taken to the Volunteer Services office at the hospital.

February 20

Fellowship

Leaders were Paula Givens and Donna Rushing. Paula led the group in a fun and informative Jackson/Optimist Trivia Game. Valentine candies were the table decorations. Door prizes were awarded. Janell Hinkebein won the money can.

February 27

Program—Cape Catfish

Presenters were: Cindy Gannon, Assistant General Manager and Kyla Evans, Director of Sales & Marketing. Cape Catfish is a new baseball team in Cape Girardeau and they belong to the Prospect League. Team colors are green and gold.

The Prospect League is a summer collegiate wood bat league for the best college players in the country. Prospect League teams provide affordable family entertainment, and give fans and MLB scouts the opportunity to see college prospects in action using the same wood bats as the pros.

Games run from June 4– August 4. General admission tickets are \$7 and reserved seating is \$10. Website information: www.capecatfish.com

Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 in the meeting room at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce.

Communication

- * Thank You note from Mary Kirn for recognizing her service to Optimist Bingo .
- * Thank You letter from Feed My Starving Children for the club donation in 2018.

Committee Updates

NOW—Date is set for May 15 in Jackson City Park. We will invite prospective members and celebrate OI Centennial.

Safety City—Plans are underway for improvements.

Board Action

- Approved payment of FOO membership dues for Blake Lingle, our Girls Basketball coordinator.
- Approved fundraiser project—working SEMO Fair gate on September 11-14, 2019.
- Approved signing a letter of intent to Jerry Huskey, CPA for completing club tax return for next year.

Other Action

- Request from Jackson R-2 Hero Packs program asking for donations of toiletries during the month of February. Members will be invited to bring donations to meetings.
- Members will be informed of the Optimist Bingo Board policy that states Optimist club members are not allowed to play Bingo at Bingo World on any Friday Optimist Bingo night.

February Meetings



February 13—Laura Law speaking to the club about the Baby Cap program at SE Health.



Kyla Evans and Cindy Gannon from Cape Catfish Baseball organization show team gear.



Paula Givens receives an Optimist International New Member Sponsorship pin from President Clarinda Unger. Paula sponsored new member, Sandra Cannon.



February 19—Members of the club attend the Oratorical Contest at the KC Hall.

Essay Contest

The Jackson Noon Optimist Club held the annual Optimist International Essay Contest on February 6, 2019 at Delmonicos. This year's topic was "When All the World's Problems are Solved, is Optimism Still Necessary?"

The Noon Optimist first place winner was Kathleen Thomas, her essay will advance to District level. Club winners advance to the District contest to compete for a \$2,500 college scholarship.

Clarinda Unger



Left to right: Wanda Young, Kathleen Thomas and Clarinda Unger

Oratorical Contest

On Tuesday, February 19, the Jackson Noon Optimist Club, in conjunction with the Evening Optimist Club held the oratorical contest. Five contestants gave speeches on the topic "Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?" Four winners received a \$100 cash prize and will advance to regional competition on April 7 at the Osage Center in Cape Girardeau.

Representing the Noon club will be Lydia Pobst, Freshman at Jackson High School and Samuel Koenig, Senior at Saxony Lutheran High School. Representing the Evening Club is Justin Samanta, Junior at Saxony Lutheran High School and Adam Koenig, Senior at Saxony Lutheran High School. Jessica Todd, Senior at Jackson High School will serve as an alternate.

Merideth Pobst



Girls Basketball at SEMO

Seventeen Basketball girls, Kathy Lowes and Clarinda Unger attended the Southeast Missouri State RedHawks Women's Basketball Game on Saturday, February 9, 2019. The girls were invited to the tunnel to cheer the players on to the court, visit with Rowdy Redhawk and participate in games on the court.



SHINE Club

Jackson Noon Optimist members began assisting the SHINE club with Special Olympics at East elementary on February 5th from 6 to 7. We will help every Tuesday up to and including April 2nd. Training for the Special Olympics involves four groups of approximately 10 athletes per group, working on skills of ball throwing, running, hopping, skipping and jumping, with coaches provided and leading the skill group as they rotate through the four stations. There is a fun dance component, following a video, which the children enjoyed.

Please attend any Tuesday that you want to have fun helping the children. Note on the sign up sheet the March 12th training is at SEMO Rec Center.

Paula Givens

EMO Conference

Jackson Noon Optimist Club President, Clarinda Unger and member Anita Sievers attended the Tri-District Centennial Conference on February 15-16, 2019 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. This was a joint meeting of three districts in the Mid-America Region of Optimist International. The districts were: Kansas, West Missouri (WMO) and East Missouri (EMO). Despite the bad weather as "real" Optimists, over 150 were in attendance.

Training sessions were held on Saturday. Clarinda and Anita attended presentations on the following topics:

- ★ The Future of Optimists
- ★ Optimist International History
- ★ How Do We Retain Members and Grow our Clubs?
- ★ Marketing and Branding

Optimist International President (2018-2019) Rebecca Butler Monia and Past O. I. President Dave Bruns were present to help in the presentations.

At the EMO business session, the Noon Club received **First Place** in the 2017-2018 A&A Point competition in Category III with 186,350 points. The other Jackson Club got second with 158,400. But in the 1st Quarter of 2018-2019 Optimist year the other Jackson club was first with 49,225 points and the Noon club was second with 35,275.

The club also received an OI Foundation bar and \$20 per member patch for the banner.

Anita Sievers



BRINGING OUT THE BEST



INTO THE NEXT CENTURY

Upcoming Conferences

Third Quarter
East Missouri District Conference
St. Louis, Missouri
May 3-4

Optimist International Convention
Louisville, Kentucky
June 30-July 3

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

NOW--New Optimists Welcome

The Optimist NOW Event Committee had their first meeting on January 16. After some discussion, it was decided we would combine our Centennial Celebration with the NOW Event. Several ideas were tossed around with the consensus agreeing to a casual picnic in the park during a normal Optimist meeting. We concurred this would capture potential members who would be available for our regular meetings. **Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 15, noon at Jackson City Park Pavilion #4, Optimist Hill/Safety City for this wonderful celebration!** Deb Hoffman has also secured us a safe location in case of inclement weather. Emmanuel United Church of Christ at 304 East Adams in Jackson will be available for us. Fingers crossed for good weather, but it's great to have a wonderful facility as a back-up plan.

At our February 20 meeting we discussed catering options and will make a decision about that situation at the next meeting. Everyone has been helpful contacting restaurants and getting estimates for food. Paula & Wayne Givens will provide the PA System at the park. Yay! Many hands make light work, thank you!

For this Centennial Celebration we would like to play games from 100 years ago. We are looking at options now. It looks like lots of fun! We are also going to do a can drive for the Jackson Ministerial Alliance. We hope to acquire over 100 canned goods that day.

It was brought up that we should not pressure our prospective guests at the NOW/Centennial Celebration to join our club. All were in agreement that this should be a fun event and we want our guests to feel welcome. We will thank them for coming and invite them to come to any of our Wednesday meetings to check us out.

Ladies, we will be asking for your help soon. Start looking around now for women that would make great Optimist members. This is the single most important part of the whole NOW Event...getting names of prospective members!!! Please be ready to assist in increasing our club size with several names/addresses for us to invite. Thank you all for your time and energy! This event is going to totally ROCK!!!

2019 Optimist NOW Event & Centennial Celebration Committee:

Esther Bohnert

Donna Rushing

Emily Collins

Connie Werner

Paula Givens

Clarinda Unger, President

Debra Hoffmann

Janell Hinkebein, NOW Chairperson

Kathy Lowes

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



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