

# HIGH NOON



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

March 2021

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.

## President's Message

Welcome to Spring! Begin with springing our clocks forward at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday March 14th. Then on Saturday March 20th at 5:37 a.m. we officially start the Spring season.

The bright Sun has already motivated our club. The essay committee has been busy and the 3 winners will present their essays at Delmonico's during our March 17th meeting.

The weekend of February 26th and 27th four members attended the East Missouri district meeting via Zoom . Dorothy Rowley had special placement as a "Catch a Rising Star."

Information has recently become available for our Junior golf tournament on June 4th at Saint Genevieve golf club. If you know any young golfers we can easily pass the information to them.

Welcome Shelly Kaiser to the grandmother's club. She was blessed on February 16th with 6 pound,15 oz., Hattie Jo.

Wanted to close with these words regarding fasting during Lent.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from words, be silent and listen.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Optimistically yours,

Paula



### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 16 BARBARA GHOLSON**
- 22 ROBIN THOMPSON**
- 23 SHELLY KAISER**
- 25 REBECCA TERRY**

### MEETING SCHEDULE—MARCH

- 02 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Jackson Chamber
- 03 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's  
*Business Meeting*
- 17 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's  
*Program: Essay Contest*
- 31 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's  
*President's Choice*

## BINGO

**Noon Club—March 12**

**Men's Club—March 26**

## Essay Contest

The Jackson Noon Optimist Club will have their annual Optimist International Essay Contest on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at Delmonico's. This year's topic was "Reaching your Dreams by Choosing Optimism." The Noon Optimist winners will read their essays and receive their awards. Please mark your calendars to come and support our youth.

*Wanda Young and Clarinda Unger  
Co-Chair(s) Essay Contest*

**Daylight Saving Time**  
**Sunday, March 14, 2021**



# East Missouri District Conference

The East Missouri District of Optimist International held its Second Quarter Conference via Zoom on February 26-27, 2021. Paula Givens, Debra Hoffmann, Lauri Spain and Dorothy Rowley represented our club at the conference. Dorothy attended a special session—"Catch a Rising Star" on Friday evening.

There were several topics presented by members of EMO District as well as from other Optimist districts.

## Notes from Governor Liz Christman

- ◆ New Member Orientation Program for the district. They are looking for volunteers to help implement this program.
- ◆ A committee is being formed to look at ways to help clubs that are financially struggling. She is looking for volunteers to serve on this committee.
- ◆ *LMS (Learning Management System)*. Club Presidents, Secretary/Treasurers and Club Foundation Reps are required to complete the training for their specific office by March 31, 2021 in order to be eligible for OI Club awards. OI provides these officers a free registration.
  - ◆ Other courses and media library is also available for anyone who has registered for the program. Cost for members to join is \$6 per member.
- ◆ *Musical Happiness*—a new program presented by Optimist International designed to encourage and celebrate youth musical and vocal categories. Youth ages 11-18 are eligible to enter the competition. The participants create an original musical performance in the form of a video posted to You Tube. Video must be 3 minutes or less.

## Highlights from Conference Presenters:

- ★ *JOI Around the World*—Melanie Gluck and her daughter, Maya, talked about a new JOI club that Maya started. It is a virtual Junior Optimist Club open to youth ages 10-19 from all nations throughout the world. They hold weekly Zoom meetings.
- ★ *Oratorical Contest*
  - ★ EMO District Oratorical Contest will be held on May 1, 2021 during the Third Quarter conference.
  - ★ The World Oratorical Contest will be held July 21-23.
  - ★ Details on the exact format have not yet been finalized for these two competitions.
- ★ *Essay Contest*—Winning club essays are due to the EMO District Essay Chair by March 8.
- ★ *Junior Golf*—The EMO District Junior Golf tournament will be held on June 4 at the Ste. Genevieve Golf Course. Joe Hatfield, chair of the district Junior Golf project encouraged clubs to participate by financial donations to the district, financial sponsorship for a golfer, volunteering to work at the tournament, etc.
- ★ *Sleep In Heavenly Peace*—Steve Mclean talked about this national group whose mission is to "Build Beds for Kids". There are chapters in Missouri: St. Louis, Rolla, Poplar Bluff, Springfield, Wentzville, Kansas City, and Table Rock Lake. Steve is the chapter president of the chapter in St. Louis (Maryland Heights).
- ★ *Curling*—Al Kersey is the Administrator of the Optimist International Junior Interclub Curling League in Canada. He talked about implementing a curling program that is available to all children. The goals are ABC'S: agility, balance, coordination, speed.

# February Meeting Notes

## February 3

*Business (See board briefs on the right.)*

## February 17

*Meeting Cancelled due to bad weather.*

## Girls State & Boys State

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State will be held on the campus of University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg on June 20-26, 2021.

Club members Debra Hoffmann, Barbara Lohr and Cathy Boyd will be participating in the interviews at Jackson High School on Thursday, March 4 to select the club's representatives.

The American Legion Boys State will be held on the campus of University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg on June 12-19, 2021.

Club members Esther Bohnert and Lauri Spain will be participating in the interviews at Jackson High School on Tuesday, March 2 to select the club's representative.

## Park Day

The City of Jackson will hold its annual Park Day on Saturday, April 24, 2021. Park Day is a community day that will start at 8:00 a.m. at Pavilion #1 in the City Park. All volunteers will receive a free t-shirt and refreshments.

Our club's Band Shell Beautification committee will lead the cleanup efforts at the band shell. More information will come later.

# Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

## Correspondence

- Email regarding "Catch a Rising Star" program at the EMO District conference.
- Letter from Jerry Huskey regarding accounting services for 2021.
- Letter regarding Boys State.

## Committee Updates

- *Bingo*—Noon Club Bingo--February 12, Men's club Bingo-February 26.
- *Oratorical Contest*—Event will be held on March 6, 2021 via Zoom.
- *Scholarship*—Applications are due by March 1.
- *Essay Contest*—Essays are due by February 18.
- *Boys & Girls State*—Interviews will be help by the end of February.

## Board Action

- Approved retaining the accounting services of Jerry Huskey, CPA for 2021.
- Accepted recommendation from President Paula to advertise our club in the free Chamber of Commerce publication.

*Debra Hoffmann, Secretary*

No MATTER  
how  
long  
the winter,  
SPRING  
is  
sure  
to  
FOLLOW.



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