

HIGH NOON



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

May 2019

Volume 8



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

SURPRISE! As you drive toward Fruitland on HWY 61, you will notice a billboard celebrating Optimist International Centennial sponsored by Jackson Noon Optimist and The Optimist Club of Jackson. A Big Shout Out to the Billboard Committee for designing the billboard to communicate our 100 years of civic support.

Thank you to the Scholarship Committee members' great efforts this year of reviewing applications and determining the recipient(s) of the Mary Purcell scholarship and our club's 3 yearly scholarships.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Nomination Committee members for their OUTSTANDING efforts in obtaining candidates to represent our Club as Officers and Board Members, as well to the candidates themselves for offering to serve. Our Club needs these positions filled with caring leaders to serve. Thank you!

Our Southeast Health Point Fair Committee pulled together a great display table to represent our Club with giveaways including safety city t-shirts and offered a drawing for a scooter. Thanks for those who participated in this 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)

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

5-07 HOLLY STATLER
5-11 LAVERN SMITH
5-25 MARY TALLEY
5-28 ANN FIELDS

BINGO

May 10

Men's Club Bingo

May 24

MEETING SCHEDULE—MAY

May Board Meeting will be held **April 30** at 6:30 p.m. at the Jackson Chamber

01 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's *Business Meeting*

08 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's *Program: Ken Bateman, Southeast Health*

15 NOW Meeting/Centennial Celebration at Jackson City Park Shelter #4

22 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's *Program: Quilting Ministry, Debbie Carlton*

29 Noon Meeting: *President's Choice*
The Villas of Jackson activity room. Lunch provided.

President's message continued

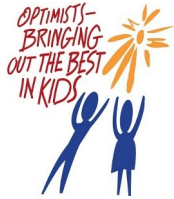
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The month of May is one of our busiest months of the year. I appreciate the dedication of those who are involved with NOW and Respect For Law. We are looking forward to these events.

Please come and join us on May 15 for our annual NOW event. The committee is working hard to make this event fun for all and an opportunity to greet our perspective members.

God Bless

Clarinda



May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		April 30 Board Meeting	1 Noon Meeting Delmonico's Business	2	3 East Missouri District 3rd Quarter Conference	4
5	6	7	8 Noon Meeting Delmonico's Program	9	10 Respect for Law Day BINGO	11
12	13	14 Respect for Law Banquet	15 NOW Meeting Jackson City Park	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Noon Meeting Delmonico's Program	23	24 Men's Club BINGO	25
26	27	28	29 President's Choice Villas of Jackson	30	31	

April Meeting Notes

April 3

Business (See board briefs on the right.)

In addition to the business meeting, Susan Hahs presented Blake Lingle a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift card for his efforts as the coordinator of our Girls Basketball program.

April 10

Program

Christy LeGrand presented an informative program—"Good Things are Happening at Saint Francis".

April 17

Fellowship

President Clarinda led the fellowship in the absence of Merideth Pobst and Shelly Kaiser.

April 24

Program

Deb Maevers, Founder and Director of the Vintage NOW Fashion show talked about how the fashion show came about and how it has grown over the last 9 years. They will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the fashion show on October 19, 2019 at the Show Me Center.

Joining Deb was Jessica Hill, Director of the Safe House for Women. The proceeds from the fashion show goes to support the Safe House.

Also participating in the program was Bre Stone, owner of Someday Soap LLC. Bre is a supporter of both the fashion show and the Safe House.

For every bar of soap sold by her business, one is donated to the Safe House.

Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 in the meeting room at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce.

Committee Updates

Scholarships—Three students were awarded \$1,000 general club scholarships: Alison Duckworth, Sarah Fetterhoff and Mikala Liley. Laura Bertrand received the \$1,000 Mary Purcell scholarship.

Billboard—Billboard has been designed. The men's club has agreed to join us in this project and will pay for half of the costs.

Southeast HealthPoint Fair—Will be held April 27 from 9-11 a.m.

NOW—Date is set for May 15 in Jackson City Park. Committee is actively planning and preparing for this important event.

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 \$50 to purchase a Razor Scooter for a prize for the Southeast HealthPoint Fair.
- Approved using budgeted money for the Shine Club bowling party for their event in April.
- Approved resignation request from Lesa Weiss.
- Approved \$50 contribution to the reception for the Regional Oratorical Contest.
- Approved Homecomer's as the Youth Appreciation event for this year.

Debra Hoffmann, Secretary

Zone 11 Meeting

Lt. Governor Emily Collins held a zone meeting at 5:30 p.m. on April 15 at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Attending from our club were: Debra Hoffmann, Janet Poston, Lauri Spain and Clarinda Unger.



Bre Stone, Deb Maevers and Jessica Hill presented a very interesting program on the Vintage NOW Fashion Show.



Susan Hahs presents a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift card to Blake Lingle who coordinated our Girls Basketball program.

**Optimist International
Mission Statement**

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities, and ourselves.

Upcoming Conferences

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

Optimist International Convention
Louisville, Kentucky
June 30-July 3

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



Regional Oratorical Contest

The Southeast Missouri Regional Oratorical contest was held Sunday, April 7, 2019 at the Osage Center in Cape Girardeau. Six contestants participated representing three high schools.

Participants are from left to right - Samuel Koenig (Saxony), Adam Koenig (Saxony), Lydia Pobst (Jackson), Carson Jerrell (Woodland), Judson Mayfield (Woodland), and Justin Samantha (Saxony).

Judson Mayfield and Justin Samantha were selected to move on to the EMO District competition on May 4 in St. Louis. Samuel Koenig is the alternate.

Lauri Spain



Scholarships

The Noon Optimist Club of Jackson award a total of \$4,000 in scholarships to 4 high school seniors. There were 20 applicants for the club's general scholarship and 10 applicants for the Mary Purcell Scholarship. Three students were each awarded a \$1,000 general club scholarship:

Alison Duckworth

Sarah Fetterhoff

Mikala Liley

One student received the \$1,000 Mary Purcell scholarship:

Laura Bertrand

Congratulations

Scholarship Committee: Mary Boner, Debra Hoffmann and Lauri Spain

Southeast Healthpoint Fitness

Jackson Noon Optimist participated in Southeast Healthpoint Fitness Fair on Saturday, April 27, 2019.

Our Club sponsored a scooter give away and the winners were Alex and Alise Shrimpun who are siblings and will be sharing the scooter.

As you can see by the pictures we were giving away Safety City T-shirts, and we received many positive comments. As an organization we should be proud of Safety City and how it gives back to the children and parents of our community.



Clarinda Unger, Anita Sievers, Janet Poston and Donna Rushing ready to greet the participants at the Southeast HealthPoint Fair.

Anita Sievers, Janet Poston and Donna Rushing helping the young participants sign up for the scooter drawing.



Five children were very happy to receive a Bicycle Safety T-Shirt.

Park Day

Saturday, April 27 was Park Day in the Jackson City Park. Optimist Club members Lauri Spain, Paula Givens, Wanda Young and Pat Abernathy, along with volunteers from the Progressive 4-H Club spread mulch in the flower beds at the Band Shell. It was a little wet but we got it done. Special thanks to Lauri's husband Darrell Spain for his help.

Lauri Spain, Paula Givens and Clarinda Unger also worked on Friday, April 26 to prepare for the work to be done on Saturday.

Lauri Spain



Club members Wanda, Pat, Paula and Lauri



Progressive 4-H Club members help beautify the landscape at the Band Shell.



Club member Pat Abernathy and one of the 4-H Club volunteers inspect the landscaping.



Lauri, Paula and Clarinda worked on Friday to help prepare for Park Day.



Respect for Law Events

Respect for Law is a project offered annually by the Jackson Noon Club and the Men's Club.

April 29—Essay Reading

Essays written by 6th grade students from Jackson R-2, IC and St. Paul were read by a committee and 14 winners were selected. Readers were: Debra Hoffmann and Lauri Spain from the Noon Club; Paul Hoffmann, David Hunt and Jim Young from the Men's Club.

May 10—Respect for Law Day

Essay winners will spend the day with a law enforcement officer.

May 14—Respect for Law Banquet.

Respect for Law Day students and their families are invited to attend the banquet to be held at the KC Hall in Jackson. Law Enforcement personnel will also be in attendance. Our special guest this year will be Mary Hatfield, Governor of East Missouri District Optimist. A slide show of the activities from Respect for Law Day will be shown.

All Club Members are encouraged to attend. Please sign up at the Wednesday meeting or contact Lauri Spain.

Lauri Spain



The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May.

Edwin Way Teale

As full of spirit as the month of May, and as gorgeous as the sun in Midsummer.

William Shakespeare

If you've never been thrilled to the very edges of your soul by a flower in spring bloom, maybe your soul has never been in bloom.

Audra Foveo

Sweet April showers, Do spring May flowers.

Thomas Tusser

Optimist NOW Event/Centennial Celebration 2019

**Wednesday, May 15
Jackson City Park
Pavilion #4, Optimist Hill/Safety City
11:30-1:30, Lunch served at Noon**

The time is upon us for the NOW Event. Please take a moment to thoughtfully read this article and use any of the suggestions below to help us have a successful day.

Sponsors, ask your guest(s) to attend the event with you. Prospective members will feel more comfortable attending with someone they know, instead of coming alone. Arrange to meet them at Country Mart or some other suitable spot, bring them with you or let them follow you.

After you arrive, please help your guest put on a nametag and find them a seat. Introduce them to other members and answer any questions they may have about Optimists. This picnic is to be a fun no-pressure event. We want our guests to feel welcome and to enjoy the food and festivities.

The RSVP List will be available at our next meeting for you to sign up so we have enough food for everyone. (If you are not able to attend the next meeting and need to RSVP, please contact Janell by text, phone call or email.) The only thing we need from our members is to attend and to assist our guests by making them feel welcome and comfortable.

In case of inclement weather (on the day of the event) please keep a close watch on your email or Facebook for a change of venue after 8 am, Wednesday, May 15. We will be assessing the climate and sending out a mass email if we need to move indoors. If we should move our party to the Fellowship Hall at Emanuel United Church of Christ at 304 E. Adams St. in Jackson, please start calling your guests to update them on the situation so they don't show up at the park.

Please pray for great weather and for everyone to have a wonderful time!
The NOW Event/Centennial Celebration Committee thanks you for your help!

Esther Bohnert	Emily Collins
Paula Givens	Debra Hoffman
Kathy Lowes	Donna Rushing
Connie Werner	Clarinda Unger, President
Janell Hinkebein, NOW Chairperson	

Contact information for Janell

janellhink@yahoo.com

573-450-6131 text or call

573-243-3367 leave a message

Slate of Officers 2019-2020

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SERVING A ONE-YEAR TERM
ONE YEAR TERM
Emily Collins
Janell Hinkebein
Rhonda Sievers

CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS TWO-YEAR TERM (3 WILL BE ELECTED)
<i>Esther Bohnert</i>
<i>Mary Boner</i>
<i>Kathy Lowes</i>
<i>Janet Poston</i>
<i>Norma Yost</i>

Voting for the Club Officers and Board Members will take place at the noon meeting on May 8. Club members may vote "absentee" ballot by marking the ballot that is attached to this email and sending it to Debra Hoffmann by May 8. *Email:* dhoffmannr2@yahoo.com

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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