

HIGH NOON



Jackson Noon Optimist
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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

It's May!

The year is flying by with all the activities that our club has been involved in. We have had many big events this past month: The Optimist NOW Event; Respect for Law Day; and Youth in Government Day. All of these committees spent hours planning and executing the previously mentioned important activities. Their time and hard work were much appreciated!

What a great month April was! Jackson Park Day had our members landscaping the Jackson Band Shell. We had our Regional Oratorical Contest. Jackson in Bloom sponsored by The Jackson Uptown Revitalization asked for our help with the Kids Activity and we said "YES"! Oh, what fun it was! We received \$9,000 from Bingo World for the month of March and then we counted Bingo pull-tabs at our Fellowship meeting while we "smoked" candy cigarettes.

Looking ahead, The Focus Project is still taking applicants, Optimist Jr. Golf is gearing up and Officer Election is right around the corner. President's Choice is quickly approaching on May 31. We will have another delicious lunch at Emanuel United Church of Christ, yum!

I am overwhelmed with the giving that comes from each of you, Ladies. Your servant's heart to help others is an inspiration and a joy. Thank you for being an Optimist!

Be Kind
Do Good
Change the World for the Better

Janell Hinkebein

Happy
Birthday

MAY BIRTHDAYS

**07
28**

**HOLLY STATLER
ANN FIELDS**

Bingo

May 12--Noon Club

May 26--Men's Club

MEETING SCHEDULE—MAY

- 02 Board Meeting—6:30 p.m.
Meeting Room at Jackson Chamber of Commerce
- 03 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Business
- 10 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Program: Anna Bergmark, City Engineer
- 17 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Fellowship: Esther Bohnert, Clarinda Unger
- 24 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Program: Rachel Webster, Cape County Agent for the Missouri Department of Conservation
- 31 President's Choice—Emanuel United Church of Christ (*see below*)

Fifth Wednesday

May 31

Fifth Wednesday meeting will be held on May 31 at Emanuel United Church of Christ.

The Women's Fellowship will serve a patriotic/picnic themed meal for us including: Pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, slaw, etc.; dessert and drink. Cost is \$10 per person. Please sign up to attend at a regular meeting or contact Debra Hoffmann, Janell Hinkebein or Dorothy Rowley.

**East Missouri District
Third Quarter Conference
May 5-6, 2023
Hilton STL Airport
St. Louis, MO**

April Meeting Notes

April 5

Business—See board briefs at the right.

April 12

*NOW (New Optimist Welcome) Meeting
See article on pages 7-8.*

April 19

Fellowship: Janell Hinkebein

Janell explained how to prepare pull tabs for selling at Bingo on Friday nights. Members counted several boxes of pull tabs, while enjoying candy cigarettes.

April 26

Noon Meeting was a part of the Youth in Government Day events. See article on pages 9-10.



Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jackson Chamber office.

Committee Updates

- *Bingo*—Noon Club Bingo--April 14, Men's Club Bingo-April 28.
- *Oratorical*—Regional Contest will be held on April 16 at the Osage Center in Cape.
- *NOW*—Event was held on April 12 at Emanuel United Church of Christ. *See article on pages 7-8.*
- *Special Olympics*—Practices have ended. Main event will be held on April 15.
- *Scholarship*—Applications have been reviewed. Committee is requesting an additional \$1,000 to give one more scholarship this year.
- *Youth in Government*—Event will be held on April 26. Plans are being finalized. *See article on pages 9-10.*
- *Respect for Law*—Event was held on April 4 with 12 students participating. *See article on page 5.*
- *Nominating Committee*—Candidates for officer and board positions are being sought.

Other Items

- Approved \$1,000 for one additional scholarship for this year.
- Approved the \$300 budgeted to sponsor the luncheon at the East Missouri District Golf Tournament on June 9.
- Approved \$50 expenditure for refreshments for the hospitality room at the EMO District third quarter conference. Zone 11 is responsible for the room with Emily Collins, Lt. Gov. in charge.
- Approved \$100 for the Kids Activity at the Jackson in Bloom Event on April 29.

Debra Hoffmann, Secretary



Oratorical Contest



The Regional Oratorical Contest was held April 16 at the Osage Center in Cape Girardeau. Aaron Stewart and Jespn Evans from Marble Hill won the contest and will advance to the East Missouri District Contest on May 6 in St. Louis.

Update: Jespn Evans placed 2nd in the District Contest on May 6. He competed with 10 other students.

Pictured below left to right are the district winners: Maddie 3rd place, Jespn 2nd place, and Charles 1st place.

Pictured Above Left to right: Aaron Stewart, Jespn Evans, Courtney Tyler and Ethan Robbins at Regional Oratorical.



Scholarships

The recipients of the four Jackson Noon Optimist Club General Scholarships are:

- Dodge Duckworth**
- Madelyn Kiehne**
- Hunter Wendel**
- Maci Wendel**

The recipient of the Mary Purcell scholarship is:

Selena Ybarra

The students have been invited to visit our club meeting on June 14.

Debra Hoffmann, Mary Boner and Lauri Spain Scholarship Committee

Respect for Law

Twelve 6th grade students from Jackson R-2, Immaculate Conception and St. Paul Lutheran School wrote winning essays in the Respect for Law program contest.

The winners spent the morning of April 4th with law enforcement officers touring various sites. They visited the Jackson Police Department, the Jackson Fire Department, and the Cape Girardeau County Sheriff's Department. Students watched a K-9 demonstration from Zeno, of the Cape Girardeau Sheriff's Department.

Missouri State Highway Patrol officers and Missouri Conservation Agents showed students various equipment they use to perform their jobs, including a boat!

Students ate lunch and chatted with the officers. Afterwards, the students received certificates for their winning essays.

Lauri Spain, Committee Chair

Committee Members: Barbara Gholson, Mark Kirn, Donna Rushing, Wanda Young



Purposes of Optimist International

- To develop optimism as a philosophy of life utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed;
- to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs;
- to inspire respect for the law;
- to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people;
- to aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world.

Editor's Note: The articles and pictures in this newsletter illustrate the above listed purposes. Thank you to all the club members who worked hard to make these projects a success.

Special Olympics

Gail Kamp, Janell Hinkebein and Clarinda Unger attended the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics at Notre Dame Regional High School on Saturday, April 15.



Pictured at the left is the Jackson Special Olympics Team. Looks like they are having a good time.

Members of the club assisted at the team's practice sessions each week from February to April.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered.

Dime-a-Day



Paula Givens, Connie Werner, Barbara Gholson, and Susan Hahs receive their pins for contributing \$36.50 to the Optimist International Foundation Dime-a-Day program.

Other donors were reported in the April newsletter.

2023 Optimist NOW Event

The NOW (New Optimists Welcome) Event was held on Wednesday, April 12, in the Fellowship Room at Emanuel United Church of Christ in Jackson. Our party was from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm with lunch at noon. The room was decorated for spring with amazing flowers in unique flowerpots, colorful tablecloths and napkins. Fifteen guests and 22 established members were greeted and signed in. President Janell Hinkebein welcomed everyone, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the Optimist Mission Statement and Clarinda Unger led the prayer before lunch. Fried chicken was served and our Optimist members provided the side dishes and wonderful desserts.

After lunch, President Janell told our guests of the different organizations and people that we help in our community. She also told them of our fundraising by working at Bingo World and the SEMO Fair Gates. These activities raise money to support our many projects. This was followed by Tammy Duncan giving an inspirational talk on "Why I'm an Optimist". It was very motivating!

Debra Hoffmann was our go-to person to answer any questions the prospective guests had about Optimists. They were all well informed by the end of the event. Debra also designed the NOW Event Invitations, provided and edited several documents and also stepped in to help the committee out the day of the event. Many thanks, Debra!

Names were drawn for door prizes, which were the flowers that were used for table decorations and candles. Established members were given an Optimist Garden Flag and a flag holder. Guests were given beautifully printed giftbags, a cup full of candy, an Optimist Logo Chapstick/lipstick holder-keychain, an ink pen and the Optimist Member Invitation form that they could fill out to join our club. Four ladies have completed their applications for membership! Please help make them feel welcome if you see them at a meeting.

Optimist members and guests were encouraged to bring snack items or gallon-sized Ziploc bags for the Jackson R2 Snack Program. We collected 78 snack items and six boxes of Ziploc bags. Many thanks and blessings to all who contributed to the food pantry. Several families will benefit from your generosity, thank you for caring for the needy in our community!

Many thanks to the NOW Event Committee members and all who participated, organized, brought food or invited a prospective member to this event. Everyone worked hard and that made the day a success. We hope everybody had a wonderful time of fun, food, fellowship and enjoyed their day with the Noon Optimists of Jackson.

2023 NOW Event Committee:

Tammy Duncan
Ann Fields
Paula Givens
Kathy Lowes
Donna Rushing
Clarinda Unger
Connie Werner
Esther Bohnert
Janell Hinkebein, NOW Chairperson



2023 Optimist NOW Event



Left: President Janell addresses the group.



Right: Tammy Duncan speaks about "Why I'm An Optimist".



Gift bags for guests



Committee setting up on Tuesday evening.

Youth in Government Day 2023

Our club hosted its first annual Youth in Government Day on Wednesday, April 26th in the Jury Assembly Room at the new courthouse in Jackson. Our previous involvement in the project was limited to serving breakfast to the students and officeholders in conjunction with The Optimist Club of Jackson. After a four-year hiatus, we thought we'd try to resurrect it ourselves, and resurrect it we did!

I think those of us in attendance could agree that it was a great success (for our first effort). We had a nice turnout of members attending the lunch meeting. There were twenty-two students participating with their matching officeholders. We would have liked to have had a student for each official but it was not to be this year. School representatives attended and Mayor Dwain Hahs and Presiding Commissioner Clint Tracy addressed the group at breakfast before everyone left for the morning activities.

Now that we have completed our test run, we will have a framework and contacts to build on for next year. There were a lot of moving parts to this endeavor and the committee is very grateful for all the support we received from members, their spouses, including Ennis Hinkebein & Paul Hoffmann, and from our county and city officials and to the students who agreed to be our "Guinea pigs." We hope to perhaps make some improvements next year according to the evaluations we received and advice we will solicit.

We also had a great speaker for the lunch program, Dan Presson, who gave a lively and very relevant talk to the group concerning characteristics of different generations and how that relates to attracting and keeping employees. Presson works for Southeast Missouri State University as Director of Career Services, Interim Assistant Vice President for Economic and Workforce Development-Career Services & Economic & Workforce Development.

We are very much looking forward to next year.

Youth in Government Committee

Deb Hoffmann

Janell Hinkebein

Cathy Boyd

Emily Collins

Merideth Pobst

Esther Bohnert

Youth in Government Day



Youth in Government students were able to visit two courtrooms after lunch. Judge Lipke spoke to the students about his courtroom and Judge Miller's courtroom. He explained the types of cases held in each courtroom and other court related information. He also told them about how the prisoners are brought through a tunnel from the jail to the courthouse and placed in the holding cell next to the courtroom. While in the courtroom, Commissioner Charlie Herbst and Prosecuting Attorney Mark Welker addressed the group. Then the Prosecuting Attorney took them to his department offices on the second floor of the courthouse.



Lunch



President Janell leads the meeting



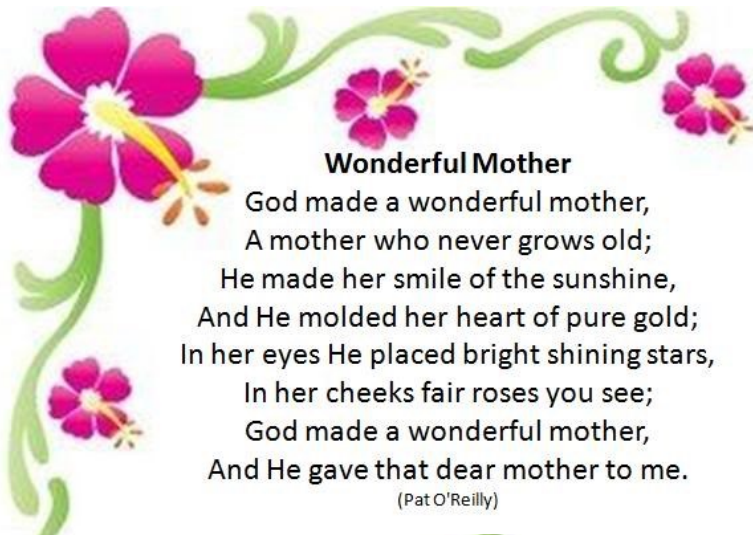
Dan Presson, guest speaker

Band Shell Beautification

Members and friends of Jackson Noon Optimist helped with Park Day on Saturday, April 29th. They pulled weeds, trimmed plants and mulched the flower beds at the Band Shell.

Those participating were Marilyn Lowes, Gail Kamp, Paula Givens, Lauri Spain, Kelsey Spain, Darrell Spain and Jayson Spain.

Lauri Spain



Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He molded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.

(Pat O'Reilly)

And Grandma's too...

While we honor all our mothers
with words of love and praise.
While we tell about their goodness
and their kind and loving ways.
We should also think of Grandma,
she's a mother too, you see....
For she mothered my dear mother
as my mother mothers me.

Author Unknown

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