

# HIGH NOON



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

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Volume 1



## 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

Happy New Year! No, I'm not totally off on my calendar. October 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of the 2022-2023 Optimist International year throughout the world. So, let's start with a big "Thank You" to Esther Bohnert, our Past-President, the Leadership Team and Committees from the 2021-2022 year, plus every single club member! It was a very successful year and it took ALL of us to keep our Optimist train chugging along. Our club is getting closer to "normal" every month since Covid-19 threw us off-track. We will get there.

Here is the simple plan for the new fiscal year: 1) To continue helping others as we always have done (no problem). 2) To return to the normal operation of having weekly meetings. Let's go for three meetings a month starting with October and we'll expand to four meetings, soon. Of course, we'll be keeping President's Choice on the fifth Wednesday.

Thank you, Members, for always serving our club, our community and especially helping the children. **Every Thing You Do**, whether it is working Bingo, being on a committee, tying keys to cards for the Santa Train or sending up a prayer, is special. We need you. Please don't ever feel like quitting because you can't participate as much as someone else. That doesn't matter. Just do the best that you can do, that's what an Optimist does. We are here to lift others up, to support, encourage and love. We are not here to compare and judge, that is for God to do, not us.

Our theme for this year is:  
Be Kind  
Do Good  
Change the World for the Better

Let's see what we can do together!  
Happy New Year!  
Janell Hinkebein

# Past President's Message

As past president of our Optimist Club I have been privileged to work with an exceptional group of women. Against daunting odds coming off the covid shut-downs and the aftereffects of that, I have to say that we have made significant progress toward recovery and are on our way to an ever better year with Janell in the lead.

Bingo is regaining its strength and the fair gates and tree lot projects went very well. Many of our programs are coming back to life, too. Yes, it's been a struggle in some cases, but recover we will. With the help of all our wonderful members (as well as sharing the load at bingo with other clubs) I can see a great year ahead.

I will do all I can to support our new president as I know you will too. Our club has a lot of moving parts and it takes everyone to make it work. Among the many others who have been exceptional members and made such a difference for our club and my leadership duties, Janell, especially, has been by my side the entire year, willing to help with anything and everything. As President-Elect, she has been an invaluable help to me as I was navigating the presidency. She deserves the best we can offer her as she steps forth to lead our organization in the new year.

I want to again thank each of you who stepped up to make this a successful year. Kudos to all of you!

Prayers for all of our members and their families.

In optimism,

*Esther Bohnert*

## 2021-2022 Fundraisers

- ★ Bingo
- ★ Christmas Tree Lot
- ★ Fair Gate

## 2021-2022 Projects

- ★ Band Shell
- ★ Girls Basketball
- ★ Santa Keys
- ★ Essay Contest
- ★ Oratorical Contest
- ★ Scholarships
- ★ Respect for Law
- ★ Youth Appreciation
- ★ Optimist Junio Golf
- ★ Boys State
- ★ Girls State
- ★ Hope for Kids



**Noon Optimist Club of Jackson**

## 2021-2022 Donations

- ★ Community Counseling
- ★ Dream Factory of SEMO
- ★ Heroes for Hope (Back Packs)
- ★ Jackson Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry
- ★ JPD Community Drive
- ★ Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship
- ★ Riverside Library Summer Reading Program
- ★ SEMO Fair Kid Zone
- ★ Southeast Health 5K
- ★ National Childhood Safety Council
- ★ Catholic Charities of Southeast Missouri
- ★ Optimist International Foundation
- ★ Feed My Starving Children
- ★ Student Santa's



### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 02 LAURI SPAIN**
- 07 MARY BONER**
- 12 LISA REITZEL**
- 16 MARILYN LOWES**

### MEETING SCHEDULE—OCTOBER

- 04 Board Meeting—6:30 p.m.  
*Meeting Room at Jackson Chamber of Commerce*
- 05 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's  
*Business*
- 12 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's  
*Fellowship*
- 19 Noon Meeting Delmonico's  
*Program*

# **BINGO**

## **October 14**

# **Men's Club Bingo**

## **October 21**

### **East Missouri District First Quarter Conference October 28-29, 2022 Courtyard by Marriott Columbia, MO**

Features include:

- ★ Nicole Amick Slusser—Honor Flight Presentation
- ★ Julie Robison, Middle America Regional Vice President
- ★ A&A Training
- ★ Round Table Training—OI & Club topics

If you would like to attend, please notify Secretary Debra Hoffmann as soon as possible so that your registration can be submitted. Early Bird deadline is October 7. You may also register after that date.



# October Meeting Notes

## September 7

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

*Fellowship led by Connie Werner and Shelly Kaiser.* Members were given a list of 8 eight questions to answer about "My First Job". Members then had the opportunity to tell the group about their experiences in that first job. There were lots of laughs.

## September 21

*Installation Banquet:* (See article and photos on pages 7-9)

## Conferences & Conventions 2022-2023

### 1st Quarter EMO District Conference

October 28-29, 2022  
Courtyard by Marriott  
Columbia, MO

### 2nd Quarter EMO District Conference

February 24-25, 2023  
Hilton STL Airport  
St. Louis, MO

### 3rd Quarter EMO District Conference

May 5-6, 2023  
Hilton STL Airport  
St. Louis, MO

### Optimist International Convention

July 2-5  
Arlington, VA

### 4th Quarter EMO District Convention

August 18-20, 2023  
Hilton STL Airport  
St. Louis, MO

# Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce meeting room at 6:30 p.m. New board members for 2022-23 were invited to attend.

## Committee Updates

- *Bingo*—Noon Club Bingo--September 9, Men's Club Bingo-September 23. There will be specials on each Friday in September.
- *Fair gate*—Signups are being finalized for shifts on Friday and Saturday, September 16-17.
- *Hope for Kids*—Committee is still working with a family for a possible donation.
- *Santa Keys*—All Santa keys are ready to be distributed to members for completion.

## Board Action

- Approved the budget for 2022-2023.
- Approved the dues schedule to meet the increase in dues adopted by Optimist International. Club dues for regular members will be \$105 annually. Dues for lifetime members will be \$70 annually. The Friend of Optimist membership will be \$140, with 84 going to OI and 56 staying with the club.
- Approved resignation of Carol Rohlf.

*Debra Hoffmann, Secretary*

# Fair Gate Fundraiser

A big thank you to all who participated in working at Our Fair Gate Fundraiser at SEMO District Fair!!! Your dedication to the Noon Optimist Club is greatly appreciated. Special thank you to Wayne Givens, Jerry Collins, Darrell Spain, and Paul Hoffman for helping us work the fair gates.

The Fair Gate Project is our second highest money fund raiser of the year. This year over 28 individuals worked the time slots, clocking in over 143 man hours.

Pictured below are our club members who participated in the Fair Gate Project for 2022. (Susan Hahs not pictured)

Again, thank you for all your hard work.

Optimistically,

Emily, Janell, Lauri, Paula and Clarinda



Mary Boner, Esther Bohnert, Marilyn Lowes, Lauri & Darrell Spain



Merideth Pobst, Kathy Lowes



Cathy Goodman, Janell Hinkebein, Lisa Reitzel, Debra Hoffmann



Teresa Meier, Clarinda Unger, Barbara Gholson, Emily & Jerry Collins, Anita Sievers



Front: Emily Collins, Anita Sievers, Paula Givens, Janna Clifton  
 Back: Jerry Collins, Wayne Givens  
 Very back-photo bomber Jeff Ford (from the Fair)

# Fair Gate



Janell Hinkebein, Kathy Lowes, Clarinda Unger, Gail Kamp, Tammy Duncan, Sandy Lowry (fair worker)

# 2022



Esther Bohnert, Clarinda Unger, Anita Sievers, Christy O'Neal, Dorothy Rowley, Shelly Kaiser



Paul & Debra Hoffmann, Emily Collins, Clarinda Unger, Anita Sievers, Gail Kamp

# Installation Banquet

The 2022-2023 Jackson Noon Optimist Club Installation Banquet was held on Wednesday, September 21 at the Kimbeland Country Club. The party started at 11:30 am with reigning President, Esther Bohnert, welcoming everyone, followed by the invocation by Merideth Pobst.

After an overview of the past year Esther said “My favorite part of the year has been seeing how dedicated our members are. We have had a number of reasons to despair this year, but you gals have stepped up and made me proud, made it all work, made my job easier. We have a really wonderful group of women in this club.” Esther, you leave behind a grateful club for everything you have done this past year!

Esther presented the President’s Citation Award to Emily Collins. Emily has always responded “YES” when asked to do something for our club. This award was very well deserved. Debra Hoffmann presented the Attendance & Participation Awards to several of our smiling members. Our Lieutenant Governor, Emily Collins, gave an inspirational talk about our “hands”, after which she gave hand sanitizer and lotion to the ladies being installed. She even had a hand balloon! Emily then installed the incoming officers and board members.

We had a lovely meal prepared by Kimbeland Country Club with cheesecake for dessert. Clarinda Unger handled giving out the door prizes which were colorful mums with fall decorations. These beautiful mums were our table decorations and were prepared by Kathy Lowes.

Closing remarks were given by New President, Janell Hinkebein, of which she wants: 1) To continue helping others as we always have done, and 2) To return to a more normal operation of having weekly meetings. Our theme for the new Optimist year is: Be Kind, Do Good, Change the World for the Better.

Many thanks to our Installation Banquet Committee: Clarinda Unger, Kathy Lowes, Susan Hahs, Cathy Goodman, Nancy Collier, Esther Bohnert & Janell Hinkebein. The special event was attended by 31 members and a good time was had by all!

*Janell Hinkebein, President*

## Leadership Team 2022-2023

<i>President</i>	Janell Hinkebein
<i>President-Elect</i>	Shelly Kaiser
<i>Past President</i>	Esther Bohnert
<i>Secretary</i>	Debra Hoffmann
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dorothy Rowley

### Directors

<b>One-Year Term</b>	<b>Two-Year Term</b>
Judy Beussink	Mary Boner
Cathy Boyd	Heidi Duckworth
Cathy Goodman	Barbara Gholson

# Awards

Debra Hoffmann, club secretary, presented the attendance/ participation awards listed below. Congratulations to this group for their attendance and active participation through the years. *(Not pictured is Cathy Boyd)*



Member	Years
Cathy Boyd	1
Shelly Kaiser	1
Gail Kamp	1
Marilyn Lowes	1
Teresa Meier	1
Christy O'Neal	1
Dorothy Rowley	2
Cathy Goodman	3
Paula Givens	4
Barbara Gholson	5
Kathy Lowes	5
Lauri Spain	8
Clarinda Unger	10
Susan Hahs	10
Janell Hinkebein	11
Esther Bohnert	13
Donna Rushing	14
Debra Hoffmann	14
Mary Kirn	18



# Installation Banquet



2022-2023 Leadership Team  
Front: Esther Bohnert, Past President; Shelly Kaiser, President-Elect; Janell Hinkebein, President; Dorothy Rowley, Treasurer; Debra Hoffmann, Secretary  
Back: Board Members—Mary Boner, Barbara Gholson, Cathy Goodman, Heidi Duckworth, and Judy Beussink



Esther Bohnert presents Emily Collins with the Presidential Citation award.



President Esther Bohnert passes the gavel to Janell Hinkebein, president for 2022-2023.

# JACKSON NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

## 2022-2023 OFFICERS

### **PRESIDENT**

*Janell Hinkebein—573-450-6131*

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT**

*Shelly Kaiser—573-225-4649*

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

### **PAST PRESIDENT**

*Esther Bohnert—573-270-3187*

### **SECRETARY**

*Debra Hoffmann—573-243-7479*

### **TREASURER**

*Dorothy Rowley—573-243-5882*

### **DIRECTORS:**

*Mary Boner—573-243-9896*

*Judy Beussink—573-243-5873*

*Cathy Boyd—573-243-1858*

*Heidi Duckworth—573-421-5504*

*Barbara Gholson—573-979-1691*

*Cathy Goodman—573-243-7710*

### **OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:**

*Robert Bob McFadyen*

### **EAST MISSOURI DISTRICT GOVERNOR:**

*Ernie Wren*

### **Lt. Governor Zone 11:**

*Emily Collins*

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