

HIGH NOON



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

October 2020

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

Thank you so much installation committee for the "non" banquet and safely served lunch. The decorations of white pumpkins and mums were a much sought-after attendance prize.

President Lauri Spain has earned her retirement after leading us through this year. Thank you for your guidance during this strange pandemic time.

Our Optimist goal is always "friend of youth". To help achieve that goal this year, I thought we could start by familiarizing ourselves with the OI website. I had not done that much with the website previously, but am finding it quite useful. I learned the vision statement says "Optimist International will be recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps them develop to their full potential".

My goal for our club this year will be to focus on friend of youth according to our vision statement, which in turn will lead to maintaining and growing our club. Then we can continue to be the premier volunteer organization.

It looks like the weather will be 78 and sunny for our October 7 meeting in the park. We will have a business meeting and also work on Santa Keys. There are over 2,000 keys that will be needed for the Christmas Trains this year. We will work on them at our meetings and may even have to work on some at home.

Hope to see you at our October meetings in the park.

Always Optimistic,

Paula Givens



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

02 LAURI SPAIN
03 JODI STAFFORD
12 LISA REITZEL
07 MARY BONER
23 CHRISTY MOORE
29 SANDRA CANNON

MEETING SCHEDULE—OCTOBER

- 07 Noon Meeting—Picnic in the Jackson City Park at Shelter #1 (by old tennis courts)
Bring Your Own Lunch
*Business Meeting
*Work on Santa Keys
- 21 Noon Meeting—Picnic in the Jackson City Park at Shelter #1 (by old tennis courts)
Bring Your Own Lunch
*Work on Santa Keys

NO OCTOBER BINGO

**East Missouri District
First Quarter Conference
October 23-24, 2020
Comfort Suites
Rolla, MO**

If you would like to attend, please notify Secretary Debra Hoffmann so that your registration can be submitted.

East Missouri will be following all of Optimist International's requirements for COVID-19 safety.

Happy

Halloween

Past President's Message

As my term has come to an end, I would like to thank everyone for their help and patience. This has been a very trying year, in more ways than one. Meetings had to be cancelled as well as activities and functions. Things we have taken for granted now seem even more special to us. We were able to complete several projects before everything came to a halt. Please see the list of accomplishments in this newsletter. We now look forward to a day when we can resume all our projects to help children in our community.

I would also like to thank the Board. Their guidance to our club is immeasurable. Every time I needed assistance or advice; I knew I could count on their help. A special thanks to Deb Hoffmann for setting up Zoom meetings so the Board could continue to meet. Also, special thanks to Heidi Duckworth for picking up the Treasurer duties for a period. And thanks to Dorothy Rowley for agreeing to fill the Treasurer position for the new year.

I would like to thank the entire club for their confidence in me. It has been an honor to again serve as your President. Please join me in wishing Paula Givens the best of luck as she begins her year. I know you will continue to give her the same support and confidence. I do pray that she has a normal (that might be stretching it) Optimist year. Thank you very much.

Yours in Optimism,

Lauri Spain

2019-2020 Highlights

- ★ Assisted with the Great American Pumpkin Patch
- ★ Gordonville Grill 10% Tuesday fundraiser for Hope for Kids Fund
- ★ Twenty-two members made a donation of \$36.50 to the Optimist International Dime-a-Day program
- ★ Enjoyed food, fun and fellowship at the club Christmas party at home of Susan Hahs
- ★ Donated \$2,000 to Lutheran Family and Children Services as part of the club Focus Project
- ★ Donated \$2,000 to Jackson R-2 Heroes for Hope program as part of the club focus project
- ★ Held the annual Oratorical Contest
- ★ Held the annual Essay Contest
- ★ Completed another successful Girls Basketball Season with 164 girls, 38 coaches and 19 teams participating
- ★ Assisted with Special Olympics training along with Shine Club
- ★ Beautifully maintained the landscaping at the Jackson Municipal Band Shell
- ★ Awarded scholarships to 4 graduating seniors:
 - Kailey Bell
 - Jordyn Dunn
 - Bryn Meyr
 - Elizabeth Schell

Donations:

- ◆ Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship
- ◆ Southeast Health 5K
- ◆ Dream Factory of SEMO
- ◆ Holiday Extravaganza
- ◆ St. Paul Early Childhood
- ◆ Jackson Ministerial Food Pantry
- ◆ Cape Girardeau County Sheriff's/National Safety Council
- ◆ Community Counseling Center Foundation

Jackson Noon Optimist Club Installation Luncheon

The Installation Luncheon was held in the Jackson City Park on Wednesday, September 23, 2020. Twenty members were present along with John Strickland, Lt. Governor for Zone 11 East Missouri District. John installed the leadership team for the 2020-2021 Optimist year. Congratulations to those who are leading the club:

Officers

President Paula Givens
Vice President Janell Hinkebein
Secretary Debra Hoffmann
Treasurer Dorothy Rowley
Past President Lauri Spain

Board Members

Heidi Duckworth
Barbara Gholson
Rebecca Terry
Mary Boner
Kathy Lowes
Janet Poston



Lunch (pizza and cupcakes) was served by the Installation Committee members.

Club Member Participation Awards were presented by Secretary Debra Hoffmann to 15 members. Congratulations to those member receiving the annual award. They are listed below along with the number of years they have received the perfect attendance/participation award.

Anita Sievers—28

Carol Rohlf—15

Debra Hoffmann—12

Esther Bohnert—11

Wanda Young—10

Donna Rushing—9

Janell Hinkebein—9

Susan Hahs—9

Clarinda Unger—8

Lauri Spain—6

Janet Poston—6

Kathy Lowes—3

Barbara Gholson—3

Cathy Goodman—2

Paula Givens—2



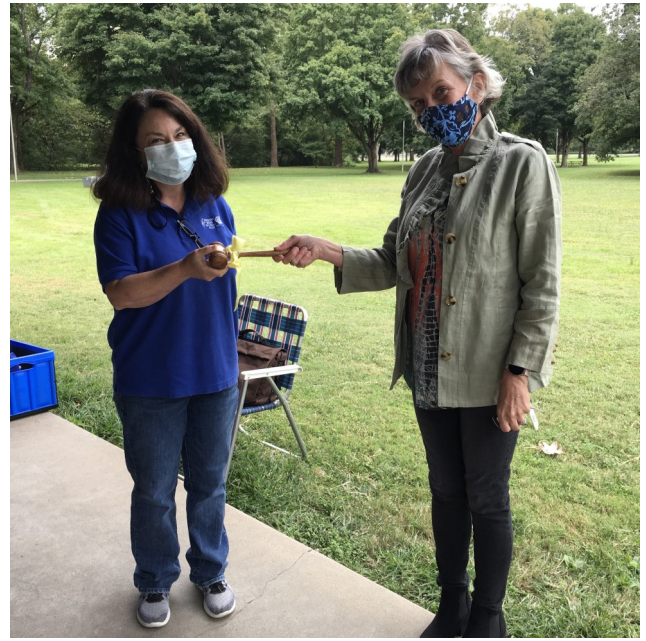
Board Briefs

The Jackson Noon Optimist Club Board of Directors held the monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 1 via Zoom.

Board Actions

- Approved the appointment of Dorothy Rowley as the club treasurer for 2020-2021.
- Approved purchase of Quick Books software for keeping the club financial records.
- Approved a revised slate of officers for 2020-2021. Voting will take place at the September 9 meeting.
- Approved adding a Covid clause to the girls basketball registration form provided the club is able to sponsor the program.
- Approved a request that an internal audit of the club's financials be completed before the beginning of the next Optimist year.

Debra Hoffmann, Secretary



Lauri Spain passes the President's gavel to 2020-2021 incoming president Paula Givens.

Autumn Quotes

"Autumn... the year's last, loveliest smile."—*William Cullen Bryant*

"I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion."—*Henry David Thoreau*

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all."—*Stanley Horowitz*

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."—*Albert Camus*

"How beautifully leaves grow old. How full of light and color are their last days."—*John Burroughs*

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."—*F. Scott Fitzgerald*

JACKSON NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

2019-2020 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Paula Givens—314-956-8705

VICE PRESIDENT

Janell Hinkebein—243-3367

PAST PRESIDENT

Lauri Spain—204-7006

SECRETARY

Debra Hoffmann—243-7479

TREASURER

Dorothy Rowley—243-5882

DIRECTORS:

Mary Boner—887-5951

Heidi Duckworth—421-5504

Barbara Gholson—243-8582

Kathy Lowes—243-5713

Janet Poston—450-0262

Rebecca Terry—579-1376

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:

Mark Weinsoff

EAST MISSOURI DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

Liz Christman

Lt. Governor Zone 11:

John Strickland

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