

# HIGH NOON



Jackson Noon Optimist  
P.O. Box 615  
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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

Happy September newsletter. The 1st thing I want to do is welcome our new members. They joined during the NOW event, but due to increased paperwork processing time, we are just now going to officially install them at our September 1st meeting. They are Janna Crosnoe, Gail Kamp and Catherine Montano with Janell Hinkebein as their sponsor. Lauri Spain has brought us Christy O'Neal and Marilyn Lowes. Teresa Meier's sponsor is Barb Gholson. My friend, Janna Clifton, is joining us as well. Please help guide our new members and answer their many questions as we all continue to learn together.

Barb Gholson and the Santa train key committee have been busy collecting items to continue this fun project for the kids. We will begin work on them during meetings soon.

Speaking of fun activities. Don't forget to sign up to work fairgate September 17th and 18th, as this is a fundraising opportunity for our club. Be sure and make plans to attend our installation banquet on September 29th at noon at Kimbeland Country Club for fun and delicious meal.

Optimistically yours,

*Paula Givens*

# In Memory of Barbara Lohr and Janet Poston



This photo was taken in September of 2017 at the club's annual installation banquet. President Barbara Lohr presented the Presidential Citation award to Janet Poston.

## Janet Poston

Born: April 3, 1947  
Died: August 14, 2021

- ◆ Joined the Jackson Noon Optimist Club in October 2014. Sponsor was Emily Collins.
- ◆ Served two terms on the Board of Directors.
- ◆ Served on the Hope for Kids committee.
- ◆ Worked Bingo on 2nd and 4th Friday's.
- ◆ Worked many shifts at the SEMO District Fair Gate.

## Barbara Lohr

Born: July 12, 1937  
Died: June 15, 2021

- ★ Joined the Jackson Noon Optimist Club in 2006. Sponsor was Kathy Roth.
- ★ Served as Club President 2016-2017
- ★ Chaired the Christmas Train—Santa Key project.
- ★ Participated in the Girls State and Boys State Interviews
- ★ Helped with Youth in Government project
- ★ Worked at Bingo

## Weep Not For Me

*Author Unknown*

Weep not for me though I have gone  
Into that gentle night  
Grieve if you will, but not for long  
Upon my soul's sweet fight  
I am at peace, my soul's at rest  
There is no need for tears

For I was so blessed  
For all those many years  
There is no pain, I suffer not  
The fear is now all gone  
Put now these things out of your thoughts  
In your memory I live on  
Remember not my fight for breath  
Remember not the strife  
Please do not dwell upon my death  
But celebrate my life

Happy Birthday!



### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**03—DONNA RUSHING**

**06—CAROL ROHLFS**

**09—HEIDI DUCKWORTH**

**19—DEBRA HOFFMANN**

### MEETING SCHEDULE—SEPTEMBER

Aug. 31 Joint Board Meeting—  
Delmonico's @ 6:30 p.m.

01 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's  
*\*Business Meeting*  
*\*Girls State Representatives*  
*\*Induction of New Members*

15 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's  
*Program: Better Business*  
*Bureau*

29 Installation Luncheon at Kim-  
beland Country Club

## **BINGO**

### **September 10**

## **Men's Club Bingo**

### **September 24**

## **Fair Gate Fundraiser**

### **September 17-18**

The Jackson Noon Optimist Club has been asked to work the Fair Gate at SEMO District Fair on Friday, September 17 and Saturday, September 18. We have been assigned Gate 3 which is the fair gate we have worked in the past.

The Fair Gate Project is our second highest money fundraiser of the year. If you are able to work, please contact one of the following committee members:

*Clarinda Unger @ (573)837-5097*  
*Janell Hinkebein @ (573)450-6131*  
*Lauri Spain @ (573)382-2137*  
*Emily Collins @ 579-8226*

Thank you

*Janell, Lauri, Emily and Clarinda*

# August Meeting Notes

## August 4

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

## August 18

*Program: Jeremy Rowland, Regional Director of Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri*

Mr. Rowland gave a brief overview of the programs and services offered by Catholic Charities. He focused his talk on a new project that is being planned—Life House Maternity Home Cape Girardeau. It will be a 15 bedroom facility that will be for mothers-to-be that are homeless and over the age of 18. In addition to housing they will have programs for home and after care, housing and financial counseling, career building, etc.

Their capital campaign goal is to raise 6 million dollars. They hope to break ground in October and have the facility complete by December 2022.



Jeremy Rowland

# Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

## Correspondence

- Thank You Letter from Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship thanking the club for the \$250 donation for their annual horse show.
- Thank You Letter from Bryce Norman thanking the club for the \$1,000 scholarship.

## Committee Updates

- *Bingo*—Noon Club Bingo--August 13, Men's Club Bingo--August 27.
- *Childhood Wellness Grant Giveaway*—The committee has received a park permit to hold this event on Saturday, August 28, 2021. The Safety City committee plans to hand out bicycles, scooters, helmets, goodie bags, etc. for children ages 0-5 at 9 a.m. on a first-come, first-serve basis. Children ages 6-12 are scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

## Board Action

- Approved the slate of officers for 2021-2022.
- Approved purchase of \$200 worth of gift cards to donate to the silent auction for childhood cancer at the EMO 4th quarter convention.
- Approved hiring Lance Limbaugh to engrave two names on the club's memorial bench in the park.
- Approved \$50 donation (per club policy) to the Uptown Jackson Revitalization Organization in the name of Barbara Lohr.
- Approved \$100 donation to the DeMolay chapter for providing ice cream for the Youth Appreciation activity during Homecoming's.
- Approved filing of the Renewal of Incorporation papers for the club.
- Formed a Christmas Train/Santa Key committee with Barbara Gholson as the chair.
- Approved, by email on July 26, the request from the SEMO District Fair asking the club to work a fairgate on September 17-18, 2021.

*Debra Hoffmann, Secretary*

# Childhood Wellness

The Childhood Wellness Grant giveaway was a huge success. On August 28th, between 8:30 and 10, we gave away 52 scooters, bikes and other riding toys, as well as 19 helmets. We also gave out 25 Goody bags.

The families and kids were so appreciative and could be seen riding at Safety City well after the event ended. One family that I remember had 11 children. So proud that our club could help that family and the children were so thankful. Please enjoy the cute pictures.

*Paula Givens*



## Safety City



Thanks to the Optimist Club members who worked this event: Wanda Young, Gail Kamp, Janell Hinkebein, Esther Bohnert, Paula Givens, Donna Rushing, Cathy Boyd,



# Childhood Wellness



## Grant Giveaway



**You are cordially invited**

**to**

**Jackson Noon Optimist Club**

**Installation Banquet**

Celebrating our club's 30 Year Anniversary!!



**Kimbeland Country Club,  
2175 E. Jackson Blvd., Jackson, MO**

**12 p.m. Wednesday, September 29, 2021**

- ★ Please RSVP to Clarinda Unger at [cunger55@ gmail.com](mailto:cunger55@gmail.com) or call 837-5097 or Deb Hoffman at [dhoffmannr2@ yahoo.com](mailto:dhoffmannr2@yahoo.com)
- ★ **RSVP Deadline is Wednesday, September 22, 2021**
- ★ Please note--installation banquet is for Jackson Noon Optimist Members--only!

## **30th Anniversary**

The previous newsletter highlighted the Optimist International Projects and the club's major capital projects. This month highlights local projects and programs as well as financial contributions to other organizations.

### **Programs and Projects:**

- Girls Basketball program
- Scholarships for 4 graduating seniors
- Funding for 3 Jackson High School girls to attend American Legion Girls State.
- Funding for 1 Jackson High School Boy to attend American Legion Boys State.

- Funding for youth to participate in the East Missouri District Golf Tournament
- Christmas Train/Santa Key Project
- Southeast Missouri District Fair—Kid Zone
- Maintain Safety City in Jackson City Park
- Maintain landscaping at Jackson Municipal Band Shell

### **Contributions:**

- Mississippi Valley Therapeutic
- Southeast Health annual 5K fundraiser
- Sheriff's Dept. (National Child Safety Council)
- Community Counseling Center
- Dream Factory of SEMO

# Leadership Team 2021-2022

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

## Directors

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



## 4th Quarter EMO District Convention

Our club was well represented on August 14th and 15th at Drury Inn in Cape Girardeau. Carol Rohlf, Janell Hinkebein, Esther Bohnert and Paula Givens attended. They attended the board of directors meeting, general session, district training, president and president-elect training. Part of the training was led by Stephanie Mon-schein from Optimist International.

On Saturday at 2:30 was the 2021-2022 EMO governor election and governor address. During the day a 27-item silent auction was held. Those items plus club donations netted \$3,600 for Childhood Cancer.

At 6:00 p.m. was the installation banquet for the 21-22 East Missouri Optimist team. Your new governor is Lauren Dell, treasurer is Kristin Ham and Zone 11 Lt. Governor is Pat Hecht. We enjoyed a delicious steak and shrimp dinner catered by Tractors, followed by music.

On Sunday morning was a memorial service for all Optimist members who passed during this year. Our club remembered our wonderful Barb Lohr and Janet Poston.

The next district meeting is October 22-23rd at the Courtyard in St. Peters. I encourage you to attend. Just let us know if you would like to go.

*Paula Givens*

# JACKSON NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

## 2020-2021 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*

Newsletter articles and photos deadline is the 25th of each month. Send reports to Debra Hoffmann: [dhoffmannr2@yahoo.com](mailto:dhoffmannr2@yahoo.com).



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