

HIGH NOON



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

February 2020

Volume 5



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

Can you believe that January is already gone?! The old adage 'Time flies when you are having fun' is correct. We have been having some fun at our meetings and other activities.

Our girls basketball games started on Jan. 25. If you have a free Saturday morning, please consider signing up to represent our club at these games. It is an easy event to work. You also get to see how your membership in Optimist helps youth in our community. Susan Hahs and Kathy Lowes are co-chairs of Basketball. Please contact them if you can help.

Planning for the upcoming Oratorical contest is under way. Shelly Kaiser is chairing this event for the first time. The NOW committee, chaired by Janell Hinkebein, is beginning to formulate plans for their upcoming event in April.

The SHINE Club is helping with Special Olympics preparations beginning in February and ending in April. Help is needed every Tuesday to supervise participants. Clarinda Unger and Paula Givens head that committee so contact them if you are interested in learning more about that.

Of course, Bingo continues as well. We have been super busy this month with our club having two of the bingo nights and then us also helping with the men's club on theirs. It takes the teamwork of the entire club to successfully see this activity through. Please keep that in mind when you hear a plea for help.

Thank you to all the committee chairs and the members that help make it all possible.

Please wear your Optimist shirt on Thursday, Feb. 6 for Optimist Day. Wearing the shirt might spark a conversation with someone who is looking to help bring out the best in youth, their community or themselves. They might be looking for a little fun to pass the time!

Optimistically yours,

Lauri Spain



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2-4 NORMA YOST
2-5 RHONDA SIEVERS
2-19 CLARINDA UNGER

BINGO

Noon Club--February 14

Men's Club--January 28

Club Roster

Roster Change: Delete Mary Boner's home phone. Use the work number to contact her: 573-243-9896.

If any other member has a change in their roster information, please contact club secretary, Debra Hoffmann at:
Email: dhoffmannr2@yahoo.com
Text/Phone: 573-579-1350

MEETING SCHEDULE—FEBRUARY

- 04 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Jackson Chamber
- 05 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
**Business Meeting*
**Chris Krewson*—talk about
HOBY (Hugh O'Brien Youth
Leadership)
- 12 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Program: Bob Adams, Cape
County Assessor
- 19 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
Fellowship
- 25 Oratorical Contest—KC Hall
@6:45 p.m.
- 26 Noon Meeting—Delmonico's
David Cantrell: Flag of Col-
ors

February Events

Second Quarter
East Missouri District Conference
February 21-22
Drury Inn Plaza Hotel Columbia East
Columbia, MO

Club Oratorical Contest
February 25
6:45 p.m.
Jackson KC Hall



February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Board Meeting	5 Noon Meeting Delmonico's <i>Business</i>	6	7	8
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January Meeting Notes

January 1

No Meeting—Happy New Year

January 8

Business (See board briefs on the right.)

January 15

Program—Sgt. Clark Parrott

Sgt. Parrott from the Missouri State Highway Patrol presented an informative program on Personal Safety. He gave us the 4 A's and 1 B of Personal Safety—Awareness, Alertness, Avoidance, Act, and Brain! Use It!. He stressed over and over during his talk about “Be Aware of Your Surroundings”.

January 22

Fellowship: LaDonia Beggs

LaDonia and Mary Prince were the callers for a “Snowball-Bingo” game. Winners received a small prize.

January 29

President's Choice

President Lauri chose My Daddy's Cheesecake in Cape Girardeau for the 5th Wednesday meeting location. Fourteen members enjoyed lunch and fellowship.

Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

Correspondence

None

Committee Updates

- *Girls Basketball*—Registrations are complete with 158 girls registered. There are 19 teams and 38 coaches.
- *Bingo*—Noon Club Bingo nights are January 10 and January 31. Men's club Bingo is January 24. Club members are encouraged to work at the Bingo fundraising event as often as possible.
- *Oratorical Contest*—Joint event with the men's club will be held on February 25, 2020 at the Jackson KC Hall. One contestant has registered so far.
- *Focus Project*—Check to LFCS has been delivered. Christy O'Neal from LFCS will visit the club on January 8.

Board Action

- Approved putting \$750 back into the budget for an Essay Contest with the men's club providing there are enough entries.
- Approved a President's Incentive for members who work Bingo. During this quarter (January-March) those members who work Bingo on our night or the men's night will have their name entered in a drawing. The drawing will be held in April and the winner will receive a free lunch at the next regular meeting they attend.



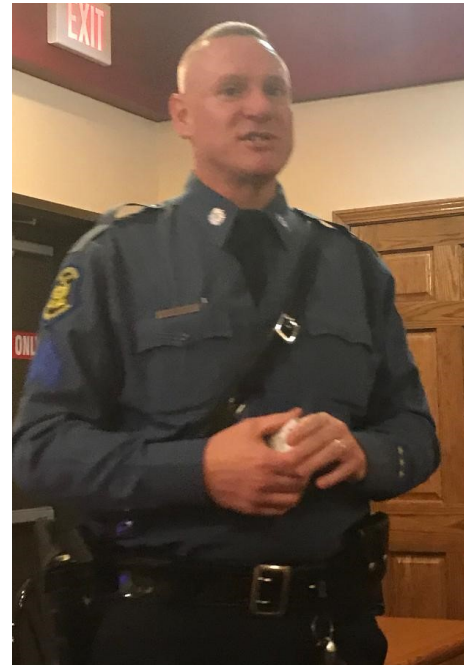
Thanks to all club members that worked Bingo on one or both of our two Friday night Bingos—January 10 and January 31. Also thanks to those who worked on January 24 to help the men's club. They are very appreciative of our help.

Remember the President's Incentive for working Bingo which is explained in the Board Briefs shown above.

January Meetings



President Lauri presents a \$2,000 check to Christy O'Neal, Development Officer for Lutheran Family and Children's Services at the club meeting on January 8.



Sgt. Clark Parrott presents a program on January 15.



**President's Choice 5th Wednesday Meeting
January 29, 2020**

Fourteen members enjoyed Lunch at My Daddy's Cheesecake. Pictured above: President Lauri, Janell, Barbara and LaDonia. Pictured at right: Wanda, Connie, Carol, Anita, Janet, Susan, Kathy L., Cathy G.. Not pictured: Esther and Deb.



Optimist International Foundation

Dime A Day Donation

Anita Sievers presents a Dime-a-Day pin to Barbara Gholson for her donation.

Contributions may still be made for Dime-a-Day anytime during the Optimist year. Make a check for \$36.50 made payable to OIF (Optimist International Foundation). Submit the check to the Club Foundation Representative, Anita Sievers.



Scholarship

The Jackson Noon Optimist Club will again award four scholarships this year. Three scholarships will be awarded from the general scholarship fund and one will be awarded from the Mary Purcell scholarship fund.

Scholarship forms are available in the counselor's office of local area high schools.

If you have questions, need an application or would like further information, please contact a member of the Scholarship Committee.

Mary Boner, Debra Hoffmann, Lauri Spain

Optimist Day

Thursday, February 6

Members of Optimist International will celebrate Optimist Day throughout the world the first Thursday of every February to promote our efforts in bringing out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.

On Optimist Day, Optimists around the world are asked to wear Optimist attire - shirts, pins, hats, etc. Post your best Optimist attire on social media (or send to Merideth to post on our FB page) and tag Optimist International or use the #Optimist Day hashtag. You may send your photos to marketing@optimist.org to be featured in future OI publications.

SHINE CLUB

The SHINE Club is helping with Special Olympics preparations beginning February 4 and ending in April. Volunteers from our club are needed every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at East Elementary to supervise participants.

Signup sheets for February 11, February 25, March 3 and four other dates will be available at club meetings, or you may contact me directly if you can help with this project. *Phone:* 314-956-8705 or *email:* pjanedow@yahoo.com

The kids and I say thanks for helping!

Paula Givens

Focus Project



The Jackson Noon Optimist Club presents a check for \$2,000 to Christy O'Neal, Development Officer at LFCS (Lutheran Family and Children's Services).

The Board of Directors approved this donation as part of the club's Focus Project for 2019-2020. The donation to LFCS will be matched and will be used in the Southeast Missouri counties of Cape Girardeau, Bollinger and Scott.

Girls Basketball

- Girls Basketball teams began practice January 6, 2020 for this year's season.
- All teams began game play on Saturday, January 25.
- Thanks to the club members who worked at the gyms for this first day of games. Volunteers are still needed at the gyms on each Saturday that games are held.
- Grades 2-3 will play at Orchard Elementary, Grades 4-5 at Middle School Old Gym, and Grades 6-8 at Middle School New Gym.
- Signup sheets will be available at meetings or you may contact Susan Hahs if you want to volunteer for a particular day/time.



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



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