

# HIGH NOON



**Jackson Noon Optimist**  
**P.O. Box 615**  
**Jackson, MO 63755**



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

**November 2021**

**Volume 2**



### 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

Greetings! We're heading into November already and it's getting into the busy season for us. It's time to start preparations for girls basketball. Thanks to Susan Hahs for stepping up to handle that huge effort again this year! The Essay and Oratorical contests will be following soon after. We will be helping the Jackson men with their Christmas Tree lot again this year, too.

Our Christmas Keys are going to be needed for the train schedule which starts on November 27th so I encourage everyone who is working on them at home to please bring them to our first meeting in November (or if you cannot come, let someone know who can pick them up). Thank you Barb Gholson for heading that program up!

I am so looking forward to having our traditional Christmas party again this year. With everyone's input and help we will have a great time. In addition we will be polling members soon as to whether we will be going back to meeting every week after January 1, 2022, or remain with the first and third weeks as we have been, so please be thinking about that.

I want to express my thanks to Susan Hahs (again) and all who helped with the Safety City Dedication and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. It was a very nice event and it took a lot of work to pull together. Honorable mention goes for involving an Eagle Scout, Dylan Weber, Troop 210, to assist with the upgrade. The press was invited and among the dignitaries was Mayor Dwain Hahs, Chamber Executive Director Brian Gerou, Parks & Recreation Director Shane Anderson and two former Optimists, Geneva Hartle and Beverly Nelson, who were involved in the original project many years ago. We wish Anita Sievers could have been there.

The Pumpkin Patch for the Shine Club was October 30th and was a great success. Thank you Paula Givens and your crew! .

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**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**08 CATHERINE RING**

MEETING SCHEDULE—NOVEMBER

- 02 Board Meeting—6:30 p.m.  
*Meeting Room at Jackson Chamber of Commerce—1846 East Jackson Blvd.*
- 03 Noon Meeting—Delmonico’s
- 17 Noon Meeting—Delmonico’s

# BINGO

## November 12

## Men's Club Bingo

## November 26



**On Veterans' Day**

While we were here at home,  
They traveled land and sea,  
To make sure we stayed safe,  
To protect and keep us free.

Words are not enough  
To give them what they're due.  
On Veterans' Day, please thank them  
For their service, to me and you.

*By Joanna Fuchs*



*President's Message continued*

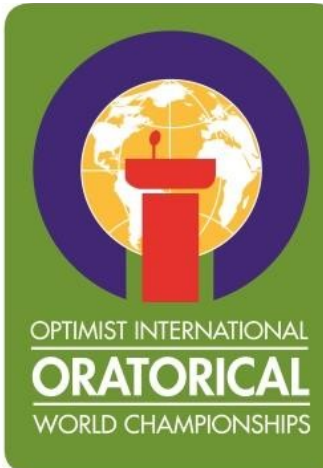
Bingo was a very busy venture in October with our pot finally going at \$11,500 . A lot of people stepped up to make that happen and I want to thank everybody who helped. Our tiny bingo earnings for last year (\$5650) seem to be a thing of the past as people are coming back to bingo in larger numbers finally. Bingo supports our projects and allows us to help many children in our community. A big thanks to all our bingo heroes-you know who you are!!

Our 1st Quarterly District Meeting was October 22-23 in St. Peters. I will be reporting on the meeting in our first meeting in November.

Ladies, we can change the world, one child at a time!

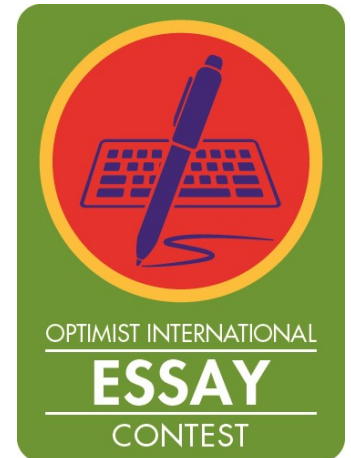
Yours in optimism

*Esther Bohnert*



**Oratorical Contest Topic 2021-2022**  
**"Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times."**

**Essay Contest Topic 2021-2022**  
**"How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?"**



### **Conferences & Conventions 2021-2022**

**2nd Quarter EMO District Conference**

February 25-26, 2022

St. Charles, MO

**3rd Quarter EMO District Conference**

April 29-30, 2022

Chesterfield, MO

**Optimist International Convention**

June 30-July 3, 2022

Reno, NV

**4th Quarter EMO District Convention**

August 26-28, 2022

Festus, MO

# Girls Basketball

After a 2 year break due to covid, we are again planning on having our girls' basketball program. The schools are cooperating with us again in renting out the gyms.

We will have registration at the Jackson Civic Center conference room on Saturday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon. Registration forms will be available soon. The forms will be distributed to the schools and we will blast Facebook with the information. So when you see our post on FB, please like and share.

Fortunately for us, Blake Lingle has agreed to be our coordinator for another year.

We will be asking members to again show our presence and be representatives for the club at the Saturday morning games beginning in January. We will have signup sheets available once we get our schedules.

We will need a few volunteers at the Civic Center registration dates. Come for an hour or the whole morning. Signup sheets will be passed around at the club meetings.

Thanks to everyone—this would not be possible without you.

*Susan Hahs*

## Thanksgiving Quotes

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.

*W. T. Purkiser*

Thanksgiving is a time of togetherness and gratitude.

*Nigel Hamilton*

Although Thanksgiving comes but once a year, every day should be a day of Thanks.

*Monique Hammond*

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

*John F. Kennedy*

We should certainly count our blessings, but we should also make our blessings count.

*Neal A. Maxwell*





# October Meeting Notes

**October 6**

*Safety City Dedication* (See related article on page 6)



Susan Hahs, Safety Committee Chair leads the program for the rededication and grand reopening of Safety City in the Jackson City Park.

**October 20**

*Program: Mayor Dwain Hahs*

Mayor Hahs presented information regarding the City Use Tax issue that will be on the November ballot. He also distributed informational handouts containing further details about the use tax issue.



These five cold ladies worked at the Shine Club Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, October from 10 to 12.

Pictured from left to right: Paula Givens, Janell Hinkebein, Clarinda Unger, Gail Kamp, and Esther Bohnert.

# Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

## Committee Updates

- *Bingo*—Noon Club Bingo--October 8, Men's Club Bingo--October 22.
- *Santa Keys*—Barbara Gholson has the keys divided in packages of 50 along with necessary supplies. Members are asked to work on these at a meeting or take home to complete.
- *Audit*—Connie Werner will audit the 2020-2021 financial books.
- *Shine Club*—Volunteers are need to help with the Pumpkin Patch activity that will be sponsored by Jackson R-2 Schools.
- *Safety City Dedication*—Reopening and dedication will be held on October 6 at Noon at the Jackson City Park.
- *Pickleball*—Court Sponsorship signs are being installed. We sponsored Court #1.
- *Installation*—Installation luncheon was a great success. There were 28 members in attendance.

## Board Action

- Approved donation of \$250 for Community Counseling Center's fundraiser—"Mary Mingle".
- Approved \$400 for update of QuickBooks accounting software.
- Approved the budget submitted by the Budget Committee.
- Approved Policies and Procedures for 2021-2022
- Approved additional \$100 donation to Excelsior DeMolay for ice cream provided for Youth Appreciation activity at Homecomer's.

*Debra Hoffmann, Secretary*

# Safety City Dedication

After 3 years of updates, modifications and approximately \$2,200 expenses, we are finished at Safety City for now. We had a great turn out of attendees at our dedication on Wednesday, October 6. Both club members, past and present, and community individuals attended.

After cutting the re-dedication ribbon everyone was treated to some pizza, cookies and drinks. Members of the community and past club members told of their involvement and challenges in building Safety City 30 years ago. Even our Eagle Scout, Dylan Webber, was present. Dylan completely rebuilt the train depot as part of his Eagle Scout project.

There were numerous people that helped with this 3 year project. A few worthy of mentioning are: the Safety City committee, Ken's Ace Hardware, Jackson city staff, PMS, MJ Designs and of course, our own club member Nancy Colliers' Sign Art Studio which includes Joe Thompson, they spent many hours up there with me. All these people had a hand in completing this 3 year project. So if you have contact with them, thank them on behalf of the Optimist club.

A white cherry tree was planted as part of the re-dedication.

I hope everyone continues to enjoy Safety City going forward.

Thank you everyone,

*Susan Hahs*





# East Missouri District 1st Quarter Conference

The East Missouri Optimist District 1st Quarter Conference was held October 22-23, 2021 at the Courtyard by Marriott in St. Peters, MO. The 100th anniversary of our creed was celebrated and the new Optimist theme for the 2021-2022 year is labeled "Net 212," the number of degrees of Optimism. 211 degrees is just hot water, but 212 is boiling!

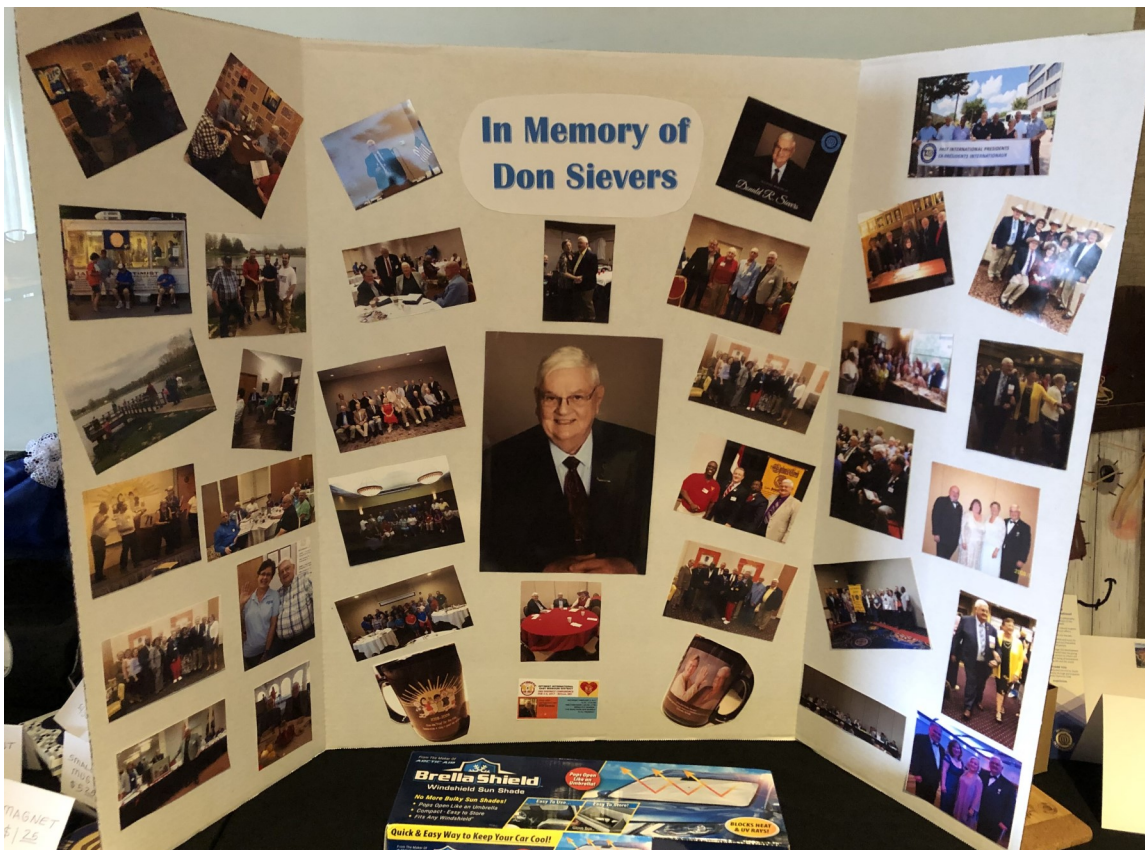
OIF Director Marc Katz gave a presentation on recognition levels and grant opportunities. He talked about scholarships for Oratorical & Essay, the Pass Through Program, the Club Campaign Program and endowments that the Foundation made. The OIF assisted 334 Optimists to help 9691 children and families.

Governor-elect Ernie Wren continued with a talk concerning grant writing. Another session involved hypothetically running your club on \$212, \$2120, \$21,000 and \$212,000. Team building was another topic-getting to know your members before trying to plug them into a program. New this year is Kids Speak Out! Speech Contest and a Visual Art Contest.

The new OI President, Patsy Garner gave a great address on Zoom. Finally a certificate of appreciation was presented to our club by Pat Brauner, past A&A Chair, for Debra Hoffmann's fidelity to keeping our club up to date by her work on our newsletter.

A poster board with photos of our dear Optimist friend Don Sievers was set up in the silent auction area. (Photo below) They collected \$1,100 in memory of Don which was given to the Optimist International Foundation.

*Esther Bohnert, Club President*



# JACKSON NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

## 2021-2022 OFFICERS

### **PRESIDENT**

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*Cathy Goodman—573-243-7710*

*Rebecca Terry—573-579-1376*

### **OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:**

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