

## Optimist Club of Jonesburg

April 2019 News

The Larry Richards Club is a youth group formed of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Jonesburg Elementary School sponsored by the Jonesburg Optimists. They learn about civic organizations, how to conduct meetings, and about community service.

Each year they have a pancake breakfast and donate the money to a worthy cause that they choose. This year they chose to donate that money to Shriner's Hospital in St. Louis. Shriner's Hospital System was founded in 1922; consists of 24 hospitals in the United States; the St. Louis Hospital opening in 1924. Children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all service in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patient's ability to pay. It costs \$26 every second to deliver that care. It operates 5 days/week.

This year the club was able to donate \$726 and the local Shriners matched that amount. The Optimists and Shriners arranged for them to tour the hospital and present the checks last week.

Shriners Heath and Bob Sellenriek, Don Worley, and Steve Sellenriek, and Optimist Sam Cobb accompanied the following Larry Richards Club members to present the check.

First row: Ricky Corder, Colton Eickermann, Mac Farrar, Emily Clark, Justin Lalonde, Ryelee Holt, Second row: Landon Bender, Lily Christian, Adrian Raygoza, Dallas Hans, Cooper Sellenriek, Eli Deuser, James Hans, Rhyan Kerpash, and Haley Meyer,

