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Richard Blair

### Mark your calenders

**May 12** - Pancake Breakfast fund raiser. 8am-noon.

**May 14** - Board Meeting, Club Meeting. Program: Youth Appreciation recipients will be honored.

**TURN IN YOUR FLAG MONEY.** Please turn in all money and receipts from the Flags For Patriots fund raiser at the May 14 meeting. Let Ken Distler know how many flags you need.

**May 28** - NO MEETING due to Memorial Day

**June 11** - Board Meeting, Club Meeting. Guest Speaker: TBA.

**Birthdays**  
none

**Anniversaries**  
none

### President's Corner

# Spring has sprung... finally!

Spring has sprung with all the allergens coming at us at once!! I hope you all are able to handle them and not end up with pneumonia (like Vivian! Take care, girl!)

Our District Essay winner, Clair Edelen, and her parents, Bill and Patrice, were the District's guests at the meeting in Charleston, West Virginia last month. Bill really enjoyed participating in the 50/50 raffle at the Model Club Luncheon; he won \$61.00!

The next District meeting will be in August in Louisville. I will have more news about it in the next Newsletter.

Our newest event is coming up THIS Saturday- Our Mother's

Day Pancake Breakfast from 8 till noon in the Life Center of the Methodist Church. Even if you can't take your mother, please come out and support this event.

We have Youth Appreciation Dinner at our first meeting this month on the 14th. Come out and support these fine young adults. I am still needing a guest speaker for our first meeting in June, though. I have several prospects, but haven't heard back from them.

I have turned in the Officer Report to OI for the 2018-19 year. The President is Richard Blair, Secretary is Vivian Fleener, and Treasurer is Ken Distler. The nomination committee needs a

President elect for the year 2019-20. Our club is only as strong and active as our Board of Directors and officers dictates. Flags for Patriots program is going on NOW. When Walt Norton gives you your packet, please, please take this project seriously! If each club member bought a subscription for himself and sold 2 others, our club would not have to work the Nelson County Fair. Just think of that!! No heat stroke, dust and noise of the tractors!

Thanks to all of you (cough, sneeze...), we can achieve much!

In Optimism,  
Becky Distler,  
President

## We have a District winner!



Our club entrant in the District Essay Contest won the event at the 3rd Quarter meeting in April. Claire Edelen (second from left) poses with (from left to right) District Essay Chair Marie Gamble, Pres. Becky Distler, Past Gov. Harold Brussell, and club Treasurer Ken Distler.

# OUR CLUB IN ACTION ...



**Kenny Fogle**, Democratic candidate for Judge Executive, was our guest speaker at the club's April 9 meeting. **Kristen Rogers** of Bardstown HS, who took 2nd place honors in our Oratorical contest, also was there and presented her speech. First place contestant Sarah Downs of Bethlehem was unable to attend.



Kentucky children's book author **Leigh Anne Florence** was the guest speaker at our April 23 meeting, along with her special guest, Woody the weiner dog. Florence is known for her "Woody the Kentucky Weiner" series of books, and is also a motivational speaker. As a motivational speaker, Florence travels to churches, schools, libraries and other venues presenting a variety of topics such as "Woody's Five Ways to Be Successful," and "Chloe's Five Ways to Be a Beautiful Woman."

## Board Minutes in a Minute

*To improve communications with club members, "unofficial" minutes of the previous month's Board Meeting are published in the newsletter.*

### April 2018

1. President-elect Richard Blair presented the proposed slate of officers for recommendation to the entire board. President-designate: Richard Blair, Vice President: Ronda Taylor, Treasurer: Ken Distler, Secretary: Vivian Fleenor

The following potential board members were presented:

2 year terms: Nat Jordan, Coach Roe Williams, Rita Williams

1 year terms: Harold Brussell, John Hafendorfer, Elyse Paulus-Mount

2. Flag Fundraiser: Becky Distler noted that Walt had the Flag Fundraiser packets and that selling these could potentially replace the County Fair as a fund-raiser.

3. District Hosting: noted that the Model Lunch is still up in the air due to food cost. This event is in August 2019

4. Pancake Breakfast: A motion was made by Richard Blair and seconded by Nat Jordan to hold a pancake breakfast fundraiser. Motion carried unanimously. Date was determined to be Saturday, May 12 at the Methodist Church Life Center at a cost of \$40. A budget of \$250 was allocated for this project, and Ronda Taylor was suggested as Chair for this event. In lieu of a set fee, donations will be requested.

5. Coach Williams noted receipt of some memorabilia from the daughter of a former member, Julian Taylor.



FIND SOME  
**FRIENDS**  
(OF OPTIMISTS)



## The Optimist Creed

*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.