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### President's Corner

## Spring is almost sprung (again)

As our "springtime" activities are put yet another time on the back-burner, our club activities keep rolling along. We have one of the Oratorical winners at our April 9th meeting. Also, at that same meeting candidate Kenny Fogle will address the club. We have a special treat at the noon meeting on the 23rd when Leigh Anne Florence comes to tell us about some of the adventures Woody, her Weiner dog has had. She will have books for sale, too. This meeting will be held

in the back entertain-ment/bar area of BJs due to Health Department regu-lations...something about restaurants and dogs. And don't forget that we will have the Youth Appreciation Dinner soon.

Now, for some serious stuff. The nomination committee has been busy! All positions are filled except the President-elect position for the 2019-20 year. 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, please take this project seriously! If each club member bought a sub-scription 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!

Enjoy your Spring Activities, again, with Optimism,

Becky Distler,  
President

### Mark your calenders

**April 9** - Board Meeting, Club Meeting. Guest Speaker: Kenny Fogle; also Oratorical winners.

**April 23** - Noon Club Meeting. Guest Speaker: children's book writer Leighanne Florence will be here, along with Woody the weiner dog

**Birthdays**  
April 23 - Rich Mount

*(if you don't see your name listed, contact Becky to update your records.)*

**Anniversaries**  
April 14 - Coach Roe and Rita Williams

## Flags for Patriots project kicks off

Our "Flags for Patriots" fund raising project will kick off at our April 9 meet-ing, with materials being passed out to those in attendance. If you are unable to attend that meeting, please contact project chair Walt Norton at 348-4852 to arrange to get your materials.

We have done this project for the past several years, but we are making an extra effort this year to expand our "sales" so that we can consider eliminating having our food booth at the Nelson County Fair.

In order to do that, our goal this year is for each club member to sell three sub-scriptions for flags. That's just getting a subscription for yourself and one from each of your next-door neighbors!



If you have not par-ticipated in this project previously, it is simple: A subscription is \$50 (\$40 for the second year on), and the buyer gets a 5'x3' American flag placed in their yard or place of business on five major holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veterans Day. The flag is placed a few days prior to the holiday and removed a couple of days afterward.

If we reach our goal of three sales per club members, we will exceed our aver-age income from the County Fair, and will a lot less work involved.

Let's try our best on this project -- it's the Patriotic thing to do!

# Oratorical winners to speak



Sarah Downs (1st place, at left) of Bethlehem High School and Kristen Rogers (2nd place, right) of Bardstown High School were the local winners at this year's Optimist Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Bardstown Optimist Club. Downs received \$200 in scholarship funds and Rogers received \$100, to be used at the school of their choice. Both candidates spoke on "What are the roots of my Optimism?", and will present their winning essays at our April 9 meeting. Downs will next compete in April in the Kentucky/West Virginia District contest, where she could win a \$2,500 scholarship. Top prize in the International contest is \$25,000.

## OUR CLUB IN ACTION ...

Kim Lacey (right) of Bardstown Schools' Foundation for Excellence was our guest speaker for the March 26 Meeting. She told us of the many projects the Foundation has funded at Bardstown Schools and the impact they have made on the students and faculty.



Essay winners Claire Edelen, Savannah Beyerle, and Chloe Nicholson presented their essays at the March 12 meeting. Edelen will next compete at the District competition in April.

### 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.

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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.