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President's Corner

NOW meetings set for July

Happy July! Wow, it has been as hot as a Firecracker! Hope you had a happy and safe 4th. We will have Round-table discussion NOW meetings for our July meetings. So, bring some friends and neighbors in to learn and discuss what our club does. Bring your ideas, too, for projects you think our club should do. Also, let us know if there are projects you think we need to discontinue. This is a different format- I am trying some new

ideas in hope that we can get new people into our club.

Many of our District members are in Ottawa, Canada for the International Convention. Be thinking about them as they make decisions for all the clubs throughout the world.

The District will be having Officer Training on August 24th. More information as to where and time will be coming soon.

We only have August and September to listen to

Guest Speakers, so let's show our community that we can show up for both of the NOW meetings and support our guest speakers

Remember when Richard, our President-Elect, comes to you and asks you to be a committee chair or serve as a committee member, please say YES!

Our Club is only as strong as WE make it!

In Optimism,
President Becky

OI offering special deals for Junior Optimist grads, teachers

Optimist International is continuing with the incentive of a free one-year membership for all graduating **Junior Optimist Members** that join an adult or college Club! This is a great opportunity to network and continue with their Optimist roots. Contact membership@optimist.org for more information.

Last year's "**Recruit a Teacher**" incentive was so well-received that Optimist International has renewed it for the entire 2017-2018 Optimist year!

Through September 30th, 2018, Optimist Clubs are encouraged to recruit educators from their local schools. Optimist

International is waiving the \$15.00 membership fee and offering a year's dues for only \$30!

Why Teachers?

Optimist Members of all professions are important to Clubs, so why the emphasis on teachers?

A strong connection with local schools is extremely beneficial for your Optimist Club. More teachers on your roster strengthens this connection.

They can open doors for attracting more students to our youth projects – including Oratorical, Essay, Sports and other programs.

Teachers are able to provide first hand insight into the needs of the children of

your community.

They provide the foundation for new Junior Optimist Clubs. Your Optimist Club will serve more children!

Who Qualifies?

- Teachers
- Administrators
- College professors
- Coaches employed by the school
- Aides
- School library staff
- Counselors
- May be active or retired
- If "teacher" is on their resume, they qualify

Please contact the Membership Department with any questions: (800) 500-8130 ext. 226 or e-mail danny.schuetter@optimist.org.

Mark your calendars

July 9 - Board Meeting, Club Meeting. NOW meeting. Bring a potential member for them to learn about our club.

July 23 - Noon Club Meeting. NOW meeting. Presentations about our club and our organization. Invite a potential new member.

Birthdays

2nd - Lellan Barlow Jr.

18th - Coach Roe Williams

Anniversaries

6th - Lellan Barlow Jr.

17th - Elyse & Rich Mount

OUR CLUB IN ACTION ...



Mike Mangeot, Bardstown's new Tourism Director, spoke at our June 11 meeting. As a former worker in the State Tourism Cabinet, he was able to share comparisons between the state's and Bardstown's programs.



Karen Scout spoke at the June 25 meeting about the Backpack program, which provides food items to at-risk kids in the area's schools. She also explained how the program identifies kids in need of help.

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.

June 2018

1. Pancake Breakfast: A correction to the amount previously reported as profit for the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast was made - the updated profit is \$237. Co-chairs Ronda and Ken reported that business was steady during the entire time, with close to 100 customers. There were no slowdowns on providing pancakes and enough supplies, except for fresh items such as milk and OJ, to cover the upcoming Father's Day Breakfast.
2. Flag Fundraiser: Collected \$910 to date.
3. District Hosting: reservations were made for the Hospitality Room. This event is August 9-11, 2019. The club needs to decide on a format for Saturday, and needs a Chair for the event.
4. Finance Committee: This committee will be comprised of Richard Blair, Ken Distler, Robert Cecil, Ronda Taylor and Nat Jordan. Richard will schedule the meetings. Ken Distler has a draft of the proposed budget for the next fiscal year and is working to reconcile the budget with the checking account.
5. Arts & Crafts Festival: discussed whether to participate, based upon the proposed location for food booths and the need for tables/chairs to encourage people to sit and eat. The application is available online. A motion was made by Harold Brussell and seconded by Richard Blair to complete the application based upon investigation of the proposed location for food booths. Motion carried unanimously.
6. County Fair: It was noted that donations to replace the County Fair income are still welcomed.
7. Guest speakers: Richard Blair noted that he would like some politicians running for office to come in and speak to the group. Discussion was held as to the length of time each would be able to speak and who to invite.
8. Installation of new officers will be at the first (evening) meeting in September.

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.