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Mark your calenders

Aug 13 - Board Meeting, Club Meeting. Wes Bradley, Nelson Co. Schools Superintendent will be our guest speaker.

Aug. 24-25 - Ky/WV District meeting in Louisville.

Aug 27 - Noon Club Meeting. Andrea Shepherd of the Flaget Foundation will be our guest speaker.

Birthdays

7th - Ken Distler
8th - Perry Garrett
8th - Arlene daCorte
15th - Nat Jordan
15th - Elyse Paulus-Mount
16th - Rick Loader

Anniversaries

1st - Walt Norton
6th - John Hafendorfer
21st - Rick Loader

President's Corner

Finish the year strong

Gee, It's August already! This Optimist Year is flying by! Thanks for all the in-put at our two NOW Meetings last month. Keep in mind that although no one joined, this is an ongoing project. EVERY meeting is a NOW meeting (New Optimist Wanted/Welcome)! Bring your friends, neighbors and even your in-laws to any meeting!

When our in-coming officers or chair people call you, please be willing to serve in some way. If each member picks one project or event to work, then we will have a successful club.

Officers: there will be training at the District meeting August 24-25. District officers will have training on the 24th and Club offi-

cers will have training on the morning of the 25th. General sessions will be on Saturday, the 25th along with election of the Governor-elect. A really nice dinner on Saturday with Installation of Officers will be a highlight of the weekend. If you can only attend the training on Saturday, that is fine, too. With it being held in Louisville, it's pretty easy for our members. For more information, see the registration attachment.

As far as Speakers, I have all of them scheduled until the end of September. The month of October, Richard wants to invite many of the Candidates in our area come talk to us, so we can be better informed when we vote. Speakers for

this month are Wes Bradley, new Superintendent of the Nelson County School will be coming at our evening meeting. Andrea Shepherd from Flaget Foundation will be speaking at the noon meeting.

Also, Youth Vote is coming up in November, so we will need volunteers to help with that. Ken Distler is heading that up, so give him a call (502-507-5724) or talk to him at our meetings.

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

Our Club is only as Strong as WE make it!

In Optimism,
Becky, President

Training provided for incoming club officers

The Kentucky/West Virginia District is providing training for all incoming club officers at the annual convention, set for Aug. 24-25. The officer training is scheduled for Saturday (Aug. 25) from 10:30am to noon, and will take place in Louisville (see attached registration form).

The training is specific to the duties of club presidents, secretaries, and treasurers, and board members are encouraged to attend the secretary/treasurer training as that course covers the duties required.

Any other member of our club is welcome to attend any of the training, also, to help better understand club programs or to

prepare for future service to the club.

There is no limit on taking the course(s) multiple times, as new items are being introduced each year.

For members of our club, there is also a financial incentive to attend the training: For anyone who has never attended a District meeting, a stipend of \$50 is offered to offset costs of attending the training. This year, as the training is in Louisville, an overnight stay at the training site is not required, further reducing costs.

The stipend will be paid upon completion of the training and verified by District attendance records.

Recruit a Teacher: first year dues only \$30!

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 also provide the foundation for new Junior Optimist Clubs. Your Optimist Club will serve more children! Optimist International is waiving the \$15.00 membership fee for teachers and educators, and offering a year's dues for only \$30! Please contact the OI Membership Department with any questions: (800) 500-8130.



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION: 10 Things Accomplished in 2017

- Sent 136 students off to college with Optimist International oratorical, essay, and CCDHH scholarships totaling \$315,800.
 - Relunched and broadened the CCC Matching Grant program to include health and wellness projects that relate to Childhood Cancer.
 - Helped 352 Optimists help 7,027 children and their families by awarding 22 Club Grants including two grants to Clubs in Africa.
 - Assisted Clubs in receiving \$303,158 in charitable contributions for their own local programs through the Pass Through program.
 - Supported the Optimist International Oratorical World Championship Contest by funding the US and International winners totaling \$35,000.
 - Contributed \$35,540 towards the Optimist International Research Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at Johns Hopkins
 - Paid out \$384,052 to Clubs utilizing the Club Campaign program and added an additional \$21,421 in interest to Club Campaign funds.
 - Ended the year with 204 Members to the Women's Philanthropy Council, which will fund two scholarships and two Club grants in 2018.
 - Launched initiative to provide \$100 grants to new JOI Clubs with 25 Members or more to help conduct service projects.
 - Increased unrestricted giving over the previous year by 15%
- SUPPORT THE OI FOUNDATION!**

The **Optimist** believes the glass is half full. The **pessimist** believes the glass is half empty. The **mother** just wants to know why you didn't use a coaster.

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.

July 2018

1. Pancake Breakfast: A profit of \$523.99 was earned from the Mother's Day and Father's Day Pancake Breakfasts. Ronda Taylor suggested we cut the time on the next one from 4 hours to 3.
2. Flag Fundraiser: Collected \$1080 to date
3. Finance Committee: Ken Distler, Richard Blair, Ronda Taylor, Nat Jordan and Robert Cecil. A draft budget is ready for discussion.
4. Arts & Crafts Festival: October 13-14. Registration fee of \$325 has been paid.
5. Political Guest Speakers: let Richard know your suggestions ASAP.
6. District Hosting: Cottage and meeting room are paid for. This event is August 9-11, 2019, The club still needs to decide on a format for Saturday, and a Chair.
7. NOW Meetings: These are designed to be round-table discussions.
8. Backpack Program: Cost is \$120 per student - it was noted that this expense should be added to the budget.
9. Nomination Committee: Incoming Vice-president Ronda Taylor has agreed to accept position as President- Elect with a motion from the Nominating Committee and a second by Ken Distler. This will need to be presented at the Club's full meeting.
10. HOBY: Received a request from student Laurel Riggs to sponsor her at the World Leadership Program in Chicago. A motion to donate \$200 was made by Harold Brussell and seconded by Ronda Taylor. Motion carried unanimously. Laurel will be asked to speak at a Club meeting.
11. Coffee mugs: new National colors are blue or black. Ken will investigate whether we can get them in purple.
12. Angel Tree: received a letter from attorneys for Prison Fellowship claiming we are using their trademarked phrase "Angel Tree". Ken clarified that the Club does not use that term - the official term used is "Optimist Toy Drive." Pres. Becky will respond to the attorney's letter.

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.



Tentative Conference Agenda
Weekend Theme:

“FLY HIGH AND FINISH STRONG!”



Friday, August 24, 2018

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| 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | Registration–Patio Room |
| 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | District Dinner at Rafferty’s
988 Breckenridge Lane
Louisville, KY 40207
(Remember to wear your CCC Shirts!) |
| 9:00 p.m. - ??? | Hospitality Room – Patio Room - Open for enjoyment |

Saturday, August 25, 2018

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| 6:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Breakfast on your own – Free Hotel Breakfast |
| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Past Governor’s Breakfast – Free Hotel Breakfast |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Board Meeting |
| 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Training – ALL invited to attend |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. | Lunch at Breckinridge Inn |
| 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Planned Group Outing to Muhammed Ali Center and Falls of the Ohio State Park – Hope you can join us for a fun finish to the year! |
| 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | Hospitality Mingle – Patio Room |
| 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | Dinner and Installation Banquet at Breckinridge Inn Banquet Room
(Formal / Semi-Formal) |
| 8:30 p.m. - ??? | Hospitality Room – Patio Room - Open for your enjoyment |

Sunday, August 26, 2018

Breakfast on your own and departure – Safe travels until we meet again!



Registration Form
Kentucky / West Virginia District
of Optimist International
Convention, August 24 - 26, 2018

"FLY HIGH AND FINISH STRONG!"

Breckinridge Inn, Louisville, KY
Hosted by the Bluegrass Optimist Club

Name _____ Club Name _____
Club Office _____ District Office _____
Phone Number _____ First District Meeting? Yes _____ No _____
Spouse/Guest Attending? _____ Children Attending/age? _____

Pre-Registration (individual) \$10.00 _____ **For Pre-Registration rate, form must be received by August 15, 2018**
Pre-Registration (family) \$15.00 _____

-- OR --

On-Site Registration (individual) \$15.00 _____ These rates apply after August 15, 2018 and at the door.
On-Site Registration (family) \$20.00 _____

Friday Night Dinner at Rafferty's, 988 Breckenridge Lane, Louisville (Pay on your own)
Planning to Attend? _____ YES _____ NO

Saturday Morning – Free Breakfast at Hotel

Saturday Luncheon at Breckinridge Inn \$12.00 x _____ = _____

Saturday Afternoon Outing:
Muhammed Ali Center (\$12.00) and Falls of the Ohio State Park (\$9.00) – Pay on your own
Planning to Attend? _____ YES _____ NO

Saturday Night Dinner and Installation Banquet at Breckinridge Inn Banquet Room
\$18.00 x _____ = _____

Sunday Morning – Free Breakfast at Hotel
Total Enclosed _____

Questions? Please call Ed Smith at 502-738-5506 or email at ed.smith.ky@gmail.com. Make checks payable to: Kentucky / West Virginia District and mail with this form to: Ed Smith, 10345 Mt. Eden Rd., Waddy, KY 40076

Reserve rooms directly with the hotel by July 24, 2018. Breckinridge Inn, 2800 Breckenridge Ln., Louisville, KY 40220. Phone: 502-456-5050. Block of rooms at \$72.00 (King or 2 Beds) plus tax per night on 8/24/18 – 8/25/18. When making reservation, state it is for the KY/WVA District of Optimists.