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- Past President**
Becky Distler
- President-Elect**
Ronda Taylor

Mark your calenders

- Oct 8** - Board Meeting, Evening Club Meeting. Guest speakers: candidates
- Oct. 13-14** - Arts & Crafts Fair (workers needed for Saturday - contact Ken)
- Oct 22** - Noon Club Meeting. Guest Speakers: candidates for NC Sheriff.
- Oct 26-27** - KYWV District 1st Qtr Meeting, Huntington, WV

- Birthdays**
- Oct. 20** - John Hafendorfer
- Oct. 21** - Roger Leggett

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

Anniversaries
none

President's Corner

An introduction to Pres. Richard

Hello, my name is Richard Blair and I am the new president of the Bardstown Optimist Club. A little about me and my vision for the upcoming year.



I am originally from Minneapolis, Minnesota and moved to Bardstown in March 2002 with my wife, Angie, whom I have been married to for 19 years. We have four children, Emma (14 yrs), Faith (13 yrs), Charlie (12 yrs), and Katie (11 yrs). We have two dogs, Daisy and Ollie, who are spoiled rotten by my family.

Roland "Coach Roe" Williams approached me a few years ago regarding the Optimist Club. I eventually joined and my road has led me to being the new president of the Club, which I am

looking forward to serving the community. I would like to thank Becky Distler, who did a wonderful job as President and who is also mentoring me through the transition. Thanks also go to all the active members for their encouragement and support as I begin my new leadership position.

Vice President Ronda Taylor and I would like to work with the Club and community members in increasing our membership. The more people that we have, the more that we can do for the children of Bardstown as well as the surrounding Nelson County cities/ towns. There are many people in our community that would love to help the children, and we need to

somehow make a connection with these people and embrace what they can offer.

The Optimist Club of Bardstown will have the food trailer set up in the food court area at the Bardstown Arts and Crafts Fair on October 13th (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.), and Sunday, October 14th (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.). Please come on out and visit us as we are serving delicious food and quenching water and a variety of soda pops.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions, etc. at Richard_blair@earthlink.net.

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."- Winston Churchill

Workers needed for Optimist Youth Vote

Next month our club will be sponsoring Optimist Youth Vote for area youth up to age 17. We still need sponsors for at least four or five polling stations, in addition to the polling station at the First Christian Church, which our club sponsors.



like their parents. They use a paper ballot, and place it into a sealed ballot box. Ballots are totaled the evening of Election Day, and the results are published in the Kentucky Standard on the Friday following.

See Ken or Elyse to volunteer a shift at the Christian Church, or volunteer to organize a team to assist at one of the other polling stations throughout the county.

It's an experience you won't forget!

OUR CLUB IN ACTION ...



Ryan Clark, new Superintendent for Bardstown City Schools, was our guest speaker for our Sept. 24 meeting.



Club officers for 2018-19 were inducted Sept. 10 by incoming District Gov. Jean Smith. From left are: Richard Blair, president; Ronda Taylor, vice president; Ken Distler, treasurer; Elyse Paulus-Mount, board member; Harold Brussell, board member; Nat Jordon, board member; John Hafendorfer, board member; and Vivian Fleenor, secretary. Not present were board members Coach Roe Williams and Rita Williams.

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.

September 2018

1. Political Guest Speakers: a decision was made to invite the candidates for Sheriff and county Judge Executive as October speakers
2. Toy Drive: The Salvation Army is beefing up their toy drive and there is a particular need for gifts for Head Start children. The Optimist Toy Drive for Community Action needs a chair this year. Becky has the boxes to be placed at various locations.
3. Mugs: 72 New Optimist mugs in purple and gold have been ordered and should be delivered in October.
- D. District Lunch: Still need a chairperson for this event August 9-11, 2019
4. Youth Vote November 6: Ken met with the County Clerk and determined that polling places will remain the same as last year. We need several groups to man the polling places. Optimist members cover the polls at First Christian Church.
5. Day at the Races: This is a fundraiser for Optimist International. Cost is \$65 and includes admission, lunch on Millionaires' Row, and program. You must register for this November 10 event by October 26th.
6. Friends of Optimists (FOO): This status costs the same as membership but we receive \$19 more from this type of membership. Stephanie has converted to FOO status but will continue to assist with the Chess competition..



Can you change
your world?

"JUST ASK"

Invite somebody into your world

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.



Louisville Host Area Committee

Day at the Downs

November 10, 2018

As a fundraiser for the 2019 Optimist International Convention in Louisville, we will be having a fun filled day at Churchill Downs in the new Starting Gate Suites on November 10, 2018. Please join us! We'll have a great time!

The tickets are \$65. Price includes admission, race program, buffet lunch, soft beverages and a donation.

Free parking in the Black, Green and Orange lots (until full), located off Central Ave and Taylor Blvd
Paid parking also available (more free parking on S 4th street, farther from gate).

Gates Open 11:30am, enter thru the Paddock Gate and head left.

Buffet 12-3pm, cash bar available.

First race 1:00pm, last race approx. 6:00pm.

Dress Code is Smart Casual.

For more track info, go to churchilldowns.com

Deadline for tickets is October 26.

Day at the Downs, November 10, 2018

tickets ____ @ \$65 each = \$ _____ checks payable to 'Optimist Convention Host Account '

Name and phone# _____

Address (postal mail or e-mail)

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