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Mark your calenders

Nov 12 - Board Meeting, Evening Club Meeting. Guest speaker: St. Joe 7th grader Carlee Hite. Carlee was the recent winner of the Human Rights Commission's speech contest.

Nov. 26 - Noon Club Meeting. Guest Speakers: to be announced.

Dec. 10 - Club Christmas party

Birthdays
none

Anniversaries
6th - Ronda Taylor
28th - Diane Thompson

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

President's Corner

October, November busy for our club

F e l l o w Optimists:

As we get into the last couple of months of this calendar year, the Optimist Club has a lot of activities that will be keeping us busy serving the community which benefits our youth.

On the weekend of October 12th, the Optimist Club served various foods and drinks at a new location at the Arts and Crafts Fair, which kept us busy on Saturday. Unfortunately, Sunday's weather was not as cooperative and was very slow throughout the day. Overall, it was wonderful seeing many familiar and new faces throughout the weekend. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out this weekend, and a special thank you to Ken and Becky Distler who was in charge of making sure our trailer was there for the weekend (and supplies stocked).

As it is an election year, our October 8th evening



meeting had the candidates for the Nelson County Judge Executives-Dean Watts, Don Thrasher, and Jack Hurst.

Our October 22nd meeting had the candidates for Sheriff: Todd Harper and Ramon Pineiroa. All candidates shared their views and/or visions regarding how to help serve the youths in our county.

At the start of November, we began our annual Optimist Toy Drive, teaming up with the Nelson County Community Action Agency which helps provide Christmas presents for many area youth who otherwise may not receive any toys. Last year we collected mounds of toys, plush stuffed animals and clothing for all ages. We also raised over \$300 and hope to match or exceed that total this year.

We have toy collection boxes at all area Town & Country Bank offices, all Nelson County locations of

both Wilson & Muir Bank and Lincoln National Bank, The Old Talbott Tavern, WDRB Radion station, and The Kentucky Standard's offices.

On November 6th, the Optimist Club along with the Kentucky Standard sponsored the Optimist Youth Vote, which encourages parents and grandparents to bring their child/grandchild to the polls so they have an opportunity to vote. The mission here is to help prepare the youth to practice democracy with a "real life" voting experience. Our club sponsored the polling station at First Christian Church.

If you would like to learn more about being a member or have opportunities to volunteer for our various activities, please attend one of our November meetings, or contact us one of the Board of Directors listed on the left side of the newsletter.

In Optimism,
President Richard



OUR CLUB IN ACTION ...



Club vice president Ronda Taylor poses with Nelson County Sheriff candidates Ramon Pineiroa Jr. (left) and Todd Harper (right) at our Oct. 22 meeting. Pineiroa won the office on Nov. 6.



Becky and Ken Distler (at right) and Elyse and Rich Mount (back row) pose with friends Rhonda and Brent Grugin at "Day at the Downs" Nov. 10 at Churchill Downs. The fun event was an OI fundraiser to support the 100th anniversary OI Convention in Louisville next July.

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.

October 2018

1. Arts & Crafts Festival: Discussed items needed for the food booth and a request for additional volunteers for Saturday. Determined that creating a list of items needed would benefit the group in future.
2. Toy Drive: Richard Blair has volunteered to chair the Toy drive this year. Discussed the need for new signs for the boxes. Past President Becky Distler has a list of locations and the stored boxes.
3. Optimist Youth Votes: Discussed need for volunteers at First Christian Church as well as other locations. Ballot boxes will need to be put together and delivered to polling places.
4. Day at the Races: Deadline to register October 26. \$65 per person. This is a fundraiser for Optimists International. Harold Brussell also discussed the \$.10 per day fundraiser where if 10 people give ten cents per day the Club gets a patch for our banner and each donor gets a pin.
5. KY/WV District Lunch: Still need a chairperson for this event August 9-11, 2019
6. Essay contest: The club is in need of a new chairperson for the Essay Contest as Rita Williams will no longer be able to do this
7. Business Sponsorships: Discussed getting businesses to sponsor the Club and Club events. Suggested events such as a Bouncy Fun Day for kids to get the word out about the Club and the Joy Club.
8. New Members: Coach Roe has 3 new members, all of whom are college members.

We missed you!

Were you absent from our last meeting? Or has it been more than just a few?

If you've missed a meeting or two, we've noticed and you *have* been missed.



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.