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Mark your calenders

Dec. 10 - Club Christmas party

Dec. 24 - no meeting

Jan. 7 - 6pm Board Meeting, 7pm Evening Meeting, speaker TBA

Jan. 15 - deadline for Schultz Award nominations

Jan. 21 - Noon Meeting, speaker TBA

Birthdays

2 - Shirley Lyons
22 - Diane Thompson
23 Becky Distler

Anniversaries

18 - Nat Jordan
28 - Jan Lantzer

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

President's Corner

Toy drive, Youth Vote projects successful

Fellow Optimists:

November was successful and busy month. We will conclude our annual 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. We'll post the results in our January newsletter.

Our Optimist Youth Vote was a big success with an incredible high turnout of our youth voting. Let's hope they come out again in the next election!

This year's Christmas party will be at BJ's Restaurant beginning at 6:30. Santa Claus will be making a special appearance! All friends and families are invited (No gifts,



just fun!). Please RSVP Becky Distler (502-507-8543) or Ken Distler (502-507-5724) by Friday, December 7th (no emails please), so they know how many to expect.

We would like to thank Anita Westrup who is affiliated with the Salvation Army as our November 12th evening speaker. A challenge was issued to the local Kiwanis to see who could raise the most money ringing the bell at Krogers on a designated Saturday in December. Results will be posted in our next newsletter. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out on December 1st to ring the bells. Our afternoon speaker was Carlee Hite who won first place in the Human Rights Commission

Oratorical contest.

If you are interested in any Optimist Club apparel, please contact either Becky or Ken Distler, or Richard Reminder that the next Kentucky/WV District of Optimist International will be February 8-10, 2019 at the Gold Vault Inn, in Radcliff, KY. For more information please contact either Becky or Ken Distler.

If club members have any ideas for fundraising, please let one of the Board members or Officers know. All fundraising has to be approved first by the Board, then the whole club.

There will not be any afternoon meeting on December 24th as that is Christmas Eve. Merry Christmas and a happy new year to all!

In optimism,
President Richard

Essay, oratorical contests begin

The schedule for our two Scholarship Contests has been announced and work has started to seek participants.

The deadline for the Optimist Essay Contest to submit essays and application forms is Thursday, Feb. 14. The forms and essays must be RECEIVED by the 14th. The winners will present their essays at our March 11 meeting. Winners will receive \$200 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place.

The deadline to register for the Oratorical Contest is Thursday, Feb. 14. The contest will be held on March 16 at 12:30pm at the Nelson County Library. (timekeepers and other help is needed for the contest.)

The winners will be at our April 8 meeting. First place earns \$200, 2nd place is \$100, and third place is \$50.

Ronda Taylor is the chair for our Essay Contest, and Harold Brussell is chair of our Oratorical Contest.

OUR CLUB IN ACTION ...



Carlee Hite (left) poses with club VP Ronda Taylor and Mary Crum Spalding, head of the Nelson County Human Rights Commission. Carlee was this year's NCHRC essay winner, and was our guest speaker at our Nov. 27 meeting.



Harold Brussell, John Hafendorfer, Ken Distler and Tina Ploughman with Nelson County Community Action poses with just a small portion of the many toys we collected during this year's Optimist Toy Drive. The toys benefited area youth through Community Action, Nelson County Head Start, and Nelson County Salvation Army.

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.

November 2018

1. Optimist Youth Votes: 936 students voted. Very nice article in the Ky. Standard.
2. Optimist Apparel: Becky will get prices. Screen printed items require a minimum quantity ordered.
3. Business sponsorships: Since this Club is not a 501c3, for donations to be considered tax deductions, funds must first be donated to the Optimist Foundation, which will then forward the donation to us.
4. Essay contest/Chess/Oratorical: Ronda Taylor will chair the Essay Competition, Coach Roe Williams will chair the Chess Competition and Harold Brussell will chair Oratorical Contest with assistance from John Hafendorfer.
5. Toy Drive: Since Community Action has only about 30 kids registered, the overflow of toys will be donated to the Salvation Army Angel Tree, with about 250 kids.
6. Check Signers: A motion was made by Richard Blair and seconded by John Hafendorfer to add a fourth signer to the Optimist Bank account. Signers going forward will be Ken Distler, Becky Distler, Robert Cecil and Vivian Fleenor. Motion Carried unanimously.
7. Christmas Party: December 10, 6:30 PM at BJ's Restaurant.

Support the Optimist Foundation

The Optimist Foundation provides the scholarships presented to winners at the District level for such activities as the Oratorical and Essay contests. Funds for those scholarships come from *your donations* through such programs as Dime A Day (a donation of \$36.50), President's Club (\$100 annually for 3 years), and Women's Philanthropy Council (\$100). See club Foundation chair Becky Distler for more information.

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.

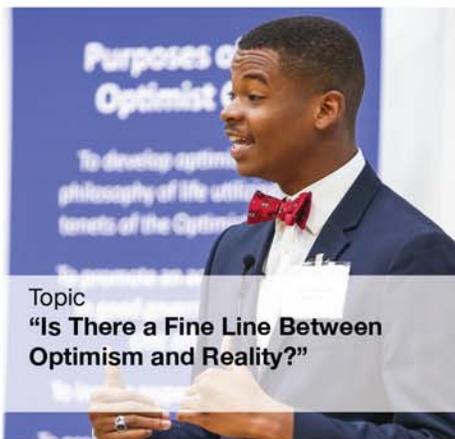
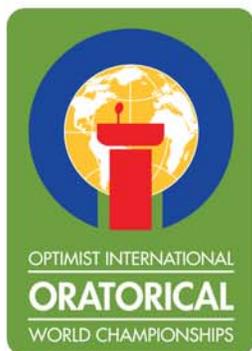
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

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.

Scholarship Money Available

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONTESTS 2018-2019



ORATORICAL CONTEST

Beginning in 1928, the Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program of Optimist International. The contest is designed for young people to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with an opportunity to compete for multiple college scholarships with a pre-assigned topic.

District Scholarships:
First Place: \$2,500 • Second Place: \$1,500 • Third Place: \$1,000
with a chance to win up to \$22,500 at the World Championships level

Scholarships available at the local level:

First Place: \$200 - Second Place: \$100 - Third Place: \$50 *Winner advances to District Competition*

Deadline to register: Feb. 14, 2019 - Contest is on Saturday, March 16

Mail completed form to: Optimist Club Oratorical Contest, PO Box 1072, Bardstown KY 40004

registration form available in Counselor's office or download at

https://optimist.org/Forms/18-19_Oratorical_Application.pdf

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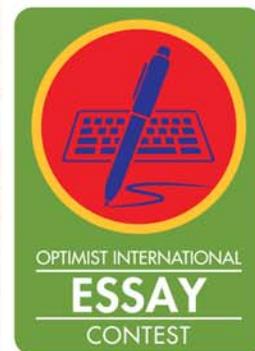
For more information, contact Harold Brussell at: 502-348-3370 or haroldb@bardstown.com

ESSAY CONTEST

The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live.

The approach can encompass a young person's personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective. In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship!

One District Scholarship of \$2,500



Scholarships available at the local level:

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