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President's Corner Club begins new year

F e l l o w Optimists,
Happy new year! As we begin a new year, the Optimist Club of Bardstown is going forward in reevaluating all programs and events that we sponsor. Times are changing and so are we. Please stay tuned to see the wonderful changes that are ahead.....and you can be



a part of it as well. First, please come and attend either our board meetings and/or general meetings. This is the best way to ensure that you are up to date on our going-ons, plus, it gives you an opportunity to be a part of the process. We serve a large population of youth in the Bardstown/Nelson County

area, and they need our help in some cases. Coach Roe has been building up our Junior Optimists who are waiting and willing to do what they can to serve their fellow youth. Thanks to everyone who is a part of our club, and I wish nothing but the best in this new year. In this year, promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace in mind. In optimism,
President Richard

Hospitality and Info Center looking for volunteers

Wanted! Volunteer opportunity at Optimist International Convention in Louisville June 29-31!

Looking for friendly faces to welcome attendees as they arrive at the airport and Galt House Hotel

If you can take a 4-hour shift one of those days between 8 am and 8 pm contact me at info below. Then register to attend a



session at the convention! Volunteers are required to wear the yellow volunteer shirts mentioned above. This is a great way to meet other optimists from all over the US Canada and other countries!

If you can help contact me at jzeigler227@gmail.com or call 502-229-1797.
Judy Zeigler Co-chair,
Information/Hospitality Committee

Optimist Day is Feb. 7

Members of Optimist International will celebrate Optimist Day throughout the world the first Thursday of every February to promote our efforts in bringing out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.

On Optimist Day, Optimists around the world are asked to wear Optimist attire -

shirts, pins, hats, etc. Post your best Optimist attire on social media and tag Optimist International or use the #OptimistDay hashtag. Send your photos to marketing@optimist.org to be featured in future publications. Visit our Optimist Day web site (optimist.org/member/optimist-day.cfm) for more information.

Mark your calenders

- Jan. 5** - deadline for Schultz Award nominations
- Jan. 14** - 6pm Board Meeting, 7pm Evening Meeting, speaker TBA
- Jan. 28** - Noon Meeting, speaker TBA

- Birthdays**
3 - Richard Blair
7 - Harold Brussell
8 - Walt Norton
18 - Rita Williams
22 - Ronda Taylor
23 - Bill Broadus

Anniversaries
none

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

OUR CLUB IN ACTION ...



The Bardstown High School Junior Optimist International (JOI) Club members recently donated 41 stuffed animals to children who are patients at Flaget Hospital. Ann King, Volunteer Coordinator for Flaget Hospital Auxiliary, and Auxiliary President Mozena Raisor accepted on behalf of the hospital.



Club members pose for a photo during the Christmas party. Special guests were Zone 4 Lt. Gov. Ellen Thompson and several other members of the Radcliff Club. Santa also paid a visit and kept everyone amused at his corny jokes.

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.

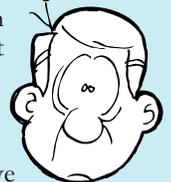
December 2018

1. Toy Drive: served 30 children from Community Action, 45 from Head Start and the remaining toys were donated to the Salvation Army.
2. Bell-ringing Challenge: Robert Cecil reported that Optimists beat out Rotary this year in donations! Optimists raised \$641.15 and Rotary \$620.13.
3. Optimist Apparel: Prices were obtained by Becky Distler and a few orders made
4. Oratorical Contest: The library has been reserved, 3 judges enlisted, and Harold Brussell has visited 4 high schools and 3 junior highs to encourage participation. Medallions have been purchased. Contest March 16 and Club meeting April 8.
5. Chess Competition: February 2, 2019 1:00 PM at the library
6. Storage Unit: Prices were obtained from several sites. One site was priced as follows: 5X10 non-climate controlled space at \$60 per month and climate-controlled \$80 per month. Store-All was priced at \$30 or \$50 per month depending on size but no units are climate-controlled. Our budget allows for a max of \$300 per year.
7. Business Sponsorships: a committee will be formed to address this issue.
8. Future Speakers: Please give suggestions to Richard or Ronda.
9. Schultz Award: Deadline Jan. 18 and award to be presented Feb. 11
10. JOI Club: Officers were elected and participation is already 16 over last year with 2 more possibilities.

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.