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### President's Corner

## February one of our busiest



You would not think that February is our shortest month as it is one of the busiest times during the year.

We have a lot of magnificent things going for the youth of Bardstown. We have the Groundhog Chess Tournament at Nelson County Public Library on February 2nd. Last year we had a good turn out and expect another on this year.



February 7th is Optimist Day, which was discussed in our last newsletter. At our February 11th club meeting, we will be honoring our next three Frank Shultz Award recipients, which is the best kept secret until they are revealed.

If you are interested in the Optimist Club to sponsor a youth event, or if you

have an idea of something you would like us to do for our youth, please contact us (names and numbers on the left side of the newsletter) or attend our club meetings. You do not need to be a member to attend as it is for everyone.

Please remember to talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.

In Optimism,  
President Richard

### Mark your calenders

- Feb. 2** - Groundhog Day Chess Tournament
- Feb. 7** - Optimist Day
- Feb. 8-9** - District Meeting
- Feb. 11** - Board Meeting @ 6pm; club meeting at 7pm. Program: Schultz Award presentations.
- Feb. 14** - Oratorical, essay contests entry deadline
- Feb. 25** - Noon meeting. Guest speaker is Daniel Jeffires, City Rec Center.

#### Birthdays

- 4** - David Prather
- 18** - Darren Patrick
- 21** - Mike Carney

#### Anniversaries

none



## Optimists rewarded for volunteer work

Two long-time club members were recognized for their work within the community at the Chamber of Commerce's Jan. 24 awards meeting.

Robert Cecil (left), vice president of business development with Lincoln National Bank, was presented with the Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was presented by Jeanette Cantrell, wife of last year's recipient, Jim Cantrell. Both Cantrells are former Optimist members.

Cecil also voluneers with the Nelson

County chapter of the Salvation Army.

Ken Rapier Jr. (right) was recognized for his work with the Guthrie Opportunity Center by being presented with the 2018 Ron Filkins Standard Communications Volunteer of the Year Award. Rapier humbly commented that the award should have gone to the Gutrie Center's Board of Directors and other volunteers.

Rapier also has helped with the Rotary Club's Coat-A-Kid program.

# OUR CLUB IN ACTION ...



Bardstown School's new Resource Officer Andrew Riley was our guest speaker for the Jan. 14 meeting. He talked about how his new job is about communicating and relating to the students at Bardstown's schools, building up their trust in uniformed officers.

## Board Minutes in a Minute

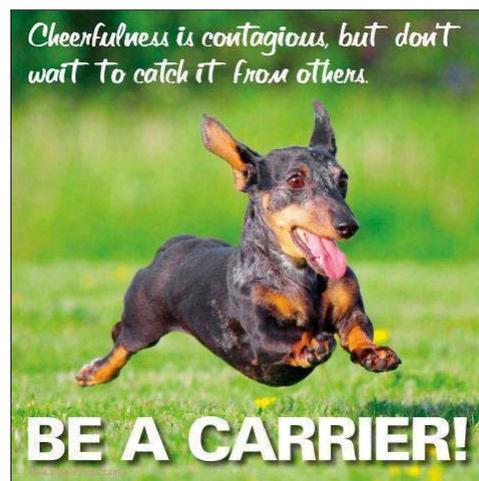
To improve communications with club members, "unofficial" minutes of the previous month's Board Meeting are published in the newsletter.

### January 2019

1. Optimist Apparel: Currently taking orders.
2. Schultz Award: Have received 3 nominations
3. Oratorical Contest: One applicant so far. Winner will present at April 8 meeting
4. Chess Competition: February 2 at the public library
5. Storage Unit: Cheapest rent is \$35 per month and this is not included in our current-year budget.
6. Business Sponsorships: Committee meeting Jan. 21 at 11:00 AM at Edwrd Jones (Nat's office)
7. Essay competition: None received yet. Deadline for submissions is February 14
- H. Future Speakers: Ronda presented a list of future speakers and some additional possibilities.
8. 2ndQtr, Dues: Ken handed out notices
9. District Meeting: Feb. 8-10 in Radcliff. Friday evening event will have "Classic Movies" theme
10. Absences: Ken and Becky Distler will be leaving Feb. 12 and return April 2.



Marcella Crenshaw is presented with a souvenir Optimist mug by club VP Ronda. Crenshaw was our guest speaker at our Jan. 28 meeting and updated club members on the services the New Life Center provides, in particular the parenting classes and videos it offers.



Promote Optimism in our community  
- Invite a guest to our next meeting

## 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.