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### Mark your calenders

**Apr. 8** - Board Meeting @ 6pm; club meeting at 7pm. Program: Oratorical finalists. Kickoff of the "Flags for Patriots" fund raiser.

**Apr. 22** - Noon meeting. Guest speaker is Rita Mattingly, Bardstown/NC Head Start.

**Birthdays**  
23 - Rich Mount

**Anniversaries**  
14 - Roland & Rita Williams

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



## President's Corner Spring has sprung!!

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Spring is here as we enter our 3rd quarter of this Optimist year. We will have this year's Oratorical winners at our April 8th meeting.

At our March 11th meeting, we had the honor and privilege of hearing from this year's essay winners. 1st place went to Sophia Downs, 2nd place was Yin Lin, and 3rd place was Maddie Robbins. Sophia Downs will be invited to attend our district essay contest this year. Each of their essays were inspiring and we cannot wait to hear next year.

The nomination committee will be meeting as



we need to fill our positions for the 2019-20 year. VP Ronda Taylor and I will swap positions in October, but we need a president-elect position in the 2020-21 year.

Our club is only as strong and active as our Board of Directors and officers dictates. We will need three new board members (Elyse, John, and Harold's term will expire), a secretary and a treasurer. Please let either Ronda or me know if you are interested in any of these six positions.

Nat Jordan will be the new chairperson for the Flags for Patriots program. If each club member bought a subscription for themselves and sold two others,

this would help give us more revenue to do more for our Nelson County youth.

Reminder that the next District meeting will be the weekend of May 10-12 in Louisville. In August (Aug. 9-11) our club is hosting the District Convention, and it will be held at Rough River State Park.

If you would like to have an article or information printed in our newsletter, please send me an email at [richard\\_blair@earthlink.net](mailto:richard_blair@earthlink.net).

"Spring's greatest joy beyond a doubt is when it brings the children out"-  
Edgar Guest

In optimism,  
President Richard



### Foley Optimist Club

Club members Becky and Ken Distler were the guests of the Foley Optimist Club during their stay last month in Gulf Shores, Ala. Clark Cathey (at right in the photo) is president of the club and is a native Kentuckian from the Lexington area. He will be visiting Kentucky in October and plans on attending one of our meetings if possible.

# OUR CLUB IN ACTION ...



Laura Arnold (far right), director of workforce development for NC Schools, was our guest speaker at our March 25 meeting. She was joined by Amer Gootee, leader of the program for NCHS, and Dale Cahoe, a senior cooperative student at NCHS who works 4 hours daily at Newcomb Oil in their IT Department. At left is club member John Hafendorfer.



Our 2019 Essay winners read their essays to club members at our March 11 meeting. From left to right are: Yin Lin - 2nd place (Bardstown High School), Sophia Downs - 1st place (Bardstown High School), and Maddie Robbins - 3rd place (Bethlehem High School).

# Flags project kicks off

Our "Flags for Patriots" fund raising project will kick off at our April 8 meeting, with materials being passed out to those in attendance. If you are unable to attend that meeting, please contact project chair Nat Jordan at 502-264-3767 to arrange to get your materials.



Our goal this year is for each club member to sell three subscriptions for flags. That's just getting a subscription for yourself and one from each of your next-door neighbors!

Let's try our best on this project - it's the Patriotic thing to do!

## 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.*

### March 2019

1. Optimist Apparel: Another order will be placed in April.
2. Oratorical Contest: Three applications were received
3. Chess Competition: Did not take place - more info needed.
4. Essay Competition: The three students who entered the competition read their essays and First, Second and Third place winners were announced.
5. Youth Appreciation Week: Intended to honor students for public service from schools or youth groups
6. Pancake Breakfast fundraisers: must be sponsored by a member of each church. Next is March 23 at First Christian Church. Richard will be responsible for the Mother's Day event and John for Father's Day.
7. Pork Chop Fundraiser: Need more info from Sheriff Ramon Pineiro
8. June 10: "Law Day"

## 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.