



Published monthly for members of the Optimist Club of Bardstown

Volume 64, Issue 11

August, 2019

### Board of Directors

#### President

Richard Blair, 510-5057

#### Vice President

Ronda Taylor, 931-1107

#### Secretary

Vivian Fleenor, 349-9456

#### Treasurer

Ken Distler, 507-5724

#### Directors

Nat Jordon     John  
Roland Williams     Hafendorfer  
Rita Williams     Elyse Paulus-  
Harold Brussell     Mount

#### Past President

Becky Distler

#### President-Elect

Ronda Taylor

### Mark your calenders

**Aug 9-10** - District Convention, Rough River

**Aug 12** - Board Meeting @ 6pm; club meeting at 7pm. Program: Two youth whose projects the club has supported this summer will tell us about their experiences.

**Aug 26** - Noon meeting Smantha Brady, Bardstown/NC Chamber of Commerce, will be our guest speaker.

#### Birthdays

Aug 7 - Ken Distler  
Aug 8 - Perry Garrett  
Aug 15 - Nat Jordon  
Aug 15 - Elyse Paulus-Mount  
Aug 16 - Rick Loader

#### Anniversaries

Aug 1 - Walt Norton  
Aug 6 - John Haffendorfer  
Aug 17 - George Maddox

## President's corner School starting, club projects

Fellow Optimists,

As summer is almost over and autumn is around the corner. This means that students around our county will begin their new school year. Good luck to this new school year for all students, parents, and educators. Some odds and ends to take care of this month.

We will be hosting the District convention from August 9-11 at Rough River State Park, Kentucky. Our club still needs several members to set up the hospitality room for the Kentucky/West Virginia District Convention at Rough River Dam State Park on Friday, Aug. 9. Friday volunteers would be 4-6pm CST. Setting up the hospitality suite would follow at 6 pm. We don't need many people, but we need help. If you can just help on Friday, that would be great. Please contact Richard Blair or Ken Distler if you would like to help out. The tentative agenda for the convention can be found on 4th quarter KY-WV newsletter.

#### District Project:

This is a reminder that the project for this quarter's District meeting is to provide school supplies to Community Action of Action of Nelson County. All kinds of supplies, such as pencils, crayons, loose-leaf paper, spiral bound notebooks, 3-ring binders, backpacks, paper towels, calculators, or any other items used by kids kindergarten through high school. Please bring to the District meeting if you are going, or give to Becky, myself, or Ken prior to the meeting (by Thursday, August 8 at the latest, please).



**Optimist Jackets:** 3D Graphics has informed Becky that their supplier has discontinued the jackets our club uses, but has plenty on hand right now. If you were thinking about purchasing a club jacket (they are kind of taupe colored, with the printing on the

back in purple), please let Becky know as soon as possible.

#### Positivity vs Optimism

Again, thanks to everyone who puts in their time and effort working for the children of our community.

What is the difference between "positivity" and "optimism"? That's an easy question to answer. Whatever happens, when faced with the worst life can bring, the "positive" person will ask "What is good about this?" - trying to find the cloud's silver lining, however hard that may be. The "optimist", on the other hand, will simply ask: "What can I make of that NOW?!" Being an optimist has nothing to do with being naïve or wearing rose-tinted glasses. It's just a different way of thinking: focusing on resources and their most creative use. Optimism is an approach we can adopt when faced with a problem - be it our own or someone else's.--Philippe Gabilliet, author of "Eloge de l'optimisme"

In optimism, President Richard

### 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.

# OUR CLUB IN ACTION ...



Bardstown Mayor Dick Heaton was our guest speaker at our July 22 meeting. Heaton updated the club on many projects currently underway or being planned across the community. Most of the interest was directed to road projects, such as the new corridor being planned to bypass the city on the west side, moving through traffic away from the downtown area.

## *Optimist News you can use*

### **Bringing Out The Best**

"Bringing Out the Best--The First Century of Optimist International (1919-2019)" by Past International President David Bruns was the hottest souvenir at the 2019 International Convention. This 600-page work chronicles the origins and accomplishments of Optimist International, and will be available at our International Convention in Louisville and through Amazon.

If you missed Convention, you can still buy the book on Amazon. The list price is \$25.

### **Membership Recruitment**

**August:** Educators. Speak with teachers, coaches, and administrators about joining our Club. These individuals interact with youth on a daily basis and can be a great asset to your Club through these connections. Educators can join for \$30 for their

first year!

### **Junior Optimist International**

More than 200 Junior Optimists from around the world joined their adult counterparts for the JOI Convention in Louisville, June 30 to July 2.

Junior Optimists joined the adult group for a combined Opening Ceremony on Sunday, June 30, where JOI members carried flags representing the countries of Optimist International.

After the opening ceremony, the group quickly turned its attention to service. Group members made 75 blankets of tied fleece for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiana. They also performed the Art with Optimism service project, where they worked on projects with children from the Cabbage Patch Settlement House.



### **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.

#### **July 2019**

1. Arts & Crafts Festival: October 12 & 13. We are registered for a food booth. Volunteer signups will be at the September meetings. This date conflicts with the District meeting.
2. Pancake Fundraiser: Profit was \$363.00
3. Flags for Patriots: Moneys received to date \$930.00
4. District Meeting: Discussed need for volunteers/snacks
5. Fund raising Idea: Discussed a potential fund raising idea
6. Corporate Sponsorships: Nat Jordan indicated commitment to start this process
7. Friends of Optimists: Becky Distler indicated a change made by Optimists International that "Friends" will no longer count in the voting process, but this does not impact us and we will still have 3 votes.

#### **Called Board meeting : July 22, 2019**

1. A motion was made by John Hafendorfer and seconded by Elyse Paulus-Mount to donate \$200 to Western Ky. University's VAMPY program to assist the family of Jonathan Porter Hall with remaining cost of tuition for this program. Total tuition for this program is \$3100 and the remaining cost, \$800, is due by August 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

