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Mark your calenders

Sept 9 - Board Meeting @ 6pm; club meeting at 7pm. Program: NOW Meeting, Officer installation; LtGov Ellen Thompson will be our guest. (NOW stands for New Optimists Wanted)

Sept 23 - Noon meeting Progam TBA.

Birthdays
Sept 5 - George Maddox
Sept 16 - Ken Rapier

Anniversaries
Sept 9 - Richard Blair

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

President's corner Membership drive meeting up next

Fellow Optimists,
As summer dwindles down, things are still heating up for our chapter. This month, we have our NOW meeting and installation of next year's officers and board members. This will happen on Monday, September 9th at the Bardstown Baptist Church on the corner of Third Street and Brashear Avenue at 6:30. We will have appetizers and beverages for this occasion. I feel that this year's chapter did a GREAT job. We are doing new things and making positive changes in hopes of not only serving our community better, but having more of the community involved with our club.

The annual Bardstown Arts and Crafts Fair will be on Saturday, October 12th, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, October 13th, 10

a.m. to 5 p.m. We will be needing help with set-up, working the two days and help with shutting it down on Sunday. If you are interested, please text me at 502-510-5057 or email me at richard_blair@earthlink.net . At our next meeting we will be getting sign-ups as well.



This will be my last newsletter as your President. I cannot thank everyone enough for all of the volunteering throughout the past year as well as the great ideas given. This has moved our club in a positive direction. Ken and Becky Distler's experience and knowledge of the ins-and-

outs of our club is a bonus to our club. I want to thank Coach Roe Williams for his constant support. Lastly, a BIG HUGE ENORMOUS thank you to our Vice President Ronda Taylor. I could not have done this without her. Ronda's enthusiasm and positivism is what the Optimist Club is all about. Classy person and a great mom to boot. Ronda will be taking over the reigns as I will now be her VP. Lucky her, eh?

I would like to leave you with this last quote from Deep Roy, "Inspiration comes from within yourself. One has to be positive. When you're positive, good things happen."

Thank you and God bless.

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 ...



Carter Zutterman (center) and Jonathan Hall (right) pose with KYWV Governor Jean Smith at our Aug. 11 meeting. Carter won his age group at this year's District Jr. Golf Tournament and went on to play in the International Jr. Golf Championships in Florida in July. Jonathan was selected to attend the VAMPY program for advanced students at WKY this summer. Our club assisted both students with costs for their activities, and they spoke to our club about their experiences.

Honor Clubs are stronger clubs

With another wonderful Optimist year winding down, we remind all Clubs to strive to become Honor Clubs. Clubs that consistently achieve Honor Club status are the most likely to remain strong year-after-year and continually increase the number of children they serve. This distinction shows that you as Club Officers left your Club in a better place than it was when you took over.

Ending the year with three more Members than you started with is one of the most important aspects of Honor Club. Here are some ideas to reach out to new Members:

- Contact past Members about coming back to your Club under the Homecoming Incentive. If a former member re-joins your Club by Sept. 30,

they will only pay \$30 for the first year! Click here for more information.

- Friends of Optimist memberships are great for speakers, community leaders, businesses, or anyone else who is willing to support your Club. These memberships allow for many of the same benefits of being an Optimist member, with the exceptions of voting at District and International Conventions.

- The \$30 under 30 and Teachers incentives are both still active to help our Clubs target these key demographics.

- Any past Junior Optimists can join a college or regular adult Club for free for the first year!

- In addition, we have several incentive programs related to our Centennial.

Board Minutes in a Minute

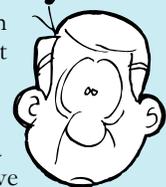
To improve communications with club members, "unofficial" minutes of the previous month's Board Meeting are published in the newsletter.

August 2019

1. Optimist Apparel: Please get any additional orders to Becky Distler ASAP
2. District Meeting: Went well. There was one nominee for Governor-elect and vote was unanimous in favor of the nominee. Determination was made to treat college clubs the same as school clubs, with no district dues owed. An issue arose with the Frankfort club, who wanted to drop out of district organization to save dues money. All others present voted against this proposal. The ultimate decision rests with OI.
3. 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. Richard and Ronda will serve as chairs and setup will be Friday evening.
4. Boston Academic Team: Motion to assist this school organization was tabled until our new budget is in place
5. School Robotics: more info required from Bardstown Schools
6. September NOW/Officer Installation: September 9 at the Nelson County Library from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Deadline for invitees is August 31.

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.



FIND SOME
FRIENDS
(OF OPTIMISTS)

