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### Mark your calenders

- Dec. 9** - Christs Party
- Dec. 23** - No meeting.
- Jan. 5** - Schultz Award deadline for recommendations.
- Jan. 13** - Board meeting at 6pm, club meeting at 7pm. Guest Speaker: Laura Sedlatschek, Director for Tri-County United Way.
- Jan. 27** - Noon meeting. Guest Speaker: Bryce Greer, Youth Coach.

### Birthdays

- 2 - Shirley Lyons
- 22 - Diane Thomspen
- 23 - Becky Distler

### Anniversaries

- 18 - Nat Jordan
- 28 - Jan Lantz

## President's corner

# We've accomplished so much!

Happy holi-days fellow Optimist friends! This is Ronda Taylor your humble Optimist leader!



Club President Ronda Taylor

I can't believe 2019 is almost at an end, and what a wonderful Optimist year we've had! In the short time that I have been president, we have accomplished so much so let's recap on the this wonderful season!

1. We have added several new Optimist friends to our club! - Angie Blair (sponsored by her husband, Richard), and Dwight Mason (sponsored by Coach Ro Williams).

3. Thanks to the "Distler Challenge ", over \$600 in donations was received by the Rotary Club for their Clothe-a-kid program! Way to go Club!

2. We had a great profitable fundraiser through the Arts and Crafts Fair... oh, it was a hit this year! Thank you all for your hard

work!

4. Although we are still awaiting the contest results, we had a great weather day for our Salvation Army Ring a Bell contest between the Bardstown Optimist Club and the Rotary Club. We're looking forward to that new plate to our trophy!

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5. The kindness of strangers always humbles a person. Our annual toy drive was a huge success this year with lots and lots of toys for girls and boys of Nelson County to receive this Christmas!

6. We had a wonderful lineup of guest speakers from all over Nelson County. We would like to thank all of those who came and shared with our club: Salvation Army, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Nelson County Court Clerk, Dr. Hendricks and Mrs. Carol Avis.

7. Our Optimist Christmas meeting had lots

of smiling faces full of holiday cheer and laughter! Elves and flashing bulbs Galore!

Tis the season for sharing and caring, cookies and cakes, glitter and lights, but it is also a time for gratitude. To remember what the season is about is to give Glory of thanks for our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him all things are possible. I truly believe he was an optimist!

I want to give my gratitude to all of you, the Bardstown Optimist Club and Beyond, for making this club fruitful. Thank you for always being ready and able to help your fellow club members be productive in supporting the Youth of our community.

From my home to all of yours, have a very Merry Christmas and a bright Optimist New Year! Can't wait to see you in 2020!

Quote by Helen Keller:  
Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.

Pres. Ronda

### 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 ...



Kiwanis Club president Kecia Copeland (above, left) spoke to club members at our Nov. 11 meeting about the work the Kiwanis Club does in our community. NC Circuit Court Clerk (and Optimist Club member!) Diane Thompson (above, right) was our guest speaker at the Nov. 25 meeting. She brought club members up-to-date about the new drivers licences and optional state ID cards, which will be required starting in October 2020.

## 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.

### November 2019

- A. Bardstown M.S. Robotics: School not allowed to do raffles. Need to find alternate fundraiser.
- B. Boston Academic Team. School has 3 raffles currently. Raffle on hold until spring.
- C. Clothe a Kid: Club Challenge committed \$350.
- D. JOI Club canned food drive: Members encouraged to donate, boxes placed at BINGO and other locations around town.
- E. Calendar changes: Oratorical Contestants will compete at March 9 Business Meeting. Essay Contest moved to April.
- F. Bell Ringing Challenge. November 30 @ Krogers



Members of the Bardstown HS JOI club assisted Optimist Club members ringing the bell Nov. 30, collecting donations at Kroger for the Salvation Army for our challenge with the Rotary Club. Our club is hoping to repeat to retain the traveling trophy for raising the most in donations.



Pres. Ronda presented Richard Blair a plaque in appreciation for serving as club president last year.

