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2018-19 District Meeting Dates to Remember

Feb. 8-10 - 2nd Qtr Meeting, Radcliff, KY

May 10-12 - 3rd Qtr Meeting, Louisville, KY

Aug. 9-11 - Convention, Rough River State Park, KY

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From the Governor

District is off to a quick start

Hello Optimists! I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

As a District we need to start working on new membership. I trust that clubs are working hard for the KIDS and your community. As of now the District is plus 16 with Zone 3 plus 21 and Zone 5 plus 2..

Our Lt Governors have been busy visiting clubs in their zones. We will be having a race for the Lt Governors at the District meeting which will be February 8-10 in Radcliff, Ky.

I hope to see some new faces at this meeting. Radcliff has been working hard to make the meeting a success. I would love to see more club banners at the District meeting so bring them to show them off.. Come to listen, learn, enjoy old friends and make new optimist friends.

This year's committee chairs are



Governor
Jean Smith

working hard at setting goals. But it takes the WHOLE District to be successful. Now is the time to work and keep working all year.

I have been visiting some clubs and would love to visit more. Let me know when you are having projects. I would love to help in some way.

Have a plan to do the Essay, Tri-Star Basketball, and Oratorical Contest. Somebody has to win and it could be your contestant.

We had a good first quarter and we need a good second quarter. In the newsletter Marie Gamble will be telling you about our this year's first JOI Club President from Logan County John Hendricks. You may have met him when he was the District Essay winner.

Remember I am here for you and your club. We need to work hard as LEADERS and OPTIMIST.

In love and Optimism,
Your Governor, Jean Smith

JOI club charter president dies

JOHN FOSTER HENDRICKS, age 17, died December 14, 2018.

He was a senior at Logan County High School, Russellville, Ky., and the son of Joe & Kaye Hendricks.

John was the 2016 winner of KY/WV District Essay Contest. He also was the organizer and Charter President of the newly formed Junior Optimist Club at his high school. The club was organized with 19 students November 18, 2018.

John was planning to use his

Optimist Scholarship along with the Presidential Scholarship to the University of Kentucky and the Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship.

Among his other achievements, John was a Governor's Scholar, captain of the swim team, the cross-country team and the track team, president of the Beta Club, and FFA Chaplain at Logan County High. He was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Besides his parents, John is also survived by both paternal and maternal grandparents.

Board of Directors Minutes

Kentucky/West Virginia District Optimist International 1st Quarter Meeting Minutes October 27, 2018

(Note: Minutes are Unofficial until approved at the 2nd Qtr Meeting)

Call to Order- Governor Jean Smith at 9:10 a.m.

Invocation was given by Governor-Elect Beth Kerns

Reading of the Minutes- Motion to accept was made by Ed Smith; seconded by Clarence Gamble; motion carried

Presentation of the Treasurer's Report- Sandy Ruman answered several questions from the members; with no other questions, the Treasurer's Report will be filed.

Ed Smith presented the Proposed Budget for the year 2018-19. However, after finding out that the District did not have the funds estimated to be carried forward, Sandy Ruman made the motion to send the Budget back to the Financial Committee to be adjusted and brought back at the 2nd Quarter Meeting in February; seconded by Susan Ruman. After several discussions, Becky Distler called for Question; seconded by Harold Brussell; motion to call Question carried. The motion to send the Budget back to the Financial Committee was voted on and carried. Ed Smith is contact those on the committee to re-do the Budget.

(The proposed revised budget is printed on page 11 of this newsletter)

Committee Reports:

1. Leadership Development- Ramona Allen-Ramsey. She wanted ideas as to what programs should be carried on this year and if there are club members that would be a good fit for these district positions. Club members are to tell Ramona who they are so she can contact them.

2. Membership- Beth Kerns. M & M's. More Members! Beth listed the Membership awards to be given out this year. With a Horse Race Theme, they are: Clear The Gate, Fast Track, Now Meeting, You Nailed It. See the requirement on the District website or Facebook site. She will also send them to Ken Distler, editor of the Newsletter, to be published there.

3. New Club Building- Ed Smith. The first new club in the District was built in Elizabethtown. It was also the first new club to be built in Optimist International. If you want to build a club, talk to Ed. He has some "secrets" to help you. Some of the places the District is trying to build new adult clubs are Grayson County, KY and Morgantown, KY. Russellville reported that they are building a

JOI Club. Also, a JOI Club is being built in Louisville, possibly with the Boys Club or Cabbage Patch.

4. Club Fitness- Tom Birch. Tom reported that there was a good article in the latest OI Magazine, on page 11, about the "Home Coming." This is where you recruit a former member. The cost is only \$30.00 for the first year. This offer only lasts until the end of September, 2019. He also told about a new program award called Rocki Rock Star Award. See the requirement in the OI Magazine. This award is for new members only.

5. Essay Contest- Bill Rybak was absent. It was reported that the age requirements have changed. The age now is up to age 19, as of October 1, 2018.

6. Oratorical Contest- Sandy Goodlett. Sandy reported that the age requirement for the Oratorical Contest has also changed to the age of 19, as of October 1, 2018. She reported the District Awards are as follows: 1st Place- \$2,500; 2nd Place- \$1,500; and 3rd Place- \$1,000. She stated that personal contact works well. Contact teachers in the area to get them on board for the contest. Also, remember Home School Associations and other Youth Programs.

7. Tri-Star Basketball- Stuart Maiden was absent. It was reported that the London-Laurel Optimist Club was holding an Optimist Basketball Contest on March 2, 2019. The age categories will be from age 8-13, as of March 15. Fees- \$20/participant; 4 or more from any one club will be \$80.00 max.

8. Junior Golf- Stuart Maiden was absent. It was reported that no date has been decided. Hole Sponsor will again be \$50.00.

9. Childhood Cancer- Frances Lee. Frances reported that CCC will change its name to Childhood Health and Wellness after the first of the year. Also, OI is asking each club to do a Cancer Walk in June, 2019. Look online for ideas on how to run one. She reported that in our District, we will have a competition between clubs to see who can raise the most money. This is called "Optimist Let's Do Our Part." Eulas Hayes gave her a check from the Cannonsburg Club for \$1,000. Also, you can download forms for naming a Club CCC Person.

10. OI Foundation- Harold Brussell. Harold gave out little business cards that had a reporting of what the Foundation did in 2017. He also handed out Dime A Day forms. He showed the sample plate for this year. For a donation of \$250, you get a plate; for \$500, you get a print. He also reminded everyone that the Foundation has banner patches for Memorials and in Honor of club members. Club's can download the form for naming a

person as their club's Foundation Rep.

11. Louisville Convention Fundraisers- Sandy Ruman/ Ramona Allen-Ramsey. Clubs can donate to the International Convention costs in Louisville. There are different levels of donating. There were letters sent out to all the Club Past-Presidents and there will be new letters going out to the new Club Presidents in January, telling about the levels of donations. The Fundraising Goal is \$20,000. This will be used for the "extras" such as entertainment and youth activities. Indiana South District is also raising money. The Chairperson for their District is Patty Scott. The Louisville Optimist Club is holding a Hospitality Room and planning to spend \$6,000.

12. OI Convention- Ronnie Dunn reported that OI Past Presidents are donating an Historic Plaque for the 100th Anniversary.

13. 2nd Quarter District meeting- Denise Haynes. Denise passed out registration forms for the February 8-10. The theme is "Classic Movies" and attendees are asked to dress up as a favorite character from a Classic Movie for the Saturday evening of events and dinner.

14. Auction items- Many items for the Auction to support the OI International Convention were offered: Harley-Davidson "Chopper" Knife, Several Canvas paintings. \$28.50 was collected.

15. Eulas Hayes Auction items for CCC- several cutting boards, from small cheese size to medium, sleigh, mailbox, cheese board with glass dome, Bible box. \$182.00 was collected.

16. Other Auction items went for the OI Foundation- Cardinal Plate, Bottle of 50 year old wine. \$23.00 was collected.

17. First time attendees- Governor Jean gave each of the first timers one of her District pins. They were Tony Cooper, Bill Redwine, Penny Hayes and Lisa Moore.

18. Lt. Governors present were also given District pins by Governor Jean.

19. Governor-Elect Beth Kerns made a motion naming Ed Smith as her Secretary/Treasurer; Eulas Hayes seconded; motion carried. He can now be added to the checking account, along with Governor Jean Smith.

20. Training- "100 Years, Let's Celebrate" was presented by the OI Representative Janet Lloyd.

Creed was led by Tom Birch
Meeting was adjourned at 4:05p.m. by Governor Jean Smith

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca H. Distler
KY/WV District Sec/Treasurer

Make your plans now to 'celebrate 100'

Have You Made Plans for Louisville?

Just in case you are not aware, Optimist International will celebrate its 100th anniversary in Louisville June 30-July 3, 2019, at the annual Optimist Convention. Actually, the first event is the Centennial Walk on Saturday, June 29, and we want to invite you to attend as Optimists from all over the world walk a short 4 blocks to the site of a historical marker that commemorates the first Optimist Convention in Louisville

in 1919. That's right! Optimist International was founded in Louisville, KY, in 1919 at the former Tyler Hotel. The hotel no longer exists. It has been replaced by the Louisville International Convention Center, where the historical marker, purchased by past presidents of Optimist International, will be located.

Watch for your winter edition of the Optimist Magazine. It contains information about registration and hotel accommodations. Even if you can only come for one or two days, you will be a part of this historical event. Our district, along with the Indiana South District, will be hosting the convention. Special thanks to those who have volunteered to assist in this effort. It's not too late to volunteer! Here is a list of committees and their chairs:

- Appreciation Luncheon, Marie Gamble
- Centennial Walk, Wayne Dunn
- Community Service Project, Mayghin Levine
- EXPO, David Osborne (Indiana South)
- Fundraising, Sandy Ruman and

Ramona Allen-Ramsey

- Information/Hospitality, Judy Zeigler

- Old Timer's Breakfast, Mayghin Levine

- President's Dinner/Dance, Stan and Cindy Stewart (Indiana South)

- Transportation, Gene Blanchet
- Treasurer, Judy Zeigler



- Youth Activities, Denise Haynes

- Muscle Crew, Kent Reyling (Indiana South)

These chairs meet

monthly to discuss options and make decisions. They also take part in monthly teleconference calls with the Optimist International Convention Committee. They are a dedicated group of Optimists; be sure to thank them for their hard work.

Questions? Let me know! You can reach me at 502-226-0205 or ronniedunn07@gmail.com.

Order your convention shirt now



Be like Ronnie and Judy! Order your 2019 Optimist International Convention centennial celebration shirt today! Shirts are \$17.00 and available in men's and women's sizes Small to XXXL. Contact Ronnie at 502-226-0205 or email ronniedunn07@gmail.com

Hospitality and Info Center looking for volunteers

Wanted! Volunteer opportunity at Optimist International Convention in Louisville June 29-31!

Looking for friendly faces to welcome attendees as they arrive at the airport and Galt House Hotel

If you can take a 4-hour shift one of those days between 8 am and 8 pm contact me at info below. Then register to attend a session at the convention!

Volunteers are required to wear the yellow volunteer shirts mentioned above.

This is a great way to meet other optimists from all over the US Canada and other countries!

If you can help contact me at jzeigler227@gmail.com or call 502-229-1797.

Judy Zeigler Co-chair,
Information/Hospitality Committee

Training offered through OI Webinars

Upcoming Webinars

The Leadership Development Committee will be having the following webinars over the next few months:

Jan. 14 - Engaging Our Youth Patrick Prendergast, Evelyn Gagnon

There are so many opportunities in Optimism to engage our children and young people and yet our bright future stars and leaders are not feeling the love, the hope, the vision. Let's get our children to Speak Out, to lead clubs in their schools, to be children helping children and simply feel good as Optimists. This webinar explores ways in which we can celebrate our junior Optimists as they bring out the best in their communities and themselves. Registration Link is: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5067089833774882307>

Feb. 11 - Select and Elect Tracy Huxley, Robert Doyle

No matter how much you're enjoying the job you're doing right now whether it be for your

Club or your District, the health and the future of our organization depends on how we foster new leadership. Before it's too late for elections let's look at how we can identify new leaders. We will explore how to foster confidence in these new potential leaders. Then lastly, how to properly run an election and ensure we have a successful election. Don't leave it until the last minute to think about who will replace you. We're all counting on you to find your replacement. Registration Link is: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2016690535580155395>

March 11 - NOW is the Time Patrick Prendergast, Theresa Tremblay

NOW - New Optimists Welcome! What a great time to have people of like minds join our wonderful movement ... 100 years and getting ready for the next 100. This webinar looks at the NOW program and how it can be incorporated in the many Club and District moments and

activities that emerge as we spread Optimism. Registration Link is: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4715010817398327043>

Webinars begin at 7 p.m. Central time. If you have any questions, please contact leadership@optimist.org

LtGov's for 2018-19

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Fund raiser for 100th Convention

The 100th Anniversary of Optimist International will be in Louisville July 1-3, 2019. In order to provide transportation, guest speakers, entertainment etc. we have to raise funds.

It would be great if every club could contribute, even if they can just raise funds by putting out a jar to collect change at meetings and events. Every



dollar helps!

Those who give will be listed in the convention program by the following categories; Win - those who give \$500 or more; Place - \$250 to \$499; Show - \$100 to \$249; Jockey's Club under \$100.

Fundraising ideas are being developed, so if you have a great fundraiser let me know. More information will be given out once account details are finalized.

Thanks,
Sandy Ruman, Fundraising Chair
2019 International Convention

Foundation supports many of our District's programs

Optimist International Foundation helps fund our District activities, such as the Essay, Oratorical, and CCDHH contests. In order to pay for these Optimist International depends upon donations.

The most common is the Dime A Day, where individuals give \$36.50. Clubs can get a patch for their banner by getting 10 Dime A Day members or donating \$365. Our district has 19 Dime a Day members.

You can also become a member of the President's Club by donating \$250. When you join you will receive the prestigious President Club lapel pin and the limited edition collector's plate. We have five members of the President Club.

Our district has given \$1916.30 in unrestricted donations, I feel that our district can do better than this.

Harold Brussell,
OIF District Chair

Feb. 7 is 'Optimist Day'

Members of Optimist International will celebrate Optimist Day throughout the world the first Thursday of every February to promote our efforts in bringing out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves. On Optimist Day, Optimists around the world are asked to wear Optimist attire - shirts,

pins, hats, etc. Post your best Optimist attire on social media and tag Optimist International or use the #OptimistDay hashtag.

Send your photos to marketing@optimist.org to be featured in future publications. Visit our Optimist Day web site for more information.

Grow your Optimism through PGI

Have you introduced a new member to your club lately? Have you taken part in a community service project? If so, you're already two steps toward completing the first level of your PGI or Personal Growth and Involvement Program.

This program, designed to offer Optimist Club Members the opportunity to grow personally and learn more about Optimism, is a simple way to ensure that all members are recognized for their accomplishments and club involvement. Once you get started with the program, you'll be amazed how quickly you can progress through the levels! For example, take a look at Level 1, and see how easy it can be!

- Participate in a community service activity
- Learn how to write a communique/Press Release
- Give a short presentation on "How Optimism Can Make a Better World" or "Optimism as a Way of Life"
- Learn the 5 purposes of an Optimist Club
- Introduce a new Member or a guest at a Club meeting/activity.

Just complete these five steps and have them signed off on your PGI Passport by your club President, Secretary, or PGI Representative. If you would like a copy of the PGI passport, please email me at mlevine@cabbagepatch.org and I will send one ASAP. I will be in attendance at the District Meeting in February and would be happy to talk to you about how to get started with the PGI program! Promise yourself to look deeper into the PGI Program and grow in your Optimism. You'll be glad you did!

Mayghin Levine,
District PGI Chair



OI Foundation serves members

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
When Kids Speak....Optimists Listen
MISSION STATEMENT

Seeking, receiving and managing funds and real personal property for the benefit of Optimist international and its Member Clubs in its charitable, literary and educational activities.

VISION STATEMENT

We envision a Foundation that can provide significant funding for OPTIMIST international's youth and service programs and is proudly supported by individual Optimists, their clubs, and the community at large

TAX AND CHARITABLE STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION The Optimist International Foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation within the meaning of the Internal Code of the

United States. Within 501(C)(3), the Foundation is a 509(a)(1) Public charity.

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

- 1 Dime Day
- 2 Women's Philanthropy Council
- 3 In Honor-In Memory-
Veteran Banner Emblem
- 4 Presidents Club
- 5 Friends of Today
- 6 365 program
- 7 Christian D. Larson
- 8 William H. Harrison Society

If you want to know more about OI Foundation and its programs please call me at 502 348 3370 or E-mail haroldb@bardstown.com

Harold Brussell,
Foundation Chair

"PROMISE YOURSELF"**KY-WVA Oratorical Contest****Topic: "Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?"**

Make the commitment for your club and PROMISE YOURSELF to be an active participant in the oratorical club contest this year!!! Now that the holidays are over, your club oratorical contest dates need to be determined, so that the confirmation of contestants may be scheduled.

The deadline for the CLUB level oratorical contest results to be mailed to District chairman is on or before April 2, 2019.

The District contest is scheduled for May 11, 2019, at Breckenridge Inn, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Please supply the District Oratorical Chairman with the contestant-signed "Official District Entry Form," a copy of the speech, copy of the birth certificate or passport, and the District entry fee for each contestant. At this writing, I have had a few students in the Kentucky area to contact me directly about their interest in participating in the club contest. I am contacting clubs in their area and giving the names to the club oratorical chairman. If your club would like to have a contest, or a student to represent your club, please contact me. I would love to place additional students with neighboring clubs.

Beginning in 1928, the Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program of Optimist International. The contest is designed for young people to gain experience in public speaking and to provide them with an opportunity to compete for multiple college scholarships.

District Scholarships:

First Place: \$2,500 * Second Place \$1,500. * Third Place: \$1,000.

**Contestant application and Official Rules
can be downloaded from:**

https://optimist.org/Forms/18-19_Oratorical_Application.pdf

'Let's Do Our Part' District CCC contest announced

1. Effective immediately, each CCC Club Chairperson (with the help of his/her club) in the KY/WV District is being challenged to bring in donations to support the fight against childhood cancer. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner chosen from among the chairpersons who bring in at least \$250 in donations.

2. The competition starts today (October 27, 2018) with the donations turned in at the 1st Quarter Meeting and will end at the District Convention in August, 2019.

3. All checks must be made out to Optimist International Foundation. Please include CCC in the remarks section on the check.

4. Donations are to be given to Frances Lee, CCC District Chairperson, at District meetings or can be mailed to her at 920 Rhonda Court, Radcliff, KY 40160.

5. All collected money will be passed on to the Optimist International Foundation to support the fight against Childhood Cancer.

6. The club chairperson turning in the greatest amount of funds will receive: 3rd Place - \$25.00

2nd Place - \$50.00

1st Place - \$100.00

7. So CCC Club Chairpersons, on the mark, get set, ready... Let's Do Our Part!

Francis Lee

District CCC Chair

Essay deadline is February 28

It is that time of year that all essay chairs should have the contest information out and have judges in mind for this year's essay contest. Remember that winning essays need to be back to me along with paper work and a check for \$35.00 by February 28th to be eligible for winning the scholarship.

Send it to: Bill Rybak 4021 Landside Drive, Louisville, KY 40220. If one is behind or needs help, feel free to contact me at: Bill@rybakfamily.com.

If you need to call, home number is 502-491-1195 or cell is 502-905-1660.

Bill Rybak,
Essay Chair



Club News



Morehead Optimist Club President Bill Redwine presents Senior Trooper Scott Ferrell with a donation of \$1,500 for "Shop with a Trooper"

Morehead donates \$1,500 to 'Shop with a Trooper' program

The Morehead Optimist Club was very pleased to participate this year with the Kentucky State Police Post 8 "Shop with a Trooper." "Shop with a Trooper" is a community support program that KSP coordinates annually for deserving and under privileged children in the counties served by Post 8, located in Morehead. In addition to providing financial support for the event with

a donation of \$1,500, members of the club assisted KSP Troopers with escorting the children through the Morehead Wal-Mart and with bagging purchases. Each child was given an allowance of \$50 for toys and \$100 for clothes as well as a ham for the family to eat during the holidays. Post 8 raised nearly \$35,000 and provided shopping opportunities to almost 150 children this year.

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.

Jackson Co. keeps busy

The Jackson County Optimist Club wasn't able to do Patriotism Essay Program this year, but we were able to successfully do many other things for the residents of Jackson County.

Several of the things we accomplished 1st quarter were as following:

- participated in Ripley Veterans Parade;
- donated soap, shampoo, toothpaste laundry soap and bleach to Veterans shelter;
- donated clothes to Veterans Nursing Home plus Christmas cards for all;
- delivered Thanksgiving food boxes to 5 widowers including Turkey with all items for a great Thanksgiving;
- donated US Flags to Ravenswood Police and Fire Depts.; and
- donated a flag pole to Sandyville Community Center.

Plus, many other projects were completed. Happy Valentines Day .

Jim Persinger, president
Jackson Co. Optimist Club

Can you change
your world?



"JUST ASK"

**Invite somebody
into your world**

Contestant talks about experience

At the January meeting of the Radcliff club, Jasmine Verette, a senior at John Hardin High School, talked about participating in a local Debutant Cotillion, the workshops they must attend and raising money for scholarships. Her goal is to be this year's 2019 winner of the Cotillion, which is sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.



Louisville Club Secretary Michael Littell, Governor Jean Smith, and Louisville Club President Mayghin Levine pose for photos as Michael was presented his 20 member pin from Optimist international by Gov. Jean.

Cannonsburg hosts Veterans ceremony

Cannonsburg Optimist Club Veteran Memorial (left to right) Retired Colonel US Army Mike Graese, Retired Navy Captain David Shealy, Eulas Hayes Cannonsburg Optimist Club President, Governor Jean Smith, Ed Smith, Beth Kerns, Ramona Allen-Ramsey.



Christmas around the District — Radcliff has catered meal, gift exchange

The Optimist Club of Radcliff held a combination December membership meeting and Christmas Party at the Colvin Community Center catered by Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken. Meeting in the main room surrounded by beautifully decorated Christmas trees representing the many community organizations and individuals, President Sam Christy presided over the entertaining meeting. Mark Thompson gave the invocation asking us to remember those less fortunate than us.

Community youth Alex White and Emily Lee provided a seasonal emphasis with a scriptural reading and a narrative retelling the story of the birth of Jesus. The readings were presented in such a wonderful way the attendees were impressed with White and Lee's talent.

Following dinner Optimist John Flanagan was called upon to conduct the distribution of gifts by reading the story of Suing Santa. Sitting in a circle in the front of the room the Optimists passed gifts left and right based on the story's direction. Great fun was had by all in attendance.

Members were encouraged to visit Ralph Reese at the Radcliff Veterans Center after leaving the meeting.



Alex White and Emily Lee presented a narrative of the Christmas story.

After reciting "Promise Yourself", Optimists wished each other and the President a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



The Optimist Club of Radcliff and North Middle School JLC members strike a funny pose with Santa and Mrs. Claus after working the 1st Annual Optimist Club Breakfast with Santa at Colvin Community Center.



After eating a breakfast of pancakes and sausage with milk, juice, and hot coco with marshmallows, attendees were able to make Christmas Cards, holiday noise makers, decorative cookies, and sticker art.

Bardstown gets several special visitors at Christmas party



Lt. Governor Ellen Thompson visited the Bardstown club over the Christmas holidays (posing for a group photo, left), while Santa (right) searches through his special bag of tricks to the amusement of all.

KY / WV



District



Optimist Tri-Star Basketball Contest



Who: Children, ages 8 to 13 as of March 15th

Cost: entry fee of \$20 per children, 4 or more children will be \$80

Notice: Please bring copy of the children's Birth Certificate at the contest.

Trophies for 1st and 2nd place, this is for boy and girl of each age group.

Questions? Please call Stuart Maiden (606)309-2096 or email samjam@prtcnet.org

Please make checks payable to: Kentucky / West Virginia District, list the age groups for the contest, and mail with the entry forms to: Stuart Maiden - 155 Cornett Road - Annville, KY 40402.

March 2, 2019

Time:

1:00 p.m. - Practice

2:00 p.m. - Contest

Location:

Laurel-London Optimist Club
383 Sinking Creek Road (Hwy 1535)
London, KY 40741
(4.5 miles west of Exit 41 1-75)



**Official District Qualifying Tournament for the
2019 Optimist International Junior Golf Championship
ENTRY FORM**

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

District: KENTUCKY / WEST VIRGINIA
 Date: Monday - June 10, 2019 and Tee times will start at 9:00 AM
 Location: London Country Club (London, KY)
 Website: www.londoncountryclub.com
 Divisions Offered: Boys 10-11 / Boys 12-13 / Boys 14-15 / Boys 16-18 Girls 10-12 / Girls 13-14 / Girls 15-18
 Entry: \$60.00 (make check payable to "KY-WV Optimist Jr. Golf") **Do not send cash**
 Registration Deadline: June 3, 2019
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OIJGC - July 16-21, 2019 Boys 10-11, 12-13 and Girls 10-12; **July 21-26, 2019** Boys 14-15 and Girls 13-14; **July 26-July 31, 2019;** Boys 16-18 and Girls 15-18

Notes: **PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF GOLFER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE WITH ENTRY FORM**

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Personal Information (Please type and print legibly)

Golfer's Name: _____ Brithday: _____
 Address: _____ City, State zip: _____
 Parent(s) name(s) _____ Home phone # _____
 Parent Work/ Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Divisions Applying For – *determined by golfers age July 20 (for Boys 10-11 / Boys 12-13 and Girls 10-12 division), July 25 (Boys 14-15 Girls 13-14 divisions) and July 31 (for Boys 16-18 and Girls 15-18 Divisions)*

Circle one: Boys 10-11 / Boys 12-13 / Boys 14-15 / Boys 16-18 Girls 10-12 / Girls 13-14 / Girls 15-18

Handicap or Average score: _____ Are you registering to "play up" into a higher divisions? NO YES

Waiver Statements

I certify that I am an amateur player according to the rules of the USGA and that all of the information furnished is true to the best of my knowledge.

Golfer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

In consideration of my child's participation in the Optimist Junior Golf qualifying tournament, I hereby release the sponsor from any and all liability resulting from any accidents that might occur while he/she is participating.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return Information

Registration deadline is **6/3/2019**. Please complete this form in it's entirety, enclose a copy of Birth Certificate and a check for \$60.00 (make check payable to "KY-WV Optimist Jr. Golf") **Please do not send cash!**

Return to: Stuart Maiden

Kentucky-West Virginia District Jr. Golf
 155 Cornett Road Annville, KY 40402



Registration Form
**Kentucky / West Virginia District
of Optimist International**
2nd Quarter District Meeting, February 8 – 10, 2019
Gold Vault Inn, 1225 N. Dixie Blvd., Radcliff, Kentucky
Hosted by the Optimist Club of Radcliff

Name _____ Club Name _____
Spouse/Guest Name _____ Club Office _____
Phone Number _____ District Office _____
Children Attending _____ First District Meeting? Yes _____ No _____

Pre-Registration (individual) \$10.00 _____ **For Pre-Registration rate, form must be received by January 30, 2019.**
Pre-Registration (family) \$15.00 _____

-- OR --

On-Site Registration (individual) \$15.00 _____ These rates apply after January 30, 2019 and at the door.
On-Site Registration (family) \$20.00 _____

Friday Night Dinner Mi Casita Mexican Restaurant (Pay on your own)

Planning to Attend? _____ YES _____ NO

Saturday Morning – Free Breakfast at Hotel

Saturday Luncheon – Located at the Hotel

- Catered by Mark's Feed Store \$15.00 x _____ = _____

Saturday Night Dinner – J's Northside Hall "**Classic Movie Night**" Party – please dress up!

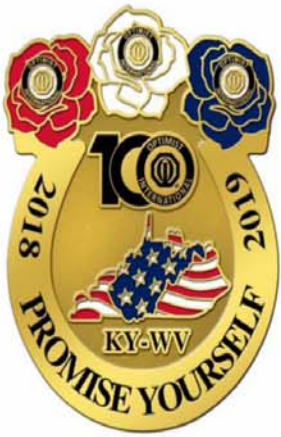
- Catered dinner by Colton's Steak House / cash bar available separately
\$18.00 x _____ = _____

Sunday Morning – Free Breakfast at Hotel

Total Enclosed _____

Questions? Please call Denise Haynes at 270-312-5057 or email at dhaynes1973@gmail.com. Make checks payable to: Kentucky / West Virginia District and mail with this form to: Denise Haynes, 884 Rhonda Court, Radcliff, KY 40160.

Reserve rooms directly with the hotel by January 25, 2019. Gold Vault Inn, 1225 North Dixie Boulevard, Radcliff, KY 40160. Phone: 270-351-1141. Block of rooms at \$70.00 (2 Queen Beds or a King Bed) plus tax per night on 2/8/19 – 2/10/19. When making reservation, state it is for the KY/WV Optimist Meeting.



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of Optimist International
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Conference Agenda

Friday, February 8, 2019

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration – Hotel Lobby
6:15 p.m.	Meet in Hotel Lobby to walk to Dinner
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Dinner at Mi Casita Mexican Restaurant
8:00 p.m. - ???	Hospitality Room - Open for enjoyment

Saturday, February 9, 2019

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast on your own – Free Hotel Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Past Governor's Breakfast – Free Hotel Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Board Meeting
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Catered by Mark's Feed Store
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Community Service Project – to be announced
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Dinner at J's Northside Hall – catered by Colton's Steakhouse
	Classic Movie Night Theme – please come dressed as your favorite classic movie character!
8:30 p.m. - ???	Hospitality Room - Open for your enjoyment

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Breakfast on your own and departure – Safe travels until we meet again!