



# Ky-WV Optimist

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## Dates to Remember

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

**Oct 11-13** - 1st Qtr Mtg, Lake Cumberland State Park, Ky.

**Feb 7-9** - 2nd Qtr Mtg, London-Laurel, Ky.

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## From the Governor

### Int'l Convention was exciting

Here we are in our last quarter of the year. They said time flies when you're having fun. It has been a very exciting year and lots of fun.



Governor Jean Smith

I got to go to the Junior Golf Tournament in London. Special thanks to Laurel-London Optimist Club for all their hard work putting on this wonderful event. Thanks to members there: Stuart Maiden chair, President Kenny Ramsey, Ken Moore and Plinio Tuta that drove me around.

We just got a new Optimist Club of Lexington with 16 members. They are on fire and want to focus on JOI clubs in Lexington schools. Thanks to the Cannonsburg and Southgate clubs for sponsoring the new club. I will keep you posted on when they have a installation dinner.

If you didn't get to come to the Optimist International Convention, you missed a wonderful time. Special thanks to our Host Area Committee Chairs Ronnie Dunn and Paula Reyling and all the great volunteers. It takes a village of Optimists to put on a great convention. Being a host District we were very busy and the days went by fast.

Special thanks to the Optimist Club of Louisville for hosting a hospitality room and giving Optimists a taste of Louisville.

The Old Timers Breakfast was hosted by Optimist Club of Louisville and chaired by Club President Mayghin

Levine. The Appreciation Luncheon was chaired by Marie Gamble of the Russellville Club. Great job, ladies.

Wayne Dunn did a outstanding job on the Centennial Walk. If you are in Louisville check out the Historical Marker on 4th Street.

Thanks to all the committee chairs that worked behind the scenes: Judy, Ramona, Sandy, Ken, Denise (that worked with the youth) and her helpers, Gene and his drivers (Tom, Frank, Clarence, Dan) from Ky-WV District, and those that helped with the District hospitality room: Becky, Ken, Ed, Jean, Ramona and Beth. Eli Levine did a great job as Sergeant of Arms.

Thanks to all of Ky-WV Optimist members that volunteered and helped make the convention a success.

I am so proud of our District for receiving the Pacesetter Award. You must have two new clubs for the year and be "plus 15". Thanks to everyone that has added new members this year. We need more clubs and new members to help serve more kids.

Presidents: I am getting a packet together to let you know your status for honor or distinguished awards. Thanks for the great job you are doing for your club and our district.

To the Blue Lick Optimist Club: The District wants you to know that we are so sorry for the loss of your equipment. (About \$5,000 worth of equipment was recently stolen.) I know how much you all work for the kids of your community and something good will come out of loss.

Promise Yourself  
Governor Jean

**Deadline for KYWV Convention Registration Forms to be RECEIVED is Friday, July 26. You must also reserve your tickets for the Pine Knob Theatre show in advance.**

**From the Governor-Elect**

# District info you need to know

**CONVENTION ELECTION**

The Candidate Qualifications Committee is responsible for receiving name and qualifications for prospective candidates for the office of



Beth Kerns  
Gov.-Elect

Governor-Elect by July 1, 2019. Candidates shall provide the following prior to the annual convention:

a. A written presentation on the background and qualifications for office.

b. A letter from the candidate's Club indicating its support of the candidacy.

c. A written statement from the candidate's employer indicating an understanding and approval of the commitment of time necessary while in office. Candidates who are self-employed shall submit this statement on their own behalf.

The Candidate Qualifications Committee shall prepare and distribute a summary of the qualifications and background of each nominee to each Club prior to the convention.

In the event of a floor nomination, it shall be the responsibility of the Committee to verify that the nominee meets the qualifications for office as outlined in the Optimist International Bylaws.

**THE DISTRICT NEEDS YOU**

I am currently looking for Lieutenant Governors for Zone 4 and Zone 5. To be qualified to be a Lieutenant Governor you must have served as President at your club. Most find this position the most rewarding officer position in Optimists.

Each Lieutenant Governor shall function as a representative of Optimist International and the Governor in his assigned Zone, and generally conduct his office in a man-

ner contributory to the attainment of all objectives of the District and Optimist International within each Zone. The Lieutenant Governor must make every attempt to visit each newly affiliated Club in his Zone within 90 days following its official organization. He shall make the prescribed report of each visitation within 30 days. Each Lieutenant Governor should schedule and conduct meetings in the Zone at least quarterly. Notice shall be given to the Zone Club Presidents and Club Secretary-Treasurers at least 15 days prior to such meeting. He shall make the prescribed report of each meeting within 30 days of the meeting date.

Please contact me if you are interested in serving at Lieutenant Governor. Call or text Beth Kerns at 304-549-5813 or [Beth.Kerns@yahoo.com](mailto:Beth.Kerns@yahoo.com).

**TEAM BUILDING**

Calling all KY-WV District 2019-2020 Lieutenant Governors, Club Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers to attend Team Building on Friday, Aug 9, 2019 from 3 – 5 pm at Rough River Dam State Park. The training will be conducted by Optimist International Vice President for 2019-2020 Russell A. Thomas of Cumming, Georgia. This exciting Team Building will be the first steps to the District having a successful year, reveal OI President Adrian Elcock's vision for 2019-2020, and give us an opportunity to get to know each other better. This is the same weekend as the KY-WV District Convention and District Officers will also be installed on Saturday. Please RSVP and let me know if you will or will not be attending this important weekend. Call or text Beth Kerns at 304-549-5813 or [Beth.Kerns@yahoo.com](mailto:Beth.Kerns@yahoo.com).

**2019-2020 MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS**

Please mark your calendars, enter the information into your phones, and plan to attend.

October 11-12-13, 2019 - 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr District Mtg, Lake Cumberland State Park, KY

February 7-8-9, 2020 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr District Mtg, London-Laurel, KY

April 24-25-26, 2020 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr District Mtg, Moorehead, KY

June 27-30, 2020 - OI Convention, Schaumburg (Chicago Northwest), IL Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel

TBD - District Convention, TBD

**Club President Awards & Incentives CENTENNIAL "PROMISE YOURSELF" AWARDS 2018-19****INDIVIDUAL MEMBER**

Receive a historic, collectable Centennial "Promise Yourself" logo pin Criteria:

- Sponsor a New Member
- Participate in a Club Project
- Submit a testimonial / "Optimist Story" to Optimist International Award

**Membership Incentive Centennial Promotion**

In order to increase membership Optimist International has special promotions targeting former Optimist Club members and Teachers during the 2018-2019 year. Former members and Teachers will only pay \$30 (covers member fee and international dues) to join for their first (calendar) year. The Former Member Promotion can only be utilized for a "former member" once (i.e. cannot drop and re-add during the year at \$30 rate)

Quite a few clubs have added new members since October 1, 2018. But no one has done the required steps to get credit for them for District Membership Awards. You must post a picture on the KY-WV District Facebook Page, write a short paragraph about the new member, TAG them and TAG me, Beth Kerns (I must also be added as your friend)

How do I do that? First you must

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Convention wrap-up

# Hospitality work was true group effort, rewarding

The past year has been busy for the Host Area Committee but it all was worthwhile when it all came together at the International Convention in Louisville, Kentucky at the Galt House June 30 - July 3, 2019.

As Co-Chair of the Hospitality and Information Subcommittee I would like to sincerely thank all of those who worked as volunteers to help prepare the goodie bags and greet attendees as



they arrived at the convention.. The goodie bag stuffers had quite a good time on Friday singing, joking and laughing as they did a job that could be called quite boring. As one past president walked by and said - it was like a well greased machine! And with the help of so many volunteers (even had two from Canada for a while and one from Michigan) we finished a little after 4 and didn't have to return after our wonderful dinner at Doc Crows!

Thanks to the following individuals from the district and a dozen or so more from Indiana South District. The hospitality and information that was provided as attendees arrived was much appreciated! Ronnie Dunn HAC Chair, Wayne Dunn, Sandy Ruman, Marie Gamble, and Clarence Gamble who not only volunteered but were part of the Host Area Committee. Other volunteers who helped either greet, prepare tote bags or both were - Sandy Goodlett, Linda Woodford, Ellen Thompson, Governor Jean Smith, Ed Smith, Ramona Ramsey, Ellie Blanchet,



Frances Lee, Shari Smith, Susan Ruman and Frank Ruman from Kentucky West Virginia District!

Volunteers from Indiana South District were Ron Fuhrman (co-chair), Sue Fuhrman, Paula Reyling HAC Chair, Kent Reyling, Brad Bradshaw, Mark Wilson, Patty Scott, Dave Osborne, Kathy Osborne, Governor Mike Novak, Randall Haas, Karleen Haas, and Walt Wilms from Indiana South District.

A Huge thank you to Gene Blanchet who not only helped throughout the year by helping get donations, signs printed, etc. but met me in Georgetown one evening to take boxes to the convention! Special thanks to Kent Reyling and Kurt Heise, from INS, the muscle crew who helped move boxes to and from my car! And last but not least to OI Staff Ronda Vaughn and Michelle Turner who could expect an email or call from me at least once a week: Apologies if I left anyone out. We had quite a crew!

A HUGE HUGE THANK YOU!  
We had the best team!!

Sorry I didn't get more pictures but the first three days were extremely busy in a good way.

Judy Zeigler  
Co-Chair, Hospitality &  
Information Subcommittee

## Say yes and they will come

I found a woman interested in having an Optimist Club in her city. I said meet with me on Tuesday, June 11 and could you bring along a couple of friends that may have the same interest. She said Yes.



She came with two friends, we talked about the benefits of an Optimist Club. They said we have some friends that may be interested, can we meet next Tuesday? I said Yes.

They came June 18 with five more friends, we talked about the benefits of an Optimist Club. They said we have some friends that may be interested, can we meet next Tuesday? I said Yes.

They came June 25 with eight more friends, we talked about the benefits of an Optimist Club. They formed an Optimist Club that evening and you know what they said? They said can we build JOI Clubs in all our schools so younger kids may enjoy the benefits of Optimism? I said Yes.

Now, I want to know: What do YOU say?

Ed Smith,  
Club Building Chair

## Gov.-Elect

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add the new member as a friend on Facebook. Post the picture on the KY-WV District Facebook Page, add a short description, then TAG them, any others in the photo and me. To TAG an individual in a photo follow these simple steps:

Click the **photo** to expand it.

Hover over the **photo** and click **Tag Photo** at the bottom.

Click the person in the **photo** and start typing their name.

Choose the full name of the person or Page you want to **tag** when it appears.

Click Done Tagging.

Optimistically,  
Beth Kerns  
Membership Chair 2018-19  
KY-WV District

## Historic marker honors birth of Optimist International

WOW! What a historic event for Optimist International and the estimated 500 club members, Cabbage Patch and Kenyuckiana Boys and Girls Clubs children who took the walk.

The Walk had 50 volunteers from the U.S. and Canada which included 14 from the KY/WV District. Many KY/WV club members took the walk, proudly displaying their club banner to the site of the Kentucky Historical Marker where Optimist International was organized in 1919.

A GREAT BIG THANKS to all of you. We were in an historic event that will never take place again.

Wayne Dunn,  
Optimist Centennial Walk Chair



International President Rebecca Butler Mona (in pink) applauds after she revealed the new Historic Marker, located on 3rd Street in Louisville.

## Host Committee successful due to S.Indiana, KYWV volunteers

WE DID IT!!

What a team of volunteers! We hosted the Centennial Optimist International Convention in Louisville June 29-July 3, 2019, with honor and pride!

From the Centennial Walk on Saturday, June 29, that led to the unveiling of the historical marker in front of the Kentucky

International Convention Center to the last note played at the President's Banquet on Wednesday, July 3, Optimists made memories that will last a lifetime. I heard on more than one occasion, "This is the best convention I



### Host Area Committee

original eight clubs, for sponsoring the Old Timer's Breakfast.

Now on to the next 100 years of Optimism!

Ronnie Dunn,  
Co-Chair of Host Area Committee

have every attended!"

Special thanks to committee KYWV District chairs: Wayne Dunn, Judy Zeigler, Denise Haynes, Sandy Ruman, Marie Gamble, Mayghin Levine and Gene Blanchet. YOU made it happen!!

Also, special thanks to the Optimist Club of Louisville, one of the

### Attention: LtGov's and other District officers:

Please submit any expense vouchers/ claims to Secretary/Treasure Becky Distler at our District Convention, in order that reimbursements may be made in a timely fashion and the District's accounts may be closed prior to the end of September.

Any claims for reimbursement received after September 1 may be delayed until after the start of the new Optimist year due to establishing new banking authorization(s).

# Unofficial minutes of 3rd Quarter District Meeting

## Kentucky/West Virginia District Optimist International 3rd Quarter Meeting Minutes Board of Directors and Executive Board

Breckenridge Inn, Louisville, Ky.  
May 11, 2019

(NOTE: Minutes are unofficial until  
approved)

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

Invocation was given by Wayne Dunn

Pledge to the Flag was led by Wayne  
Dunn

Reading of the Minutes and Financial  
Report- Motion to accept was made by  
Judy Ziegler; seconded by Harold Brussell;  
motion carried

The Zone report for the elected Lt.  
Governors were updated:

1. None
2. Mayghin Levine
3. Harold Brussell
4. Judy Ziegler
5. None
6. Tom Birch

Those present were then divided into  
Zones- Current Lt. Governor to hold meet-  
ings

Governor Jean reminded everyone that  
their Officer Election report is to May 20th  
to OI.

Committee Reports:

1. Leadership Development-  
Ramona Allen-Ramsey. Ramona encour-  
aged each person in your club to become a  
leader- you can always serve in one way or  
another.

2. Membership- Beth Kerns. Beth  
stated, "Treat each club member as GOLD  
because they are. Find out what each mem-  
ber's talents are and use that someplace in  
your club." As a District, we had 47 mem-  
bers deleted and added 49 for a plus 5. We  
are leading in our Region. Remember that  
younger members have newer ideas, etc to  
make the club strong. Please post pictures,  
etc on Face Book. Remember to post names  
with the pictures.

3. New Club Building- Ed Smith. Ed  
showed banner patches for building a new  
club. If anyone knows anyone in the  
Lexington area, let Ed know as a new club  
is being built there. Any interest in building  
a club in another area, let him know.  
President Rebecca Butler Mona also sug-  
gested these options for new clubs:

- a. On-line clubs
- b. College Clubs (dues on a different  
scale)
- c. Homecoming- \$30 per first year

(OI) for returning members

4. Club Fitness- Tom "Dutch" Birch.  
Tom reminded us that we need to protect  
the members we have. Remember the Little  
Dutch Boy!

5. PGI- Mayghin Levine. Mayghin  
handed out PGI Passports to those that  
wanted them, and then went over the  
requirements for Level II Bronze and Level  
III Green.

6. Tri-Star Basketball- Stuart  
Maiden. Stuart reported that the Cost for  
pizza and trophies was \$253.00. Entry fees  
and a donation by the London Laurel Club  
paid for all the items. There were a total of  
18 kids and they each were given a tee shirt  
and a trophy. In addition to the regular Tri-  
Star, there were 5 spots on the court for a  
Shoot Out contest to name a King and  
Queen of the Court.

7. Essay Contest- Bill Rybak. Bill  
reported that there were 10 clubs that par-  
ticipated in the Essay Contest. He suggest-  
ed clubs look on-line for "how to's" for next  
year.

8. Oratorical Contest- Sandy  
Goodlett. She reported that 12 clubs are  
participating, with one entrant that can't  
make this contest, so, only one session will  
be used. There will be a Guest sign in sheet  
for parents, etc.

9. Junior Golf- Stuart Maiden. Junior  
Golf will be held on June 10th starting at 9  
a.m. tee time at London Country Club.  
Deadline is June 3rd. This is for 10- 18 year  
olds. \$60.00 will sponsor a child. Hole  
Sponsor will again be \$50.00. Participants  
can "Play Up" a level, if desired. He  
reminded clubs that they can sponsor a  
local student without having to hold a local  
tournament.

10. Childhood Health & Wellness-  
Frances Lee. Reporting for Frances was  
Governor Jean. At the February meeting,  
\$1,050 was collected for CHW. A check  
from Catlettsburg for \$1,000 was received.

11. OI Foundation- Harold Brussell.  
Harold reported he had the "Dime A Day"  
pins and that a District member had bought  
pins to be presented to the first, second and  
third place winners at today's Oratorical  
Contest. He presented Tom Birch a pin for  
his contributions to the Foundation totaling  
\$5,000. A Print was presented to Frank and  
Susan Ruman.

12. OI Convention- Judy Ziegler. Judy  
reminded everyone that the International  
Convention was June 29- July 3 in  
Louisville, Ky.

A. She wanted everyone to Register  
to attend; Volunteer to help with different  
area of the Convention and to Donate from

each club. Donations received by May 27th  
will be recognized in the program. Total of  
donations stand at \$13,000. Morehead has  
donated \$1,000. Louisville has donated  
\$3,000-5,000 for the Old Timer's Breakfast  
and a Hospitality Room on Sunday night,  
June 30th.

B. Wayne Dunn reported that on  
Saturday, June 29th there will be a  
Ceremonial Centennial Walk/Parade from  
the Galt House to 4 weeks away to a  
Historical Site Marker placed where the  
First Convention was held. If you want to  
help with this, call Wayne.

C. Judy reported that there will be a  
Trivia Night this year at the Convention. If  
interested in a table of 16, contact Judy.

D. Old Timer's Breakfast- sponsored  
by the Louisville Club. Mayghin Levine  
stated that the Center pieces are for sale.  
Any KY/WV District members that want  
one, they are \$25.00. They will also be sold  
in the House Of Optimism for \$30.00.  
Mayghine's number is 502-756-3-4451,  
email- mlevine@cabbagepatch.org

13. August KY/WV District  
Convention- Ken Distler. Bardstown  
Optimist Club will be hosting. And at the  
Model Luncheon will be presenting a skit  
of what Not To Do! Should be a lot of fun,  
so be sure to register early. We will be  
going to an outdoor Drama at the Pine  
Knob Theater. We are not sure which of the  
musicals will be presented at this time. This  
is a unique theater and they use vintage cars  
as part of their show. Also, Ken mentioned  
that he needs summaries for the follow-up  
Newsletter by June 1st.

14. Community Service Project-  
Marie Gamble. Marie reported that the  
Project for this District Meeting was to col-  
lect canned goods for the Cabbage Patch.  
Community Involvement helps get  
Optimist name out to the community. If  
your club needs a project, always remem-  
ber the Cabbage Patch Center. The District  
today is supporting the Pantry for Cabbage  
Patch.

15. Closing remarks were made by  
Optimist International President Rebecca  
Butler Mona.

16. Auction- items for Childhood  
Wellness & Health and for the Foundation.

Creed was led by Governor Jean Smith  
Motion to adjourn made by Sandy  
Ruman, seconded by Wayne Dunn; motion  
passed. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00  
noon by Governor Jean Smith

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

## Disctrict plans community project during Convention

We will be gathering school supplies for Preschool through High School for the Nelson County Community Action office.

This includes pencils, colored pencils, crayons, pens, markers, 3-ring binders, spiral notebooks, loose leaf paper, construction paper, Kleenex tissues, pencil bags, back backs, and calculators (for older kids).

Anything you know that your children or grandchildren needed to start school, we need to help these kids with their stuff.

Even though school will have started a few days before our convention, we can still get these items to those that need them the most.

## Memorial service to be observed at Convention

The annual KY/WV District Memorial Service will take place at the District Convention on Saturday, August 10. We want all members who have passed away this year to be recognized. If your club has lost a member, please come and say a few words about them and their Optimist life and family. No limit on who can speak.

Please send name and club to Wayne Dunn for a list of all members being recognized.

If you lost a member and no one from the club will be attending the service, please send the name and what you want to say to: Wayne Dunn at wayne-dunn204@gmail.com.

Please respond by August 8.

### 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.

## Club News

### Morehead honors local Deputy for service

The Morehead Optimist Club recognized Deputy James Damron as part of the annual Respect for Law program sponsored by Optimist International. Deputy Damron has provided untold services throughout Rowan County as part of his everyday routine for more than 32 years. Retiring from the Sheriff's Department five (5) years ago, Deputy Damron was lured out of retirement by current Sheriff Matt Sparks to work part-time to supplement the Department.

"It didn't take me long to see that James may have been hired as a part-time Deputy, but he puts in full-time hours most weeks because of his commitment to the citizens of Rowan County," said Sheriff Sparks, who went on to say, "we're not sure when exactly James sleeps as he is always ready and willing to assist other Deputies when called on." While the mission of the Optimist Club is to support youth pro-



grams in the community, the recognition of law enforcement as part of Respect for Law is paramount in developing the youth. "We believe it is important for children to grow up with

a strong belief in abiding by the law, respecting law enforcement and doing what they can to maintain peace," Club President Bill Redwine said. "We hope

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## Deputy

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that our recognition of Deputy Damron will help in this effort," Redwine added. The Morehead Optimist Club will make a \$250 monetary donation in honor of Deputy Damron to the Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys and Girls Ranch, the charity of his choice.

In 1965, a new program was undertaken to combat apathy toward crime and the dispensation of justice. With the cooperation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with former Director J. Edgar Hoover taking the lead and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police,

Optimist International began Respect for Law Week. One of the more visual aspects of this program is the Optimist International Respect for Law Citation, which recognizes citizens for outstanding service at a crime scene by aiding police. This is the fourth most popular Optimist activity with more than 1,500 clubs participating each year.

The Morehead Optimist Club has been participating in Respect for Law for many years and has been active in the Morehead community since 1964. Other programs and service projects that the Club is involved in include an oratorical contest, an essay contest, Tri-Star basketball skills, youth golf and

sponsorship of a host of other youth activities through charitable bingo.

Optimist International is one of the world's largest service club organizations with over 80,000 adult and youth members in almost 3,000 clubs in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Mexico and throughout the world. Carrying the motto "Bringing Out the Best in Youth, in our Communities, and in Ourselves," Optimists conduct positive service projects that reach more than six million young people each year. To learn more about Optimist International, please call (314) 371-6000 or visit the organization's website at [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org).



## Hot Wheels given to children at St. Claire

The Morehead Optimist Club recently made a donation to St. Claire Healthcare through the St. Claire Foundation to provide 1,100 "Hot Wheels" cars to be given as a "gesture of comfort" for children visiting the ER or outpatient surgery. "Thank you Morehead Optimist Club for a great partnership to make our littlest patients a little more comfortable," said Regina Thompson, Coordinator of Volunteer Services for St. Claire.

# Laurel-London to hold benefit concert



## BLUEGRASS CONCERT

Inside Laurel-London Optimist Sports Complex - London, KY  
383 Sinking Creek Road

**Friday, July 26, 2019**

**6:00 PM - Close (Gospel Night)**

**Saturday, July 27, 2019**

**10:30 AM - Close**

Advanced tickets available from Laurel-London Optimist Club for \$15.00 each (2-day)

\$5.00 each at the gate on Friday  
\$15.00 each at the gate on Saturday  
12 and under admitted FREE

*For Ticket Information:*

**Call 606-309-0879**

[www.laurellondonoptimist.org](http://www.laurellondonoptimist.org)

Visti our Pickin' for the Kids page on Facebook

All Proceeds From This Event Will Benefit Our "Needy Family Christmas Program"

## SCHEDULED TO APPEAR\*

- The Moron Brothers
- Dave Adkins Band
- Dean Osborne Band
- Laurel River Line
- The Jarvis Family
- New Junction
- One Accord
- High Vision
- The Letterbox Boys
- Salt Creek
- Kentucky Just Us
- Straight Creek
- Tidal Wave Road

# District golf tourney held at London Country Club

The KY-WV District Optimist held the OIJGC Qualifier on June 12 at London Country Club. Nine players started at 9:00am and finished at 2:30pm.

Jakob Begley from Manchester, KY was the winner of the 16-18 year old boys division. There was a battle between two players in the 14-15 year old boys division. Carter Zutterman was sponsored by the Bardstown Club. Jackson Whitaker was sponsored by the Frankfort Club. After playing four extra holes to break a tie, Carter Zutterman was the winner. Madeline Vickers from Gray Hawk, Ky had won the 15-18 year old girls division.

Thanks for the help of others for sponsoring this tournament: Ed Smith, Jean Smith, Howard Bittner, Beth Kerns, Wayne & Ronnie Dunn, Stuart Maiden, Bardstown Club, Frankfort Club, and Laurel London Club.



The participants pose for a group photo. KYWV Gov. Jean Smith is at left and District Chair Stuart Maiden is at the center front with the blue shirt.



Jakob Begley won the 16-18 boys group and advanced to the Championship round in Miami.



Carter Zutterman (above) was declared the winner of the 14-15 Boys group after a four-hole playoff. He defeated Jackson Whitaker (below), who tied Zutterman after regulation play.



Madeline Vickers won the girls 15-18 group, but did not qualify on her score to advance to Championship play.





# International Convention



Members of the Kentucky/West Virginia District pose for a photo prior to the President's Banquet.



Members of the KYWV District had two adjoining tables (above) at the President's Banquet on Wednesday evening of the Convention. At right, (left to right) Kent Reyling, past Vice President and Host District Co-Chair Paula Reying, KYWV S/T Becky Distler, and Hospitality & Information Subcommittee Co-Chair Judy Zeigler pose for a group photo.





Gov. Jean Smith, Zone 3 LtGov. Ellen Thompson, and Morehead Club President Bill Redwine received the Builder Of excellence award, and Past Governor Ed Smith (not shown) received two BOE Awards at the Louisville Convention.

Gov. Jean and Past Gov. Ed Smith (at right) were invited to sit at the head table at the President's Banquet as the District earned the Pacesetter Award.



Gov. Jean Smith (at left) was among several District Governors as they were presented the Pacesetter Award. Gov. Jean accepted the award on behalf of the Kentucky/West Virginia District for building two clubs and being a "net 15" by the end of the 3rd Quarter.



KYWV District S/T Becky Distler looked over some of the historical displays about the early years of Optimism in the Community Involvement Expo (formerly called the House of Optimism).



International President Rebecca Butler Mona (on the dance floor just left of the podium), her husband, Mike (to the right of Pres. Rebecca), and their two children led the "Dancing Through the Decades" first dance as the Vinyl Kings played music from each decade since the birth of Optimist International in 1919. Members of the audience soon joined in, even doing a very spirited line dance at the end of the opening segment.



The Vinyl Kings of Louisville provided the music for the dance.

# Agenda for the KYWV District Convention

(tentative)

## Friday, Aug. 9

**3-5pm**

Lt. Gov. training - Lodge

Dinner on your own  
Grayson's Landing Restaurant

Hospitality Room Open

## Saturday, Aug. 10

Breakfast on your own  
Grayson's Landing Restaurant

**9 am**

Club Officer training  
Just Ask program

**Noon**

Model Club Luncheon  
Grayson's Landing Restaurant

**1pm**

District Officer Installation

immediately following installation:

Business Meeting  
restructure dues for college clubs  
Memorial Service  
Gov.-Elect election

**5 pm**

Dinner on your own  
Grayson's Landing Restaurant

6:15 meet in Lobby to go to  
Pine Knob Theatre

## Sunday

Breakfast on your own  
Grason's Landing Restaurant



**KY/WV District, Optimist International  
District Convention - August 9-11, 2019  
Rough River Dam State Resort Park  
Falls of Rough, Ky.**



*“Rockin’ in the Fifties”*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club Office \_\_\_\_\_

District Office \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ First District Meeting? - Y or N (circle)

**REGISTRATION FEES**

	By July 26	On-Site		
Registration (Individual)	_____ \$20.00	_____ \$25.00		
Registration (Family)	_____ \$25.00	_____ \$30.00	=	\$ _____

Attending Lt.Gov Training on Friday afternoon?  Yes  No

Model Club Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ # attending (order off menu)

Officer Installation Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ # attending (order off menu)

Pine Knob Theatre (Sat. evening) \_\_\_\_\_ 1 ticket at \$15.00  
 (“Big Girls Don’t Cry”) OR \_\_\_\_\_ 2 tickets at \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL (Make checks payable to KY/WV District) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Pre-Registration must be received by July 26, 2019

**Room Registration** must be made by **July 9**, 2019. To make your reservation, call Rough River Dam State Resort Park at 800-325-1713 (Registration is under KY/WV District - Becky Distler). Do not wait to book a room. It is summer time and the park is very busy. Rooms will fill up quickly. The Room Rate is \$107.96 per night (higher after July 9).

All District business meetings will be at the Rough River Dam Lodge Conference Room. All meals will be at the Park Lodge dining room (order off the menu).

Questions? Call Ken Distler at 502-507-5724 or Richard Blair at 502-510-5057.

Mail your registration and check (to arrive no later than July 26) to:

Richard Blair  
 115 Indian Trail  
 Bardstown, KY 40004