



# Ky-WV Optimist

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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

# We still have a lot to do

H a p p y Thanksgiving KY-WV District. I am so thankful for all my Optimist members. We had a great first District meeting. Thanks to Beth Kerns and Ramona Allen-Ramsey and WV clubs for a FANTASTIC meeting and fun time.



Governor Jean Smith

If you missed it, you missed out on good training by Janet Lloyd on the #Optimist 100 Conference. Janet was a joy to get to know and she fit right in with us. My favorite part was how to do Optimist Projects without money. If you want some info, just let me know.

We had five newcomers at the meeting: Bill Redwine and Tom Cooper from Morehead Club, Lisa Moore and Shakeeka Jones from Radcliff Club, and Penny Hanks from Cannonsburg Club. Thank you for coming and hope you come to the next meeting in Radcliff.

Congratulations to Russellville-Logan Club on sponsoring our first JOI Club. The Logan County High School formed November 15 with 19 members and are working to make it 25 members. The President is John Hendricks and he

was the District Essay winner in 2016.

Together we will celebrate our 100th Centennial in Louisville this coming June 30-July 3, 2019. One hundred years of serving our communities, our members and millions upon millions of children. President Rebecca has developed the Best Incentive offering 100th Celebration to strengthen our Clubs and District. What better way to celebrate the 100th than to have a Growth year in our District under your leadership. Criteria: Build 2 adult clubs, +15 in Members for District, and for Club 1 new club and + 5 member by March 31 2019 to receive registration for \$100.

Let's start getting new members now and delete what needs to be deleted now. We can move forward as Optimists by paying for a new member as a Christmas present. Please ask yourself: when was the last time you asked someone to be a member of your Optimist Club.

Hope to see you soon or at the next District meeting. Radcliff will be hosting and I am sure it will be great. Just remember that I am here for you and your club.

Promise Yourself with Optimism and LOVE.

Governor Jean Smith

## From our International president

# Centennial year off to good start

Greetings, Kentucky/West Virginia Optimist friends! Thanks to all of you for getting our Centennial year off to the best start in many years. With your help, we are expanding the positive impact of Optimists with over 1,100 new Optimist members and 10 new Optimist Clubs in October - starting with the new Elizabethtown Optimist

Club in Kentucky/West Virginia! It's wonderful to welcome these new clubs to our Optimist family and see their enthusiasm for making a difference in their communities.

It's also been exciting to spend time with many Optimists over the past several weeks, seeing first-hand the work

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## District News

### Oratorical Contest set to kick off

The Optimist Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program sponsored by Optimist International. The program is recommended by both the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the American Association of School Administrators. The contest is open to students under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2018. It is designed for the youth to gain experience in public speaking and provide them the opportunity to speak to the world. More than \$150,000 in college scholarships will be given to the winning candidates world-wide.

Attention club oratorical contests chairpeople: you are the members who have a special dedication to the oratorical contest and its success! Now is the time to begin talking with middle and high school educators, and providing them with the information/applications

needed to make the student selections for the oratorical competition at the club level. During Gov. Jean's year, let's set a new record of clubs participating in this contest! This is an excellent opportunity for each club president, and their members, to join together in acquiring prospective student speakers, as well as lending a hand in the club contest.

The topic for the 2019 oratorical contest is: "Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?"

The following allocations for the District Oratorical scholarship awards are effective October 1, 2018:

First Place - \$2,500

Second Place - \$1,500

Third Place - \$1,000

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at [smgcec@aol.com](mailto:smgcec@aol.com)

Optimistically, Sandy M. Goodlet  
KY/WV Oratorical Chairperson

### 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](mailto:Bill@rybakfamily.com).

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

Bill Rybak, Essay Chair

### New Optimists join our District

Please welcome the following:

Louisville-Hike Point

Richard D Stevens

sponsor: Sally Kupper

Louisville

Meredith Worland

sponsor: David Worland

Bardstown

Allison Walsh

sponsor: Roland Williams

Haylee Koger

sponsor: Roland Williams

MaAliyah Hodge

sponsor: Roland William

Vine Grove

Kelsey Yates

sponsor: Jean Smith

Also: charter member of

Elizabethtown Optimist Club

Covington

James B Kennedy

Southgate

Mark Messmer

sponsor: Gene Blanchet

Cannonsburg

Penny S Hanke

sponsor: Eulas Hayes

Leigh A Jenkins

sponsor: Eulas Hayes

### Off to good start

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you are doing in your communities and traveling to help with training at 1Q #Optimist100 Conferences. Centennial Celebrations are also getting underway, and I encourage all Optimist Clubs to take this opportunity to bring people together to celebrate your local impact.

November is a good time to reach out to others to join in our efforts, whether in your own club or in a new community you can help serve with an Optimist Club - our single best service project. Our scholarship competitions are getting underway now, and there is still time to contact local schools and youth organizations. Let's give every young person a chance to benefit from what Optimist Clubs offer - from our scholarships to junior optimists to sports programs, childhood health and wellness and more. Each of us has the ability to make a difference. Let's start TODAY by asking one friend to join us in our efforts to help one child at a time.

I'm excited to see many of you at the Optimist International Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in 2019 (June 30-July 3) and I hope we have a record crowd to celebrate our Centennial! Thanks to all of you involved in the Host Area Committee to help make this a very special event.

I also encourage you to take advantage of our "Fast Start" incentive for the KYWV District and for your own Optimist Club to earn a \$100 registration fee for every member who attends the Louisville Convention - just by being on track for your growth goals by March 31, 2019. (Clubs can earn this by building a new club and being net +5 members, and Districts must build at least 2 new clubs and be net+15).

Promise yourself to bring your personal best to everything you do - for your club, your community, the children we serve and each other. I promise, too.

OI President Rebecca Butler Mona

*Centennial "Fast Start" Awards include an opportunity for Districts and Clubs to receive a discounted International Convention registration. Districts with two new Clubs and +15 Members and Clubs with one new Club and +5 Members by March 31, 2019 can earn \$100 registration for EVERY Member!*

# District Meeting



Optimist International representative Janet Lloyd teaching the #Optimist100 Conferences portion of training at the 1st Quarter District Meeting.



Janet Lloyd accepting a gift from the District in appreciation for the training she presented.

## 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.

# Costume, talent contest good for lots of laughs at District Meeting



Sonny and Cher by Governor Jean Smith and Past Governor Ed Smith.



Ketchup and Mustard by District S/T Becky Distler and newsletter editor Ken Distler.



Hairy Potter by immediate past governor Denise Haynes.



Madam Bombushka by governor-elect Beth Kerns.



The crowd favorites were The Supreme's by Shari Smith, Ellen Thompson, Frances Lee and Lisa Moore of the Radcliff Club.

# Club News

## New club forms in Elizabethtown, Ky.



(left to right) Cindy Downing , Marc Downing, Vice President Tracy Mitchell, President Tracey Peterson, Lieutenant governor Ellen Thompson, secretary treasurer Tom Bolls, Board Vicki Krause, board governor Jean Smith, and past Governor Denise Hayes pose for a photo following the ceremony forming the new Elizabethtown Optimist Club.

## Vine Grove Club holds Haunted House fund raiser

### Annual project benefits Santa Christmas



Governor Jean with Kelsey Arney and Kelsey Yates also member of new club Elizabethtown community and technical college helped with Haunted House.



Morris Coffey and Glenn Hines members. The fundraiser is used for their Santa Christmas project, helping make Christmas special for kids in the community.

## Congratulations to the District's first JOI club

Logan County High School in Russellville JOI Club formed November 15, 2018 with 19 members and they are working on having 25.

Russellville-Logan was the sponsoring club .

Special thanks to the club and Marie Gamble.

## Ron Fiel honored



Bill Redwine presents Dr. Ron Fiel with a certificate in recognition of his service to the Morehead Optimist Club, Inc. as President for eight years. Redwine assumed the role as President on October 1st.

### Newsletter Deadline

Club Officers and District Leadership Team members are reminded that articles for the 2nd quarter issue are due **no later than January 19th.**

Please e-mail your article, announcements, and photographs to the editor at: [digipic@bardstowncable.net](mailto:digipic@bardstowncable.net)

# Cannonsburg honors veterans



The Cannonsburg Optimist Club held its annual Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11. Eulas Hayes with his daughters and optimist members Mary Jo Heavner and Terry Christian pose for a photo prior to the event.

# Morehead club raises \$11,000 for DOVES of Gateway charity



Bill Redwine, President of the Morehead Optimist Club, Inc. presents Andrea Cornett with a check facsimile in the amount of \$37,358 for winning the "Queen of Hearts" raffle at Cave Run Bingo, operated by the Optimist Club. The "Queen of Hearts" raffle is a raffle sponsored by the Optimist Club with the winner receiving 70% of the jackpot pool and the remaining 30% donated to a charity of the Club's choosing. DOVES of Gateway will receive a donation of \$11,000 as the selected charity.



The J'Town club's annual "Halloween Candy Handout" was a huge success! Well over 1,000 kids stopped by the booth for their "treats". Bob Brock, Frank Ruman, Gordon Vogel and the three Dillard's were kept busy handing out candy for two solid hours.



The Louisville Optimist Club recently honored area youth at their Youth Appreciation ceremony. Receiving certificates were (L to R): Ciera Stanley, Boys and Girls Haven; Jaymie Lynch, Bullitt-Lick Boys and Girls Club; Jajuan Myers, Cabbage Patch Settlement House; and Howard Patrick, Newburg Boys and Girls Club. The certificates were presented by Louisville Optimist Club President, Mayghin Levine.



Jeffersontown's 2018-2019 club officers were formally inducted Nov. 11 during their luncheon meeting. The photo shows (left to right) VP Bob Brock, S/T Sandy Ruman and Pres. David Anderson being sworn in.

# District budget to be voted upon at 2nd quarter meeting

Due to a shortfall in expected funding for the current year, the budget proposed for the 2018-19 year was only partially funded.

At the 1st Quarter Meeting, the

District's Board of Directors directed the budget be revised and brought back before the Board for re-consideration at the 2nd Quarter Meeting.

Below is the latest version of the

proposed budget, to be presented to the Board of Directors at the February meeting in Radcliff, Ky.

(The last column shows the difference between the budget and to-date.)

## KY/WVA DISTRICT 2018-2019 BUDGET

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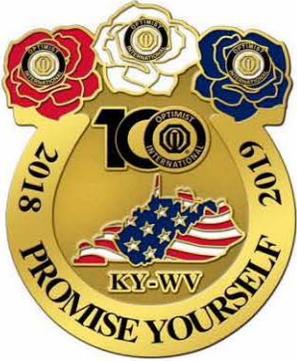
ACCT #	Description	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	ACTUAL	2018-19 budget	Difference
<b>RECEIPTS</b>								
100	District Dues					\$0.00	\$9,000.00	-\$9,000.00
110	Allotments from OI					\$0.00	\$800.00	-\$800.00
120	District Convention (incl .50/mbr)					\$0.00	\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00
130	Quarterly Conferences					\$0.00	\$2,400.00	-\$2,400.00
140	Oratorical Contest					\$0.00	\$550.00	-\$550.00
141	CCDHH					\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
145	Jr. Golf					\$0.00	\$2,500.00	-\$2,500.00
147	Essay Contest					\$0.00	\$350.00	-\$350.00
150	Cash Carried Forward**					\$0.00	\$4,200.00	-\$4,200.00
170	Complimentary Supplies					\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
192	Transfer from Memorial Funds					\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
<b>199</b>	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$22,850.00</b>	<b>-\$22,850.00</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>								
200	Governor					\$0.00	\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00
210	Lt. Governors					\$0.00	\$600.00	-\$600.00
250	Sec/Treasurer					\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
255	Governor Elect					\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
350	District Convention					\$0.00	\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00
360	Quarterly Conferences					\$0.00	\$2,400.00	-\$2,400.00
370	Oratorical Contest					\$0.00	\$800.00	-\$800.00
371	CCDHH					\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
373	JOOI Clubs					\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
380	Jr. Golf					\$0.00	\$2,500.00	-\$2,500.00
390	Essay Contest					\$0.00	\$350.00	-\$350.00
400	District Officer Lapel Pins					\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
410	Awards					\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
440	Complimentary Supplies					\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
450	Gifts					\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
470	Miscellaneous					\$0.00	\$600.00	-\$600.00
473	Advance to the next Administration**					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
475	New Club Building Incentives					\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
476	Membership Incentives					\$0.00	\$800.00	-\$800.00
480	Previous Administration Expenses					\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
500	Governor – Int'l Convention					\$0.00	\$1,100.00	-\$1,100.00
511	LtGovernor Des- Int'l Convention					\$0.00	\$600.00	-\$600.00
540	Sec/Treas – Int'l Convention					\$0.00	\$1,100.00	-\$1,100.00
541	Sec/Treas Des – Int'l Conv					\$0.00	\$1,100.00	-\$1,100.00
545	Comm Chairs Des – Int'l Convention					\$0.00	\$800.00	-\$800.00
550	GovernorElect – Int'l Convention					\$0.00	\$1,100.00	-\$1,100.00
551	Hospitality Room-Int'l Convention					\$0.00	\$800.00	-\$800.00
592	Memorial Fund Distribution (3 awards)					\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
<b>599</b>	<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$22,850.00</b>	<b>\$22,850.00</b>
	<b>Report Balance</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		



Can you change  
your world?

“JUST ASK”

Invite somebody  
into your world



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](mailto: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.