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2018-19 District Meeting Dates to Remember

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

LOVE was in the air this past weekend in Radcliff at the District meeting. If you were not there, you missed a wonderful weekend.

Thanks to the Radcliff Optimist Club for hosting a Fantastic time. They showed us nothing but LOVE. and wonderful fellowship. The games, food and fun time was enjoyed by all.

Why do Optimist like to laugh at each other? Make sure you check out the pictures in this newsletter.

The second quarter conference was very informative with all committees reported. Thanks to all clubs that brought bedding for the District project. We had a great supply to make several people's life a little more comfortable.

I am looking forward to the May



Governor
Jean Smith

District meeting May 10-12 2019. We will have the Optimist International President Rebecca Butler Mona joining us for the weekend. I spent a weekend in St Louis for my Mid-Year Training.

Optimist we can be the BEST because you are the BEST.

Louisville Optimist Club will be hosting the third quarter meeting. If anyone gets a new or old member I will be funding the registration fee of \$15.00. When I receive the CRA I will send your club the money. If you have any question please let me know.

We missed the Dunns this weekend because Ronnie had emergency surgery. We send nothing but LOVE and GET WELL wishes to you both.

Happy Valentines Day to all the District and show some LOVE. Promise Yourself

LOVE from your
Governor Jean

District project supports Beds For Kids



Helping Hands of Hope director Gary Bohannon (4th from left) accepts over two hotel dollies of bedding for the Beds for Kids program. Members are holding samples of donations by KY/WV District members. Left to right are: John Flanagan, Evelyn Ellis, Denise Haynes, Harold Brussel, Shari Smith, Lisa Moore, Jean Smith, Sam Christy, Gary Bohannon Executive director of Helping Hand of Hope, Ellen Thompson, Eli Levine, and Mayghin Levine. (Complete story on page 2)

District News

District meeting involved planning and fun too!

The Radcliff Club hosted the 2nd Qtr KY/WV District meeting at the Gold Vault Inn in Radcliff, KY, February 8-10, 2019. Some 40 Optimists from the district attended this Friday through Sunday event where plans for upcoming events such as the Essay Contest and Oratorical Contest were discussed. This year's planning for the 100th Optimist International Annual Convention took center stage as the District will be the host organization. The first OI Convention was also held in Louisville, so the challenge of

preparing for this year's convention is much greater than usual.

KY/WV District Gov. Jean Smith presided over the meeting. A highlight of quarterly meetings is the selection of a charity for special support. This quarter, Helping Hands of Hope's Program "Beds for Kids" was nominated and selected. Helping Hands of Hope's Director Gary Bohannon addressed the group and shared that many kids in Hardin County do not have a bed in which to sleep every night. The Beds for Kids program provides brand new

beds for a nominal fee to families in need. Bohannon told the Radcliff Optimist Club about the program earlier in the year and explained that there is a real need for new pillows and blankets to be given with beds. The District delivered with a sizeable donation of bedding that required two hotel dollies to get it all into Bohannon's car.

The meeting was not all serious business, however. A closing movie-themed costume dinner with games was held at the Northside Hall in Radcliff on Saturday evening.

Leaders abound at District meeting

It was great to see all the people at the District meeting this past weekend in Radcliff. By being there, they gave up their personal time and some finances to learn how to serve the youth and the families in their communities.

I hope to hear you soon about your goals in your local Optimist

Club and at the Zone and District levels. We need leaders to help strengthen our organization at all levels.

That will help ensure that our clubs, zones and District continue into the next century.

Ramona Allen-Ramsey
District Leadership Chair

Work on retaining your club members

We talk about the net membership of our District. We talk about adding Members, and that is good. But, then we delete Members.

We need to be like the Little Dutch Boy and "Plug The Leak!"

Try to keep your Club Members happy and active. Listen to their concerns and ideas. Not all of those ideas will and/or can be used, but do not just dismiss them without care.

Get new Members active. Have them earn the "Rookie Rock Star Award." Sometimes a Member will have to drop-out because of family or work requirements. Then those obligations change or go-away. Recruit that person to drop-back into your Club!

Tom "Dutch" Birch
District Club Fitness Chair

Gov-elect works to form her team for 2019-20

I'M SO EXCITED

At the 2nd Quarter District Meeting in Radcliff, Kentucky February 8-10, 2019 it was great to see old friends and meet new friends. It was also great to start building my team for my year as Governor 2019-20.

I am excited to announce the Optimists who have stepped up to leadership roles as Lieutenant Governor for the following zones:

Zone 2 - Mayghin Levine

Zone 3 - Harold Brussel

Zone 4 - Judy Zeigler

I am still looking for Lieutenant Governor's for Zones 1, 5, and 6.

My Team also includes:

Secretary/Treasurer: Ed Smith

Bulletin Editor: Ken Distler

Club Fitness Advisor: Denise Haynes

District Memorial: Marie & Clarence Gamble

Leadership Development/Training:
Ramona Allen-Ramsey

Membership: Frances Lee

OI Convention: Sherry Smith
(Chicago June 27-30, 2020)

OI Foundation Chair: Ellen Thompson

Parliamentarian: Tom Birch

Personal Growth & Involvement

Program: Mayghin Levine

Sergeant At Arms: Eli Levine

Webmaster: Judy Zeigler

I have a few more positions to fill. Please let me know if you are interested in joining my team!

At the Club Level it is time to elect positions of President-Elect, Secretary-Elect, Treasurer-Elect and Club Foundation Representative. These positions must be reported to OI by May 20, 2019 on the Officer Elect Report, and will be taking Office on October 1, 2019. Please email me a copy of the report, too: Beth.Kerns@yahoo.com.

Optimistically,

Beth Kerns
Governor-Elect 2019-20

OIF restricted raffle set for next KY/WV District meeting

At the May KY/WV District meeting there will be a restricted raffle for a West Virginia food basket. The raffle will only be open to those who are "Friends of Tomorrow", and benefits the Optimist Foundation.

Harold Brussell can tell you how to qualify.

Membership Awards

Be sure to get credit for adding members

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 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 indi-

vidual in a photo follow these simple steps:

1. Click the photo to expand it.
2. Hover over the photo and click Tag Photo at the bottom.
3. Click the person in the photo and start typing their name.
4. Choose the full name of the person or Page you want to tag when it appears.
5. Click Done Tagging.

If you need more help please contact me.

Optimistically,
Beth Kerns

Membership Chair 2018-19

Feb. 14 deadline to register for Churchill Downs

I need to know by Thursday Feb 14, your intentions about joining the District at Churchill Downs on May 10, 2019, I have the names of those at the conference in Radcliff that held up their hands, but you still need to complete the registration form (see page 8). We only have a limited number of tickets and once their gone, thats all, they are sold out that day. You can complete the registration form later, but I need to know your intentions now. Call me 812-267-8315 or 502-738-5506.

New Club Building

As I said at the conference, if you have any info relative potential New Club Building, PLEASE call me, let's talk, let's try, it's our future, it's a lot of kids future.

Please make every effort to replace with an addition any deletion of a member, our future depends on what YOU do.

Yeah my wife is Governor, the President of Optimist International Rebecca Butler Mona is coming to go to the track with us, but Optimist International started here, we are the best, we can do the best, let's keep proving it!

Ed Smith

Keep District members in your prayers

The District has several members that have been sick and lost family member. Please keep them in your prayers and let them know you're thinking of them.

James Persinger has had surgery and will have more - P O Box 301 Sandyville, WV 25275

Ronnie Dunn had- 204 Duntreath Frankfort, Ky 40601

Rita Williams had surgery and is recovering at home - 2225 Elmcrest Dr Bardstown, Ky 40004

Gloria and Randy Urian - Gloria lost her mother - 1 Paris Dr Huntington, WV 25705

Change coming for Kentucky drivers license

Kentucky is making significant improvements to increase the security of the identity credential you rely on most through the Confident Kentucky initiative. Following a statewide rollout starting in March 2019 and ending in May, all driver's licenses, permits and personal IDs will have new security features. They will arrive in the mail 5-10 business days after residents apply at their local Circuit Court Clerk's office, and will be moving to an eight-year lifespan and have new pricing.

The next time you renew your current credential or if you are a first-time cardholder, you'll choose a credential in one of two new versions: standard or Voluntary Travel ID credential.

Voluntary Travel ID versions have all the benefits of a standard credential plus they are federally accepted to board U.S. domestic flights and access restricted federal facilities once REAL ID enforcement begins nationwide on October 1, 2020.

Documentation is required when



applying for a Voluntary Travel ID, if you are a first-time cardholder or if you want a standard credential and your personal information has changed. Be confident you'll arrive prepared when applying for a new credential by following the steps below or choosing from the menu of resources:

<https://drive.ky.gov/ConfidentKY/Pages/default.aspx>

Circulation Counts

The Kentucky Department of Transportation is asking for help keeping track of the number of persons reached. If an Optimist Club shares this information, could you ask them to let me know the number of members reached or their circulation on their email list? They can send the number to: Melissa Mershon

melissamershon@kycourts.net

Thank you for any help you can give to help educate Optimist members about these upcoming changes.

Melissa Mershon
Office of the Circuit Court Clerk
Louisville, Kentucky

Club News

Sissonville had a busy fall season



The Sissonville Club has been busy since the first of the calendar year.

Partnering with the Sissonville Library for the Community Halloween party where they had games, candy prizes, water and Koolaid pouches. We also let the children decorate and eat mini cupcakes.

We worked the gates at the

Coonskin lights and received a percentage of the donations collected those nights. It helps support and fund our programs and community services. School supplies, personal hygiene items and clothes were donated to the four schools that we serve.

The Christmas party and the library was also a success. We had refresh-

ments and made ornaments for the tree.

We also volunteered at the Hospice table at the mall where we collected donations from people. We donated money to Sissonville middle school for shoes, socks, whatever needs that might arise for the students.

Optimistically yours,
Ramona Allen-Ramsey



Radcliff stacks the Optimist Pancakes high at Annual Mayor's Breakfast

The Optimist Club of Radcliff joined with other organizations to provide a eclectic menu for Mayor JJ Duvall's 9th Annual Mayors' Breakfast at the Colvin Community Center. Pictured (l-r) Evelyn Ellis, Chairwoman Teresa Price, and Denise Haynes began early to build supply of Optimist Pancakes for the expected (and realized) crowd of supporters.



District Meeting



Classic Movies
was the theme for the
District's
2nd Quarter
Saturday outing



Newsletter Deadline

Club Officers and District Leadership Team members are reminded that articles for the 3rd quarter issue are due **no later than April 15th.**

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



**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
 Contact Person: Stuart Maiden
 Res: 606-364-3257
 Cell: 606-309-2096
sam24jam@yahoo.com

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**

cut and return this sections

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

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.

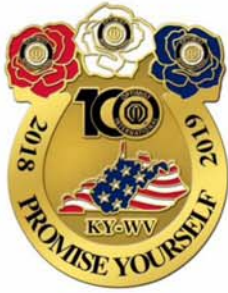
March 2, 2019

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)



Registration Form
 Kentucky / West Virginia District
 of Optimist International
 3rd Quarter District Meeting, May 10 - 12, 2019
 Breckinridge Inn, Louisville, KY
 Hosted by the Bluegrass Optimist Club

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

Pre-Registration (individual) \$15.00 _____ **For Pre-Registration rate, form must be received by April 10, 2019.**

Pre-Registration (family) \$20.00 _____

-- OR --

On-Site Registration (individual) \$20.00 _____ These rates apply after April 10, 2019 and at the door.

On-Site Registration (family) \$25.00 _____

Friday, May 10: **Day at the Downs!** Millionaire's Row, Sky Terrace 4th Floor, Churchill Downs, 700 Central Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky **(WEAR YOUR DERBY HATS!)**

11:30 a.m. – entry time
 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet
 1:00 p.m. – Post Time

\$37.00 per person (includes lunch) x _____ = _____

****Need this information during February District Meeting or shortly after please, talk to Ed Smith at 812-267-8315****



**SPECIAL GUEST THIS WEEKEND
 OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
 REBECCA BUTLER MONA**



Saturday Morning – Free Breakfast at Hotel

Saturday Luncheon 12:00 p.m. – Breckinridge Inn \$15.00 x _____ = _____

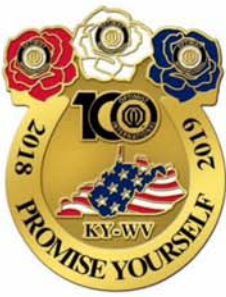
Saturday Night Dinner 6:00 p.m. – Breckinridge Inn Banquet Room \$22.00 x _____ = _____

Sunday Morning – Free Breakfast at Hotel

Total Enclosed _____

Questions? Please call Ed Smith at 502-738-5506 or email at ed.smith.ky@gmail.com. Make checks payable to: Kentucky / West Virginia District and mail with this form to: Ed Smith, 10345 Mt. Eden Rd., Waddy, KY 40076

Reserve rooms directly with the hotel by April 10, 2019. Breckinridge Inn, 2800 Breckenridge Ln., Louisville, KY 40220. Phone: 502-456-5050. Block of rooms at \$100.00 (King or 2 Beds) plus tax per night on 05/10/19 – 05/12/19. When making reservation, state it is for the KY/WVA District of Optimists.



Kentucky / West Virginia District
of Optimist International
3rd Quarter District Meeting, May 10 - 12, 2019
Tentative Agenda

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OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
REBECCA BUTLER MONA**



Friday, May 10, 2019

Day at the Downs, Millionaire's Row, Sky Terrace 4th floor, 700 Central Avenue, Louisville, KY

****WEAR YOUR DERBY HATS****



11:30 a.m.	Entry Time
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Buffet Lunch at the Downs
1:00 p.m.	Post time

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Dinner at Rafferty's
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Registration
8:30 p.m. - ???	Hospitality Room - Open for enjoyment

Saturday, May 11, 2019

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration
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 – Essay Contest Winner
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Registration for Oratorical Competition
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Oratorical Competition
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Dinner at Breckinridge Inn Banquet Hall
8:30 p.m. - ???	Hospitality Room - Open for your enjoyment

Sunday, May 12, 2019

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