

Jeffersontown Optimist Club

Affiliated with Optimist International, established November 21, 1955. Club # 03-185

PO Box 99146, Jeffersontown, KY 40299

*Regular meetings held at 6:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays
Hopewell Presbyterian Church, 13721 New Hopewell Road*

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MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR SEPTEMBER 2007

Governor Sandy -- Congrats to Sandy Ruman, who was sworn in as governor of the Kentucky-West Virginia District for the 2007-2008 year. Sandy and the officers for the upcoming year were installed at the district convention last month in Louisville. Thanks to all Optimists who helped out at the event, which was hosted by our club. There are some great pictures from that weekend at the district's website: www.kywooptimists.org. Sandy's first quarterly meeting will take place October 19-21 in Bardstown.

Gaslight Parade and Festival -- Optimists again will be able to volunteer at this year's parade on September 13. The parade begins at 7 pm at the J-Town Commons Shopping Center and ends at the Gaslight Square. Rev. Tom Dillard will again lead the parade. Contact Dwight Montgomery if interested in serving as parade marshals. Volunteers will get a parking pass and Festival t-shirt. The club will also have its basketball booth at the festival September 14-16. Sandy Ruman is chairing the booth again this year.

This Month's Meetings

September 10: Club Picnic -- President Jerry and wife Sue will be hosting our annual picnic at their home on Old Heady Road. Members are asked to bring a side dish. The Hensons will provide the meat, drinks and all the rest. Call 267-7635 for directions. Starting time is 6:30 p.m. This takes the place of our first meeting this month.

September 24: Installation of Officers – New club President Susan Ruman and the officers for the 2007-2008 year will be installed. This event will take place at Ferd Grisanti in Jeffersontown at 6:30 p.m. Susan will be installed by her daughter, incoming Governor Sandy Ruman. Please plan to attend this special evening. Charlie Ogle will be the emcee. Reservations are to be made with Frank Ruman at 267-5559 by September 21. A list of this year's officers is included in this month's bulletin.

Last Month's Meetings

August 13: NOW Program – Our annual membership drive meeting was held, with several prospective members in attendance. Thanks to Frank Ruman for chairing the program.

August 17-19: The District Convention was held at the Ramada Inn on Zorn Avenue. Our club was the host club. Congratulations to Sandy Ruman as she was installed governor for the 2007-2008 year. Thanks to all Optimists who helped out.

August 27: Kerry Summers, director of Membership Services for the **Jeffersontown Chamber of Commerce**, gave a terrific preview to the upcoming **Gaslight Festival**. The event is in its 37th year and will run nine days starting September 8. New events this year include a Gaslight Thunder Run bike rally, karaoke contest and corn hole tournament. Kerry says the Chamber uses about 400 volunteers every year to help with everything from answering phones to parade marshals to set up to booth workers. The Festival's kickoff event takes place September 9 at Kingpin Lanes at Jeffersontown Shopping Center.

Next Month's Meetings

October 8:

October 22:

We wish Bob Armstrong a Happy Birthday this month. Celebrating anniversaries this month: Jerry and Sue Henson and Joe and Mary Lynn Stuedle.

Please say a prayer on Patriot Day Tuesday, September 11 for those whose lives were lost six years ago as well as the victims' survivors.

MY TWO CENTS WORTH

PARTY TIME WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 p.m. ON SEPTEMBER 10TH AT THE HENSONS, 5411 OLD HEADY ROAD. YOU CAN GET THERE BY CONTINUING ON DOWN HOPEWELL FROM TOM'S CHURCH. WE WILL PROVIDE THE MAIN COURSE AND DRINKS; WE ASK THAT YOU BRING EITHER A DESSERT OR SALAD. IF YOU WANT SPIRITS TO DRINK, BRING THEM. SUE HAD A SIGN-UP SHEET AT OUR AUGUST 27TH MEETING. IF YOU WERE NOT THERE GIVE US A CALL AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WILL BRING. OUR NUMBER IS 267-7635. BRING A LAWN CHAIR FOR EACH ATTENDEE. FISHING IS AVAILABLE IF YOU HAVE A LICENSE. WE WILL HAVE SEVERAL DIFFERENT GAMES. DRESS FOR COMFORT.

Plan to attend the Installation of Susan Ruman as your new club President on September 24th at Grisanti's. The food is delicious and you couldn't gather with a finer group of people. Sandy Ruman, our new KY-WV Governor will swear-in Susan, her mother.

We had six members attend the Quarterly Conference at the Ramada Inn, 17 – 19 August. Our next conference will be in Bardstown, October 19 – 21. A "spouses" tour is scheduled for Saturday, visiting Wickland, the Civil War Museum, and the Bourbon Heritage Center, with a luncheon at Rosemark Haven. Saturday evening will feature an elegant dinner at My Old Kentucky Home Country Club and live entertainment from comedian Chuck Porter and magician Freddy Foolya. A live DJ will entertain afterward at a Halloween Dance (wear your scariest). Registration forms are available at www.kywvoptimists.org.

A BIG “thank you” to Archie Ferguson of Dick’s Sporting Goods for graciously hosting our Bike Safety program for the past few years. We thanked Archie with a special plaque at a meeting last month for his contributions to the club. Archie and his wife Janice attended the meeting.

This is my last "Two cents worth." Once again, it has been a privilege and honor to serve as your President this past year. I look forward to being one of the Indians again. The most important thing that you can do for our club is to go out and recruit a new member. We will either grow or die!

*Optimistically submitted,
Jerry Henson*

J-town Optimist Officer Installation -- 9-24-2007

6:30PM at Ferd Grisanti Restaurant

\$28.50 per person – Includes taxes & gratuity

Reservations: Frank Ruman 267-5559 by 9-21-2007

Antipasto (Before dinner appetizers)

**A tasty variety of Italian meats and cheeses with olives, peppers,
marinated artichoke hearts and marinated vegetables.**

Tossed Salad

Homemade Creamy Italian Dressing

~ Entrée Choices ~

Baked Lasagna

Cannelloni Toscana

Fettuccine Alfredo

Manicotti alla Grisanti

Ravioli

Chicken Tetrazzini

Hot Garlic Bread

Freshly Ground and Brewed Coffee

Freshly steeped Hot Tea or Iced Tea

Spumoni Ice Cream

Jeffersontown Optimist Club 2007-2008

Officers:

President – Susan Ruman

Immediate Past-President – Jerry Henson

Secretary-Treasurer – Frank Ruman

Vice-President (internal) – Dwight Montgomery

Vice-President (external) – Charles Ogle

Directors (1 year)

Bob Armstrong

Jack Burns

Miles Gordon

Directors (2 years)

Bob Ebert

Dick Hudson

Jefferson Wolfe