

Optimist Club Westbank- Gretna Summer 2022 News

APRIL

Zurich Classic – ForeKids Foundation April 21-21 – Our Westbank Optimist Club supports the mission of the ForeKids Foundation of helping kids through golf by supporting the New Orleans Zurich Classic Professional Golf Tournament.



GRID Crawfish Cook-off – April 23 – Our Club supported the GRID Crawfish Cook-off by purchasing tickets for this event. G.R.I.D. is a parent volunteer organization that operates in cooperation with the City of Gretna.



MAY

Robert “Bobby” Hebert Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament – May 13th -- Rotary Club of Westwego held their 35th Annual Golf Tournament Spring Swing in memory & honor of the late Rotarian & Optimist member Bobby Hebert remembering his extraordinary contributions to our community. Our Westbank Optimist Club sponsored a Team of 4 golfers in the event.

Optimist International Southeast Region Zoom Meeting – May 14th -- A connection via Zoom for all Optimist Clubs in the Southeast Region which includes our club. Our Westbank Club was represented by 6 members who joined with members from other Optimist Districts to learn and connect for a common goal of helping kids and sharing ideas.

Westbank Quarterback Club Sports Scholarship Gala – May 17th – As Optimists, we share our enthusiasm with the Quarterback Club to support and encourage westbank athletes to excel in academics as well as sporting activities.



Junior Golf Tournament – May 21st – The Westbank Optimist Club joined with other Optimist Clubs in the Louisiana District for sponsoring the junior golf tournament. A total of 8 golfers participated in this year's event. Six of the golfers qualified to go on to the next level of competition.



JUNE

Westbank Governor's Luncheon – June 13 -- This event was originally scheduled on March 31 but due to unforeseen circumstances the luncheon was rescheduled to June 13th and was held at the Four and support the Café Hope program. Café Hope is a non-profit culinary arts and life skills program opportunity for youth ages 17-24.

28th Anniversary Gretna Prayer Dinner - June 21 – St Joseph Catholic Church in Gretna sponsors this gathering of worshipers of all congregations to attend and participate in this annual spiritual breaking of bread together to celebrate and support each other and the Café Hope program. The Café Hope facility sustained extensive damage due to Hurricane Ida and continues working to rebuild their facility for the program.



Sylvia Ricks Scholarship Award Dinner - June 23 – We were pleased to have received a number of applications for our Sylvia Ricks Scholarship. All of the applicants were bright, service minded and good citizens which made it very difficult for our Scholarship Committee to narrow the list to 10 Scholarships winners. We honored winners and their parents with a dinner along with our Westbank Optimist Club members. We also presented Scholarship winners with a framed copy of our Optimist Creed and their Scholarship checks. We invited the students to come back to a future Optimist Event to keep us informed on their educational progress. Our club also took the opportunity to present an Optimist Bell and Gavel to Officers of the Optimist Club of Metry, a newly formed Optimist Club in our Zone.

