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“Better Together”

Kent Reyling, Governor

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Zone 4- **Mark Wilson, Ryves Community**

Zone 5- **Charlie Schladand, Jeffersonville**

Zone 6- **Stan Stewart, Jasper**

Zone 7- **Bill Cherolis, Santa Claus**

Attention:

Committee Chairs & Lt Governors

The *deadline* for submitting
articles for the next District
Bulletin is **April 3, 2023.**

Send your articles to
p_grant@fastmail.fm if you have
e-mail. If you prefer, send it
snail-mail: 770 N County Road
625 E, Avon, IN 46123.

DON'T FORGET!

A message from Kent, your 2022-23 Indiana South District Governor

Dear Indiana South District Optimists,

I am so proud and thankful for you to lead our Optimists forward in spreading OPTIMISM as a PHILOSOPHY of LIFE! What a positive mission this should be for us all! THANK YOU for all you do in YOUR communities!

As we conclude this year (2022), I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please promise yourself to make this year an even more Optimistic Year than ever before. Let us all focus on continuous improvement and being BETTER TOGETHER!

Our families, communities, nation and world need us more than ever! PLEASE do all that you can to spread OPTIMISM as a philosophy of life!

I want to personally wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...please plan to join us at our upcoming Super Zone meeting on Jan. 14 in Plainfield and Jan. 21 in Georgetown where we will share ideas and thoughts on how we can truly be BETTER TOGETHER to spread Optimism in our communities. You can register here for the North or the South Super zone (attend one or both) on the attached or on-line here: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066630851852>

Thank you so much for being YOU and all you do!

Best, Kent pkreyling@outlook.com

YOUR Governor, Indiana South District Optimists

812.630.4512

**Indiana South District
2nd Quarter Super Zone Meetings
Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023**

**9:00 AM – 2:30 PM Eastern Time
Richard A. Carlucci Recreation Center
651 Vestal Rd. Plainfield, IN 46168**



“Better Together”



Our 2nd Quarter conference is being split into 2 Super Zone meetings (one held in the North and one in the South of the District. You can choose to come to whichever one best fits your schedule. The “North” super zone is being held at the impressive Richard A Carlucci Recreation Center and sponsored by the Plainfield Club. This meeting will be focused on sharing successes and challenges from our clubs and helping each other become the best that we can be for our communities. The meeting is a condensed format for your benefit on Saturday (9:00 – 2:30 EDT)

Register [on-line](#) through [this link](#) or complete form below and mail (Please print neatly or type)

Member name #1 _____ Name for badge: _____
Club name: _____ Zone _____
Club office held? _____ District office? _____
Member name #2 _____ Name for badge: _____
Club name: _____ Zone _____
Club office held? _____ District office? _____
Non-Member Name _____ Name for badge: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION (*person submitting registration*)

email address: _____ Phone: _____
Street _____ City: _____ State: _____

Conference Functions Require a Reservation	Price	Number	Amount
Registration Fee per Household (living in the same house)	\$5.00	<u>1</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>

Lunch (per person)

\$15.00

**Spaghetti Bar (Spaghetti, Red and Alfredo Sauce, Meatballs,
Chopped Grilled Chicken, Gluten Free Pasta, side salad & Italian bread**

REGISTRATION FORM & REMITTANCE

Please return by: Jan. 9, 2023

Indiana South District Registrar
Attention: Dave Osborne
1189 Pinewood Drive
Plainfield, IN 46168
C (317) 538-4548
indsoptimist@gmail.com

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (Must Accompany This Form)

\$ _____

**Deadline for lunch is Jan. 9. After that date inclusion for lunch is not guaranteed.*

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR AGENDA AND MSG.

(Preliminary) **Agenda Overview (Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, 9:00 – 2:30 Eastern time):**

8:30 am Eastern time REGISTRATION and gather/socialize

9:00 General Session Begins

Review of success in 1st Quarter of the Optimist Year...CONGRATULATIONS!

What you won't want to miss...coming up in 2023

Taking care of business...District Board Meeting

Respect for Law...a KEY Optimist Purpose and what YOU can do

10:30 Break

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Topics: Service projects, partnering with others, fund raising, fellowship programs, membership

12:00 Lunch (presentation for YOUR Personal Development during lunch)

1:15 General Session...Optimist

Optimist International programs and resources to help YOUR Club and YOU

Preparing for new leadership (YOUR Club and Indiana South District) Catch a Rising Star!

Breakout discussion of attendees on Key topics identified in earlier discussions.

2:30 Wrap-up and Adjourn

Message from Governor Kent...



Hello Fellow Optimists,

As we wrap-up 2022 and prepare for 2023 with Optimism, there is no better way to get off to a good start than to participate with other Optimists from your Indiana South District at our Super Zone meetings. We hold these in the North (Jan. 14) and the South (Jan. 21) to make it easier for people to attend (less travel) during the winter weather. Please note that these gatherings are for ALL Optimist members (not just officers of your club) and we encourage you to bring your "Rising Stars" to this gathering to expose them to other Optimists and new ideas/possibilities.

Our focus continues to be on "Better Together", sharing what we are doing well with our individual clubs and what we could use some help from others with. **Please come to these gatherings with insights on those things that your specific Club are successful with as well as those things that you are challenged with right**

now. We want to help you to provide service, create awareness and spreading Optimism within YOUR communities.

PLEASE encourage your members to join you and us in attending one of the gatherings. You can attend either one (or both if you want ☺). Choose the date and location that works best for you. The theme for this Optimist year is BETTER TOGETHER. Let's all get together at this 2nd Quarter gathering and work together to make our clubs and selves better. And have FUN doing it! See you there!

Kent Reyling, Governor, Indiana South District Optimists 2022-23 year

Additional Optimist FUN Opportunity on January 14.

Great time for Optimists and friends to get together (especially after the Super Zone meeting that will be held in Plainfield earlier that day). Below is a special link to the Indy Fuel's ticket website. By clicking on this link, **it will take you to a special site set up specifically for our Optimists night event.**

<https://fuel.isportstix.com/order/group/Optimists0114/>

Please note that when someone goes to this site, they will be purchasing a ticket(s) with the Optimist discount. **VERY IMPORTANT: If members of a particular club all want to sit together, they should indicate the name of their club at the Check Out step of their ticket purchase.** Then Fuel will then assign a specific seating area for that particular club. NOT NOTED IN THE PROMOTION IS THE LOCATION. It is at the Indiana Farmer's Coliseum (1202 E 38th St, Indianapolis, IN 46205) at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

OPTIMISTS NIGHT

AT THE INDY FUEL

JOIN INDIANA OPTIMISTS AT THE FUEL GAME
ON JANUARY 14 FOR STAR WARS NIGHT!

TICKETS ARE ONLY \$35 AND INCLUDE A
TICKET TO A PLATINUM LEVEL SEAT.

GAME DETAILS:
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM
GAME STARTS AT 7:00PM



TO PURCHASE TICKETS, SCAN CODE OR VISIT [HTTPS://FUEL.ISPORTSTIX.COM/ORDER/GROUP/OPTIMISTS0114/](https://fuel.isportstix.com/order/group/Optimists0114/)



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Box lunch (includes sandwich choice, chips, cookie) choose:

- ☐ Turkey/Swiss ☐ Ham/American ☐ Chicken Salad on croissant
☐ Chef Salad *Also providing homemade soups and desserts.*

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (Must Accompany This Form)

\$ _____

**Deadline for lunch is Jan. 16. After that date inclusion for lunch is not guaranteed.*

Note: We will also have breakfast item/ snacks and refreshments. Coffee, Tea, Lemonade and Water

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Contact an OI Department:

Optimist International is committed to providing professional and prompt service to Optimist volunteers and other interested parties. If you know which department you wish to contact, please check the e-mail list below.

You may also speak to a staff member in that department by calling (314) 371-6000 or (800) 500-8130 and requesting the extension listed next to each department. To speak to someone in the Optimist International Canada office, please call (514) 593-4401 or (800) 363-7151.

Awards	281	awards@optimist.org
LMS/Optimist Institute	210	
Communications/Social Media	236	communications@optimist.org
Executive Director	200	executiveoffice@optimist.org
Finance & Administration	202	finance@optimist.org
International Convention	205	convention@optimist.org
International Office	300	headquarters@optimist.org
International Programs	218	programs@optimist.org
Junior Optimist	218	youthclubs@optimist.org
Leadership / Personal Development	281	leadership@optimist.org
Marketing & Graphics	236	marketing@optimist.org
Member Services	247	clubservices@optimist.org
Membership	227	membership@optimist.org
New Club Building	227	newclub@optimist.org
Optimist Junior Golf	218	golf@optimist.org
Webmaster	209	webmaster@optimist.org
Canadian Service Centre	(800) 363-7151	CanadianService@optimist.org
Canadian Supplies	(800) 565-7062; www.optimistsupply.ca	info@optipromo.ca
Optimist Supply (US)	(800) 223-2203; www.shumsky.com	

Contacting Optimist Leaders:

To contact an International leader by e-mail, use their firstname.lastname followed by @optimistmail.org. For example - Cheryl

Brenn: cheryl.brenn@optimist.org

OI Foundation

Dime-A-Day Level is reached by a contribution of \$36.50 to the Foundation within one Optimist Year and is recognized by the presentation of a pin.



The **Diamond Level** requires a minimum donation to the Foundation of \$100 annually and the donor receives a specially designed postcard and thank you message from the Foundation President, Debra Merritt.

Women's Philanthropy Council (WPC) was formed in 2005 to support the work of the Optimist International Foundation. Members reach out to women as donors and assist in shaping their philanthropy. All donations raised through the giving circle of the **WPC** will be used to underwrite World Oratorical Championship scholarships for young women that win the Regional Contest from the US and in the Caribbean. It is important to note that your contribution to OIF designated to support the efforts of the **WPC** will be counted as a **restricted** donation and will not be credited to your annual giving or that of your District/Club. It will count towards lifetime giving.

Join the **Presidents Club** by making an initial unrestricted gift of \$250, and renew your membership each year by making an annual \$250 contribution. When you join, you will receive a prestigious Presidents Club lapel pin. Each year at the International Convention, you will be recognized with a ribbon for your badge and will be invited to attend a function exclusively for members.



Friends of Today make a minimum unrestricted donation of \$500 annually to the Foundation. Donors will receive a special plaque designed by a local St. Louis artist.

The **Christian D. Larson Partners** was adopted to recognize donors who contribute a one-time \$1,000 unrestricted gift. *Donors may combine multiple unrestricted gifts in one Optimist fiscal year to achieve the \$1,000 level. **Partners** will receive a plaque presented by the DFR.

To become a member of the **William H. Harrison Society**, donors must have a life-to-date of \$10,000 and contribute \$1,000 annually to the Foundation. Members will be invited to attend a recognition dinner with the Foundations' Boards of Directors at the International Convention. Members also receive a ribbon noting their Membership in Society to be worn with Convention badge.

IN HONOR - IN MEMORY- VETERAN BANNER EMBLEM

Contribution and Request Form

To receive your Club's Honor / Memorial / Veterans Banner Emblem and embroidered name bar of the individual, please fill out the form below and send it in with your \$100 donation. For subsequent \$100 gifts recognizing other individuals, embroidered banner emblems will be sent upon request.



HEARTS UNITED IN OPTIMISM

THIS YEAR'S CLUB BANNER PATCH



**By donating today, your Club
can join others in the mission to
'Help Optimists Help Kids!'**

WHEN YOUR CLUB DONATES \$365
UNRESTRICTED OR \$1 A DAY, YOUR CLUB
WILL RECEIVE A CLUB BANNER PATCH!

2022-23 OIF Theme- HEARTS UNITED IN OPTIMISM

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION - VISION STATEMENT

The Optimist International Foundation was established on February 28, 1971.

The creators envisioned a Foundation that could provide significant funding for OI's youth and service programs and which would be proudly supported by individual Optimists, their Clubs, and the community at large.

WHAT OIF DOES FOR CLUBS AND DISTRICTS

- \$5,000 TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTEST
- \$2,500 TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE CCDHH CONTEST
- \$2,500 TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE DISTRICT ESSAY CONTEST
- \$5,000 FOR THE REGIONAL WORLD ORATORICAL CONTEST WINNERS FOR NON-CANADIAN WINNERS

WHAT OIF DOES FOR CLUBS

- \$15,000 FOR THE WORLD ORATORICAL CHAMPION, \$10,000 FOR 2ND PLACE AND \$5,000 FOR 3RD PLACE FOR NON-CANADIAN WINNERS
- \$2,500 TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE DISTRICT ESSAY CONTEST
- Club Pass Through:
- If your Optimist Club is seeking grant funds or contributions for funding of your charitable community service projects or other charitable, literary or educational programs, you may request the assistance of Optimist International Foundation (OIF) as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. This program is only available in the United States. Please find the Club Pass Through Grant Program guidelines document on the Foundation website at: oifoundation.org.

WHAT OIF DOES FOR OTHER OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAMS

- CONTRIBUTES \$85,000 TO SUPPORT THE JOI PROGRAM
- CONTRIBUTES TO THE JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
F O U N D A T I O N

Presidents Club

The Presidents Club is a giving level that recognizes Optimists who are truly committed to the mission of the Foundation and its work to support Optimist International. By becoming a member of the Presidents Club, you are doing much more than giving a gift to change a child's life; you are making a statement that you are dedicated to the future of Optimism.

Become a member of the Presidents Club today and show your support as a steadfast Optimist and devoted friend to the Foundation. Optimist International Foundation works to raise funds to support the endeavors of Optimist International, its Clubs and its Members. The Foundation needs donors like you to continue 'Helping Optimists Help Kids'.

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Become part of an exclusive group that is
committed to making a difference.

I want to join the Presidents Club!

Name (one person only) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

____ Enclosed is my check made out to the Optimist International Foundation.

____ Please deduct \$ _____ from my account monthly for _____ years. (Enclosed is my voided check)

Bank Name _____

Account # _____ Routing # _____

____ Please charge my credit card \$ _____ per month for _____ years.

☐ MC ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Account # _____ Exp. ____/____ Security Code _____

Signature _____

Please return to: Optimist International Foundation • Presidents Club • PO Box 952126 • St. Louis, MO 63195-2126



Optimist International Leadership Development Webinars

January 9, 2023

“The Optimist Institute” Inspiring, Educating, and Engaging All Members

As a new Member benefit, the Optimist Institute is now available to all Club Members for no fee! Join us for a walk through of the system and to see how to easily navigate the system to get its full benefits.

[Click here](#) to register.

February 13, 2023

“Keep Them Coming Back!”

Do your Club Members attend meetings and activities on a regular basis? Are your Members enjoying the "Optimist" experience, or do they pay their dues and stay at home? As recovery from the pandemic continues, is rebuilding fellowship one of your primary concerns? Be sure to attend this session filled with quick and easy ideas for conducting fun, effective meetings and activities that will keep everyone excited, interested, and involved.

[Click here](#) to register.

March 13, 2023

“Spreading JOI”

Only a small percentage of our Optimist Clubs sponsor Youth Clubs each year. It's time to spread JOI! Are you interested? Members of the JOI Committee and JOI Board of Directors will lead this session, which will cover the basics of building Youth Clubs, including creative ideas and innovative tips to take your sponsorship to next level. And if you have questions about keeping your existing JOI Clubs active, this webinar is for you.

[Click here](#) to register.

CCDHH - the 2023 contest will be held at 9:00 AM at the Indiana School for the Deaf on May 5th 2023. The School is located at 1200 E. 42nd St.

Respect for Law Camps - 2023 camp dates will be posted soon, please note RFL camps will be open to 5th graders for the 2023 season.

Thanks, Greg Kuhn 317-460-5780

Optimist International 104th Annual Convention, - July 2-5, 2023

Arlington, VA

Oratorical Contest:
Tony Trimble chair

Topic: "Discovering the Optimism within Me"
Notify District chair of intent to conduct a club contest by December 31, 2022
Club Contest completed and submitted to District chair by February 28, 2023
Semi-Final Contests March 2023; *dates & locations t.b.d.**
District Finalists present at April 3rd Quarter Conference
Fee: \$75.00 each

Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH)
Greg Kuhn, Chair

Topic: "Discovering the Optimism within Me"
Club Contest Completed by February 28, 2023 *
District Finals Contest: May/June, 2023 *
Fee: \$50.00 per each participant

Essay Contest:
Darrel Paul, chair

Topic: "Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings out the Optimism in You?"
Club Contest completed by end of January 2022
Winning Entry to District Chairperson by February 28, 2023 *
Fee: \$30.00 each
Winners announced at 3rd Quarter Conference.

Junior Golf Championships:
(OIJCC)

Mike Woodward, co-chair
Dave Osborne, co-chair

Regional Tournaments: June 2023 (various locations) *
District Tournament: June 2023; Deer Creek Golf Club
International Tournament: July 14-29, 2023
Doral Resort, Miami, Florida

* dates to be finalized and announced later

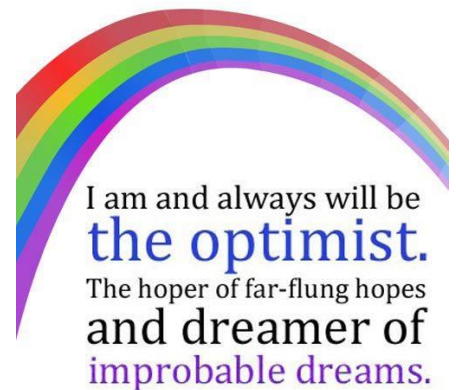


helping one person might not change
the whole world,



but it could change the world for
one person.

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JUST 3-THINGS

with President Bob McFadyen



Happy Holidays!

'Tis the season of warm wishes, generosity and giving. It really can be a season that brings out the best in everyone.

As an Optimist it's easy to live that way year-round but the holiday season is a time to remember why we do what we do, and renew our commitment to bring out the best in children, our community and ourselves.

What better way to show you care than providing someone the opportunity to experience the benefits of being an Optimist by gifting a Membership. A gift that keeps on giving! Or join the "Dime-a-Day" ranks with a gift of \$36.50 to the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation or the Optimist International Foundation, our Foundations. Just imagine what we could do for the youth with our scholarship and other programs if every Optimist donated at the "Dime-a-Day" level!

One thing in my heart is to take care of our young people. And by young I'm specifically thinking of elementary ages. Take the time to find an elementary school near you. Ask them what they need. Ask them how you and your Club can help them, help their children. Make their holiday season (and the entire year) everything they want and need.

It only takes a moment to ask, and your actions could impact more children than you think. For longer than you'd believe.

Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world.
— Malala Yousafzai, activist

And if one book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world, imagine what a group of caring, dedicated Optimists can do?

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob McFadyen'.

Hello Club Secretaries/Treasurers,

You may have recently received a message from Simple 990 aka SimpleFilings. This is a tax filing service offering to help efile your annual IRS tax form for the fiscal year just ended.



This is a vendor endorsed by Optimist International – but it is ***not a free service.*** There is a fee to file. You can file for free on the IRS web site.

The *deadline for Optimist Clubs is February 15, 2023*, to file one of the 990 forms. Most clubs qualify for the 990-N postcard filing.

Just a heads up – it's up to you how and when to file.

If you need help with the IRS web site and finding the right 990 form, feel free to contact me.

Rick France
Secretary/Treasurer 2021-2022
Indiana South District – Optimist International
Past Governor 2003-2004
OI Field Representative

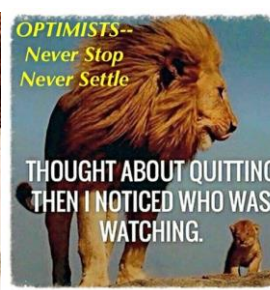
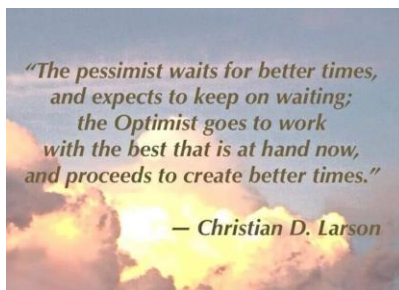
Indiana South District Conferences for 2022-23 Year

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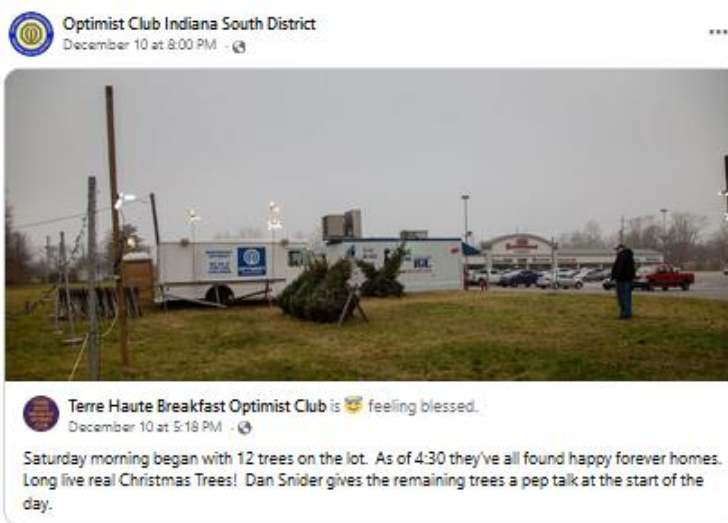
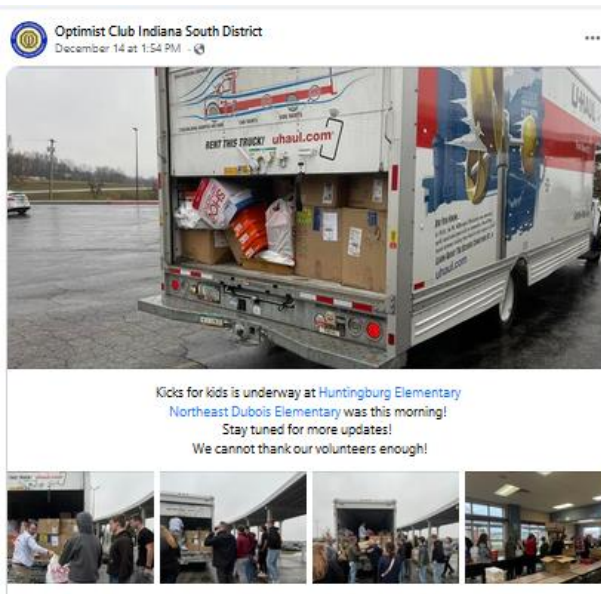
2nd Quarter Indiana Super Zone “South” – Saturday, January 21 – Georgetown, IN. Georgetown Optimist clubhouse (8260 IN-64, Georgetown, IN)

3rd Quarter – Friday night and Saturday April 21-22 – Oratorical finals - Columbus area. (specific location TBA)

4th Quarter – Friday night and Saturday August 11-12 – Annual Convention/Training - Columbus area. (specific location TBA)



Take look at the Indiana South Facebook page. It has information and news that you need to see. ALL clubs are encouraged to have a Facebook page and post events and happenings in their clubs. Below are some of the postings from our Facebook page.



The Optimist Club of the Year

The Optimist Club of the Year is the highest achievement an Optimist Club can attain in the Optimist organization. The recipient of this prestigious award will be chosen regardless of number of members, or region and will be known as the “Best Overall Club” in Optimist International.

The Optimist Club of the year award is presented annually to the most outstanding Club in the organization based on the following criteria:



	Maximum Points
Service projects sponsored by the Club	30 points
Member Development Programs a year (<i>i.e. PGI Program, Optimist International Conventions and Summit, etc.</i>)	25 points
Club Growth and Increased Community Awareness Campaigns (<i>i.e. NOW Program, Marketing Campaign, etc.</i>)	25 points
Increased Volunteer Member Base	10 points
New Community Efforts	10 points

Points in each category will be awarded by independent judges based upon community outreach, impact on children and Members, new and innovative ideas; and benefits to the individual Club Members.

Interested Clubs are invited to submit information as outlined on the [judging form](#). Clubs can submit any materials they chose as the items relate to the specified criteria.

The Club named Overall Optimist Club of the Year will receive one round-trip airline ticket to the Optimist Convention, a banner patch, an award, and a special article in The Optimist magazine and on the Optimist website.

Submissions: Submit the judging form and back up documentation to Leadership@optimist.org . **In the email subject line include:** Club of the Year Judging Form, Club's full name, and Club Number.

2022-2023 Scholarship

Optimist International sponsors three scholarship contests for students to earn money to pursue opportunities in higher education: The Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH), the Essay Contest and the Oratorical Contest. The contests are conducted at the Club level, then Zone and Regional (if necessary) and at the District level. District-level scholarships are funded by the Optimist International Foundations and awarded by Optimist International.



We understand the importance of protecting your Optimist Club and the children you serve. IntelliCorp has partnered with Optimist International to ensure Optimist Clubs receive comprehensive and validated screening services at the lowest possible cost.

Optimist Background Check Package

The following cost-effective screening package has been created to simplify your background check process. The package uses a combination of multiple sources of criminal record information. In addition, we validate database records by returning to the source to ensure that we have the latest updates regarding your applicant's history.

Package Pricing: \$13.86

Includes:

- Validated Criminal Database
 - Validated Nationwide Sex Offender
 - Validated Department of Corrections
- Unlimited Single County Searches (7 year address history)*
- SSN Verification w/Address History
- Government Sanctions (Terrorist Search)

Notes:

*Some courts charge a mandatory fee. These are treated as pass-through fees to our clients and are clearly highlighted before processing the search.

Package Add-Ons

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Motor Vehicle Reports | • Federal Criminal Searches |
| • Employment Verifications | • Civil Searches |
| • Education Verifications | • I9/E-Verify |
| • Drug Testing | • Credit Reports |



Program Benefits:

- Preferred pricing
- Criminal product validation
- Compliance information/online sample forms
- Personalized customer support
- System & product training sessions
- Secure online report ordering & retrieval

Please Note: Information and preferential pricing provided for U.S. Clubs only. Canadian Clubs should contact IntelliCorp for more information.

Sign-Up Today:

Click [here](#) and complete the first page of the registration process.



Contact:

Mike Terrell
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Useful Web Links

Optimist International Structure & Services:

http://www.optimistleaders.org/LeadershipInfo/ClubInfo/ClubAnswerBook/OI_Structure_&_Services.pdf

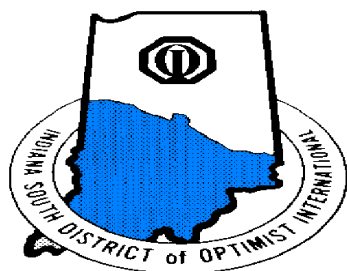
Club Organizational Model:

http://www.optimistleaders.org/TeachingMaterials/OfficerTraining/Club_Organization_Model.pdf

Optimist International Foundation:

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Attention ALL Club Presidents

Presidents of all Clubs in the District serve as members of the District Board of Directors. Make sure to attend your Board meeting at every District Conference and at the Convention.

Update Member Information

To ensure each Optimist Member is receiving valuable information from Optimist International, encourage each Member to update their contact information with a leader in your Club. This includes addresses, email addresses and phone numbers. Each leader (Club President, Secretary, and/or Treasurer) has a log-in for Optimist Leaders to update the Members' information.