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“Better Together”

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Bill Cherolis, Past 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 **July 17, 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

Time is flying for this 2022-23 Optimist year. We are already ½ way through...but we also have ½ way remaining. Let's demonstrate our Optimism by focusing on the following things for the Spring/Summer.

Upcoming Optimist District or International Activities

Saturday, April 22 – District Oratorical Finals,
Holiday Inn Columbus (3rd Qtr.

Conference) https://www.optimist.org/documents/2023/programs/Kids_Speak_Out.pdf Ron Fuhrman, Chair

Monday, May 1 –Law day...a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Great day to do an Optimist Respect for Law event/project. https://www.optimist.org/documents/2023/leaders/LeadershipInformation/ProgramResources/Respect_for_Law.pdf

Friday, May 5 – CCDHH (Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing). 9:00 AM (1200 E. 42nd St. Indianapolis, IN 46205 <https://www.optimist.org/member/scholarships2.cfm> Greg Kuhn, Chair

Month of May – Optimists In Action

Month <https://www.optimist.org/member/optimists-in-action.cfm>

Friday, June 16 – District OI Junior Golf District Qualifier, Deer Creek, Clayton,

IN <https://sites.google.com/site/insoptimistgolf/?pli=1> Mike Woodward and Dave Osborne co-Chairs. Looking for financial sponsors and kids to compete.

RESPECT FOR LAW CAMPS – June and July at various locations <https://trooper.org/> Greg Kuhn, Chair

Attend Upcoming 2022-23 Indiana South District Gatherings. All Optimist Members Invited...come join the FUN!

3rd Quarter District Conference – Friday night and **Saturday April 21-22** – Oratorical finals – (Holiday Inn, Columbus)

Optimist International Convention - **July 2-5** Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia.

4th Quarter District Convention – Friday night and **Saturday August 11-12** – Annual Convention/Training – Terre Haute Convention Center and Hilton Garden Inn

ADDITIONAL KEY POINTS:

- Make sure your personal information is current with your Club so you can be receiving updates from your Club, the District and Optimist International. Many emails, phone numbers and addresses are incorrect. We need your help.
- Constantly promote your Club via social media and share with District site. <https://www.facebook.com/people/Optimist-Club-Indiana-South-District/100066630851852/>. Tag Dave Osborne (District Facebook Administrator) when posting things on your Clubs page.
- **GET INVOLVED** in your Club projects and activities. Also, this is a great way to recruit new members...INVITE them to events. JUST ASK people to participate with you.
- Remember We are...**BETTER TOGETHER!** Continue to share your good ideas with other members and clubs.
- Address your communities' unmet needs. Partner with other organizations where appropriate and target schools and families for support as they are critical to the mental, physical and development help of our Youth.
- Club officers for the 2023-24 year need to be selected and reported by May 20. Please offer your help to your Club. The District (Gov. Elect Greg Kuhn) is also looking to fill District roles. Please contact him with your interest and any questions.

Promise yourself to spread Optimism as a philosophy of life. **Remember, we are BETTER TOGETHER!**

Keep up the great work.

Best, Kent YOUR 2022-23 Optimist International District Governor



Indiana South District 3rd Quarter Conference

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Holiday Inn, Columbus, IN

2485 W Jonathan Moore Pike, Columbus, IN 47201

“Discovering the Optimism Within Me”



This 3rd Quarter conference is being held in Columbus, IN at the Holiday Inn. This conference will be focused on the District Oratorical Contest Finals and “Discovering the Optimism within Me/Us”! The conference itself is on Saturday (9:00 – 3:00 EDT), however you are encouraged to join us Friday night for dinner and social time as well as extend your visit and enjoy the many activities in the area. See the agenda on next page.

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	1	\$5.00
Lunch (per person... note we will be joined by Oratorical contestants)	\$25.00	_____	_____
Grilled hamburger, grilled chicken, condiments, macaroni & cheese, Garden salad, assorted dessert bars.			
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (Must Accompany This Form)			\$ _____

**Deadline for lunch choice is Friday, April 14.*

After that date lunch will be “on your own”.

REGISTRATION FORM & REMITTANCE

Please return by”: April 14

Indiana South District Registrar

Attention: Dave Osborne

1189 Pinewood Drive

Plainfield, IN 46168

C (317) 538-4548 indsoptimist@gmail.com

Hotel group rate \$150 deadline, see note on next page:

(if traveling in Friday night or staying over Saturday.)

Note: the meeting is primarily Saturday, but we will have a group dinner at Uplands Columbus Pump House (148 Lindsey St, Columbus, IN 47201) social time on Friday, April 21 at 5:30 PM. <https://uplandbeer.com/columbus/>

To make reservations choose one of the following:

1. Call Holiday Inn directly at 812-417-7200 and ask for the Southern Indiana Optimist Club group block rate.
2. Navigate to Holiday Inn Columbus website and enter your **OPT** in the group block code to access the \$150 rate.
3. Or follow this link to get to our rate directly on line.

[Southern Optimist Club Booking Link](#)

NOTE regarding hotel rate:

Arrangements Chair Dave Osborne advises that the block for our hotel rooms has expired. However, you can still book at our rate as long as there are rooms available. Be sure to identify yourself as Indiana South Optimists. Hurry before the hotel is full and no rooms available.

Get registered if you haven't gotten around to it yet.

Message from Governor Kent

Indiana South District 3rd Quarter Conference Saturday, April 22, 2023

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Hello Fellow Optimists. This 3rd Quarter conference is being held in Columbus, IN at the Holiday Inn. This conference will be focused on the District Oratorical Contest Finals and “Discovering the Optimism within Me/Us”! The conference itself is on Saturday (9:00 – 3:00 EDT), however you are encouraged to join us Friday night for dinner and social time as well as extend your visit and enjoy the many activities in the area.

This conference is my favorite one of the entire Optimist year as we conduct the District Oratorical Finals competition and recognize the winners of the District Essay Contest. Anyone that has ever been to the oratorical finals recognizes the amazement of these young people speaking about Optimism with the talent and enthusiasm that they demonstrate. If you have not been before, you don't want to miss this. We also elect our Lt. Governors (the most important role in the District) for the coming year. Be there to cast your Zone vote.

Additionally, we will be continuing our rewarding experiences of the first two conferences as we share our ideas and insights with each other to become stronger contributing clubs within our communities. We will be summarizing the key learnings and providing some new recommendations. Your own personal development as members and leaders of our Optimist Club will continue with focus on the topic of the Oratorical Contest this year “Discovering the Optimism Within Me”. The kids that present earlier in the day will become extra motivation for us all to live out the Optimist Creed. Please plan to attend and **BRING OTHER CLUB MEMBERS WITH YOU** for a fun time!

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

Agenda Overview (Saturday, April 22, 2023, 9:00 – 3:00 Eastern time):

8:00 – 9:00 am Eastern time **REGISTRATION and gather/socialize**

PGA Meeting (Past Governors Association) 8:00 – 8:45

9:00 1st **General Session...the future is NOW**

Getting to know each other

Key learnings from previous conferences and WHY we do what we do

Preparing our Clubs and District for the 2023-24 year...**Lt. Governor elections**

10:35 **District Oratorical Contest**

12:00 **Lunch** (District Essay and Oratorical Contest Awards...OI Foundation Presentation)

1:30 2nd **General Session...Taking care of Business and WOW**

Meeting our responsibilities (6 min. District Board Meeting)

Upcoming Activities and YOUR involvement

KEYs to success in YOUR Club and Community

Discovering the Optimism Within Me

3:00 **Wrap-up and Adjourn**

**INDIANA STATE TROOPERS
YOUTH SERVICES
CHARITABLE
GOLF OUTING**



Friday, May 12, 2023

Pleasant View Golf Course

601 N. Arlington Ave.

Indianapolis, IN 46219

7:00 am: Registration, Doughnuts, and Coffee

8:00 am: Shotgun Start

Teams of 4: \$400.00 (\$100.00 per golfer)

Lunch Sponsor: \$500.00 Breakfast Sponsor: \$250.00

Hole Sponsor: \$150.00

Awards Sponsor: \$400.00 Prizes

\$100.00 Long Drive (2) and \$100.00 Closest to the Pin (2)

Lunch will be served immediately after the event

1:00 pm Awards Presented

Select your Sponsorship Level:

- Individual Team Hole Sponsor
 Awards Sponsor Lunch Sponsor

Company Name or Team Captain:

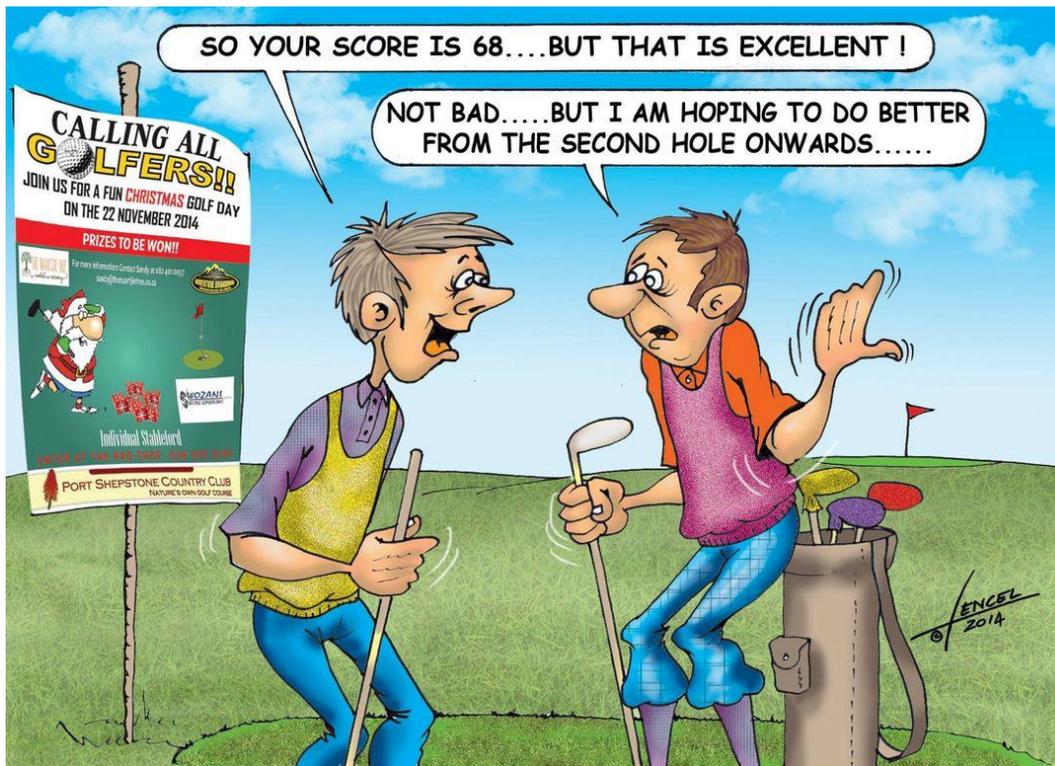
Player 1: _____ Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____ Player 4: _____

For more information or to register:

Contact Sgt. Seth Tumey, Youth Camp Coordinator:

stumey@isp.in.gov or 317-951-3882



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) 555-7062; www.optimistsupply.ca	info@optipromo.ca

Optimist Supply (US)	(800) 223-2203; www.shumsky.com
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Contacting Optimist Leaders:

To contact an International leader by e-mail, use their first.name.last.name followed by @optimistmail.org. For example - Cheryl Brenn: cheryl.brenn@optimist.org

District Tri-Star

The District Tri-Star Basketball event was held March 18th at the Franklin High School gymnasium.



Three clubs provided the 24 competitors

and thanks to Jack Nichols for once again organizing and running this great event.



ARLINGTON
105th ANNUAL CONVENTION | 2023

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

Arlington, VA

Hello fellow Optimists,

Let's talk about what new members mean to a Club. By new members, I mean people who are interested in our mission, in bringing out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves. I mean people like you.

Why did YOU decide to get involved? What is your Club doing that keeps you coming back? Have you invited someone to a Club event so they can find their own reason to get involved?

The youth in our communities need us more today than ever before! If you have any doubt about that, reach out to your local elementary school and ask about the number of students that attend school without the proper nutrition, supplies or winter clothing. Just imagine the difference we could make by supporting those students to be their best, setting the very foundation for their entire future!

As we continue to shrink in membership, so does our support and service to the youth in our communities. In the end, it is the children that are suffering from our inability (or unwillingness?) to *just invite* someone to share our love and passion for our organization.

Fellow Optimists, everything that happens in our organization happens at the Club level, through you, our Members. All we can do as your international leaders is provide you with information, motivation and, sometimes, a little incentive.

To that end, the Membership Committee has come up with a new incentive for the third quarter: "Lighting the Fuse on Your Optimist Rocket."

A New Member Incentive

Beginning April 1, 2023, recruiting new Optimists can earn you rewards!

The Member from each Region who recruits the most new Members between April 1 and June 30 will receive a \$100 gift card. The winners' names will also be placed in a drawing for free registration to the International Convention in Arlington, Virginia.

A second-place winner from each Region will receive a \$75 gift card and be entered into a drawing for a ticket to the President's Banquet at the Convention, while a third-place winner from each Region will receive a \$50 gift card and be entered into a drawing for a ticket to the Heritage Brunch.

Since the drawings will take place after everyone has registered for the convention, the winners will have their money refunded. The tickets are also transferable, so if you choose not to attend one of the best conventions in years, you may sell or donate them to someone else.

Members aren't the only ones up for rewards; Districts are also in the running. The District that adds the most new Members and the District with the largest percentage of new Members will each have their Governor and a partner seated at the head table during the President's Banquet.

But we don't just want to get numbers up to give out rewards. We want – we need – more people like YOU!

As a group of strong, committed individuals, we can control and create an organization to continue to serve children and our communities for another 100 years!



Bob McFadyen, 2022-2023 President

Oratorical Regional Information and President Bob McFadyen

From Andy Tice:

Optimist International President Bob McFadyen and his lovely wife Penny visited Indiana South District on Sunday, March 12 and attended the Indiana South North Regional Oratorical Contest.

Northern Regional Contest (3 pictures below)

The northern regional went very well. There were 8 competitors and President Bob talked to us about Optimism after the competition was complete and then helped recognize all the competitors and announce the three finalists moving on to the District. There were many pictures and President Bob seemed to really enjoy interacting with the speakers and Optimists at the regional. Mark Wilson was out from Terre Haute and Merrill Smith came over from Greensburg as well as Paul Grant from Avon among others.

We had 8 contestants compete. The top three finalists are from three different clubs this year. The judges told me it was particularly difficult time to judge as they were all very good. In no particular order here are the three finalists from the Northern Regional:

Sophia Beeson	Breakfast Optimist Club
Amanda Steward	Greensburg Optimist Club
Sukhleen Dhani	Avon Optimist Club

After the competition, Dave and Kathy took President Bob and Penny for a short tour around Plainfield. He described how we are doing the Avenue of Flags and took them out to our sports fields including the Miracle Movers field. As you can see below from the pictures there were about 10 of us that then went out to dinner at a local eatery - Nigh Brewpub. President Bob and Penny seemed to enjoy themselves. I really did enjoy talking to President Bob - he was down to earth and very easy to talk to from the start. Very engaging and interested to hear about our club and about us. In the picture you can see that my wife Ann, Tony and myself sat at one table with President Bob. It was an enjoyable day all around.

From Ron Fuhrman:

Southern Regional Oratorical contest (one picture below)

We had 5 contestants compete in the contest. The finalists are:

Hadley Leiberling - Santa Claus
Cassandra Elliott - Jeffersonville Evening
Katelyn Cassidy - Santa Claus

The finals for the Indiana South District Oratorical contest will be held on Saturday, April 22 at the 3rd Quarter District Conference in Columbus.

Pictures from the Oratorical Regionals:



Entire Group of Contestants



Andy Introducing Kids



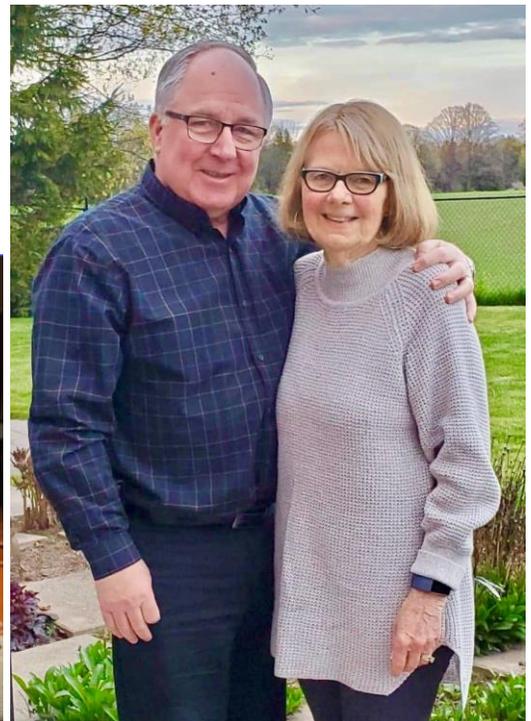
OI President Bob and Girl Winners



President Bob Visit to IS Oratorical



South Regional Oratorical Contestants 2023



President Bob McFadyen & First Lady Penny

Indiana South District Optimist Clubs, Optimist members, and Business partners:

The Indiana South District Optimist Junior Golf Tournament will be held on June 16, 2023 at Deer Creek Golf Club in Clayton, Indiana. As District Junior Golf Co-Chairs, David and I would like to thank Indiana South District Clubs, individual Optimist members and Businesses for your past support of this annual event. Most of you have continued to be a sponsor year after year. Again, we thank you!

Tournament sponsors provide support to send our District winners to the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships at Trump National Doral Resort and Spa in Miami, Florida each July. In addition, tournament sponsors help to keep District tournament registration fees for all participants as low as possible, and well below entry fees in most other District Tournaments.

The Indiana South District is currently funding the full International Tournament registration fees for the winning 16-18 boys and 15-18 girls. All other age group winners receive partial International tournament registration fees from the District. We would love to fully fund International Tournament registration fees for all age groups. Therefore, we hope that other Clubs, individual members and businesses who have not been District Tournament sponsors will consider doing so beginning this year.

We have attached a listing of 2022 District Tournament Sponsors and a 2023 Sponsorship Opportunities Form for past (and potential future) sponsors. Please consider your level of support, and return your form as soon as possible. **Prior year sponsors will have the first opportunity to renew the same sponsorship if received by May 1, 2023 (we will also consider requests for a different sponsorship, if available).** We encourage Clubs and members to bring your sponsorship to the Indiana South District Third Quarter Conference in Columbus on April 22.

In Optimism,

Michael Woodward and David Osborne
Indiana South District Junior Golf Co-Chairs

Optimist Visual Arts Competition

Optimist International is accepting entries for the Visual Arts Competition until May 1. Read the rules below (click the image to download the PDF).

This exciting competition is designed to encourage and celebrate visual art skills and give youth an outlet for their creativity. Please share it with anyone in the appropriate age range and encourage them to submit their artwork.

[Click here for a news release](#) that you may send to your local schools and media organizations, in addition to the guidelines below.

THE OPTIMIST

International Junior Golf Championships

2023 Indiana South District Optimist Junior Golf Tournament **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

The Indiana South District Qualifying Tournament for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships (OIJGC) will be held at Deer Creek Golf Club, Clayton, Indiana on Friday, June 16, 2023. Winners (and other participants who qualify) in each age group will be eligible to advance to the International tournament at Trump National Doral Resort & Spa, Miami, Florida on July 14 –29, 2023

We welcome back Michaelis Corporation as our 2023 Title Sponsor. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses, individuals, and organizations are listed on the attached form. If you, your business, or your club would like to participate as a sponsor in this year's District Qualifying Tournament, please complete the form and return it as soon as possible, but no later than June 1, 2023. Prior year sponsors will have the first opportunity to renew the same sponsorship if received by May 1, 2023. The Indiana South District of Optimist International and the many junior golf participants thank you in advance for your support!

Mike Woodward, District Tournament Co-Chair
optimist.mike@gmail.com, (317) 753-5221

David Osborne, District Tournament Co-Chair
dwomedic@gmail.com (317) 538-4548



DISTRICT TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM
June 16, 2023, Deer Creek Golf Club, Clayton, Indiana

(Enter [Online](#), or complete the form below:)

Participant's Name: _____

Address: _____ **City, State, Zip:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Parent(s) Name: _____ **Parent Phone:** _____

Age Group: (select one) Note: Participants age is determined by their age on the last day of the International Tournament for each age group.

<input type="radio"/> Boys 10-11	<input type="radio"/> Boys 12-13	<input type="radio"/> Girls 10-12	(Age as of July 18, 2023)
	<input type="radio"/> Boys 14-15	<input type="radio"/> Girls 13-14	(Age as of July 23 2023)
	<input type="radio"/> Boys 16-18	<input type="radio"/> Girls 15-18	(Age as of July 28, 2023)

Note: Participants who only wish to play in the District Tournament, which is a qualifier for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships, are not required to play in a Regional Tournament. Regional Participants who also wish to participate in the District Tournament must submit a separate registration for the District Tournament.

District Tournament Entry Fees (Due no later than Noon June 11, 2023): (Select one)

<input type="radio"/> \$70.00	Boys 16-18 & Girls 15-18
<input type="radio"/> \$55.00	Boys 14-15 & Girls 13-14
<input type="radio"/> \$35.00	Boys 10-11, Boys, 12-13, & Girls 10-12
<input type="radio"/> N/C	Sponsored Participant: Sponsor _____
<input type="radio"/> N/C	Regional Tournament Age Group Winner: Regional

Discount for Regional Participants who did not win their age group in Regional Tournament, but wish to enter the District Tournament. (Select age group fee above and discount below)

<input type="radio"/> (\$15.00)	Discount from District Tournament entry fees above.
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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.

Participant's Signature Date

In consideration of my child's participation in the Indiana South District Tournament, I hereby release the sponsor from any and all liability resulting from any accidents that might occur while he/she is playing.

Parent's Signature Date

RETURN INFORMATION: Please complete this form, enclose a check for the proper amount (Make check payable to Indiana South District OI), and return to:

Indiana South District Jr. Golf, C/O Rick France, 10934 Nature Trail Dr., Apt. 106, Fishers, IN 46038



THE OPTIMIST

International Junior Golf Championships

2023 Indiana South District Optimist Junior Golf Tournament

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Title Sponsor – \$1,000 We welcome back Michaelis Corporation as our 2023 Title Sponsor.

Promoted as "Title" Sponsor on all signage on the course, in the Tournament Program, event mailings to potential participants and sponsors, Optimist Clubs in District, and Regional and District promotional material.

Double Eagle Sponsor – \$225 (Priority renewal if received by May 1, 2023)

Sponsor the Scoreboard, Driving Range, Putting Green, 1st Hole, 10th Hole, 17th Hole or 18th Hole. (All of these are near the Clubhouse.) Includes Sponsors Sign and Listing in Tournament Program.

Eagle Sponsor – \$175 (Priority renewal if received by May 1, 2023)

Sponsor the Check-in Table, Beverage locations, 2nd Hole, 9th Hole, or 16th Hole, (Not far from the Clubhouse.) Includes Sponsors Sign on course and Listing in Tournament Program.

Birdie Sponsor – \$125

Sponsor a Hole. (Holes 3-8 and 11-15.) Includes Sponsors Sign on course and Listing in Tournament Program.

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Sponsor(s): _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Sponsorship Type:

_____ **Double Eagle @ \$225** _____

_____ **Eagle @ \$175** _____

_____ **Birdie @ \$125** _____

_____ **Participant @ \$70** _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Indianapolis Optimist Pub Club



The wind was fierce and the kids had to hold on tight to their bags, but the egg hunt was a success! Thanks to all who joined in the fun! 🐰🥚🐣 — at [Mt. Comfort Elementary School](#).

Plainfield Optimist Club

It's Easter Scramble day!



Greensburg Breakfast Optimist Club



Congratulations to NDHS Optimist Youth of the Month, Lance Nobbe and Jake Kinker! Your resumes thus far are so impressive! You both have a bright future ahead of you! Best of luck from the Greensburg Optimist Club. Also recognized during Thursday's Optimist meeting were the winners of the Tri Star Basketball contest held at the YMCA. Congratulations to all and many placed at the District level.

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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I want to join the Presidents Club!

Name (one person only) _____

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Signature _____



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New Club Building Opportunities:

Bloomington

Bloomington is a city in and the county seat of Monroe County in the central region of the U.S. state of Indiana. It is the seventh-largest city in Indiana. Bloomington is the home to [Indiana University Bloomington](#). Established in 1820, IU Bloomington has 45,328 students, as of September 2021, and is the original and largest campus of Indiana University. The population was 79,168 at the [2020 census](#).

There is:

A Boys & Girls Club in Bloomington

A Lions Club in Bloomington

A Kiwanis club in Bloomington

A Rotary club in Bloomington

Schools:

11 Elementary 4659 Students

1 Middle School 546 Students

3 High Schools 3337 Students

2 Private Schools 205 Students

Total: 8747 Students

Bedford

Bedford is the county seat of Lawrence County. In the 2020 census, the population was 13,792. That is up from 13,413 in 2010. Bedford is the principal city of the Bedford, IN Micropolitan Statistical Area, which comprises all of Lawrence County.

There is:

A Boys & Girls club in Bedford

A Lions club in Bedford

A Kiwanis club in Bedford

A Rotary club in Bedford

Schools:

4 Elementary 709 Students

4 Middle School 1422 Students

1 High School 1564 Students

5 Private Schools 101 Students

Total: 3796 Students

Columbus

Columbus is a city in and the [county seat](#) of [Bartholomew County, Indiana](#). The population was 50,474 at the [2020 census](#). Located about 40 mi south of [Indianapolis](#), on the east fork of the [White River](#), it is the state's 20th-largest city. It is the principal city of the Columbus, Indiana [metropolitan statistical area](#), which encompasses all of Bartholomew County

There is:

A Boys & Girls club in Columbus

A Lions club in Columbus

A Kiwanis club in Columbus

A Rotary club in Columbus

Schools:

8 Elementary 4060 Students

2 Middle 1722 Students
2 High Schools 3541 Students
5 Private 539 Students
Total: 9862 Students

Lawrenceburg (Cincinnati)

Lawrenceburg is a city in [Dearborn County](#). The population was 5,042 at the 2010 census. The city is the [county seat](#) and largest city of [Dearborn County](#). Lawrenceburg is in southeast Indiana, on the [Ohio River](#) west of [Cincinnati](#).

There is:

NOT a Boys & Girls club in Lawrenceburg, but there is one in Cincinnati

A Lions club in Lawrenceburg

A Kiwanis club in Lawrenceburg

A Rotary club in Lawrenceburg

Schools:

4 Elementary 2069 Students

1 Middle 476 Students

1 High School 639 Students

3 Private 296 Students

Total Students 3480 Students

Madison

Madison is a city in and the county seat of Jefferson County, Indiana, United States, along the Ohio River. As of the 2010 United States Census its population was 11,967. Over 55,000 people live within 15 miles of downtown Madison. Madison is the largest city along the Ohio River between Louisville and Cincinnati. Madison is one of the core cities of the Louisville-Elizabethtown-Madison metroplex, an area with a population of approximately 1.5 million.

There is:

A Boys & Girls club in Madison

A Lions club in Madison

A Kiwanis club in Madison

A Rotary club in Madison

Schools:

3 Elementary 622 Students

1 Middle 837 Students

1 High School 918 Students

4 Private 174 Students

Total: 2551 Students

Crawfordsville

Crawfordsville is a city in Montgomery County 49 miles west by northwest of Indianapolis. As of the 2020 census, the city had a population of 16,306. The city is the county seat of Montgomery County, the only chartered city and largest populated place in the county. The Lafayette metropolitan statistical area is only 30 miles north.

There is:

A Boys & Girls club in Crawfordsville

A Lions club in Crawfordsville
A Kiwanis club in Crawfordsville
A Rotary club in Crawfordsville
Schools:
6 Elementary 2504 Students
3 Middle 933 Students
2 High Schools 1273 Students
2 Private Schools – No enrollment data available
Total: 4743 Students

Mt. Vernon

Mount Vernon is a city in and the county seat of Posey County, Indiana, United States. Located in the state's far southwestern corner. It is the westernmost city in the state. The population was 6,687 at the 2010 census.

There is:

A Boys & Girls club in Mt. Vernon
A Lions club in Mt. Vernon
A Kiwanis club in Mt. Vernon
A Rotary club in Mt. Vernon
Schools:
3 Elementary 746 Students
1 Middle 495 Students
1 High School 1890 Students
5 Private Schools – No data available
Total: 3131 Students

Seymour

Seymour is a city in Jackson County. Its population was 21,569 at the 2020 census.

There is:

A Boys & Girls club in Seymour
A Lions club in Seymour
A Kiwanis club in Seymour
A Rotary club in Seymour
Schools:
5 Elementary 1734 Students
1 Middle 1004 Students
1 High School 1870 Students
10 Private Schools 932 Students
Total: 5541 Students

North Vernon

North Vernon is a city in Jennings County. The population was 6,608 as of the 2020 census

There is:

NOT a Boys & Girls club in North Vernon, but there is one in Seymour and Columbus
A Lions club in North Vernon
A Kiwanis club in North Vernon
A Rotary club in North Vernon
Schools:
3 Elementary 1301 Students
1 Middle 694 Students

1 High School 1492 Students
3 Private 213 Students

Shelbyville

Shelbyville is a city in, Shelby County, and is the county seat. The population was 20,067 as of the 2020 census. It is 26 miles southeast of Indianapolis.

A Boys & Girls club in Shelbyville

A Girls, Inc in Shelbyville

A Lions club in Shelbyville

A Kiwanis club in Shelbyville

A Rotary club in Shelbyville

Schools:

3 Elementary 1943 Students

2 Middle 908 Students

2 High Schools 1439 Students

4 Private 152 Students

Total: 4442 Students

Bottom line: The Lion's Kiwanis and Rotary all have presences in these cities and towns. There is not a single Optimist club in any of these areas. There are many opportunities to provide services to the youth of these communities. There may be more areas that could benefit from an Optimist club. Let Kent or me know if you have another idea where a community could benefit. There may be other church schools not listed because information is not available. Not all schools may be listed. **Chuck Curry, New Club Building Chair**

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

Rewards for New Member Recruitment

Beginning April 1, 2023, recruiting new Optimists can earn you rewards!

The Member from each Region who recruits the most new Members between April 1 and June 30 will receive a \$100 gift card. The winners' names will also be placed in a drawing for free registration to the International Convention in Arlington, Virginia.

A second-place winner from each Region will receive a \$75 gift card and be entered into a drawing for a ticket to the President's Banquet at the Convention, while a third-place winner from each Region will receive a \$50 gift card and be entered into a drawing for a ticket to the Heritage Brunch.

Members aren't the only ones up for rewards; Districts are also in the running. The District that adds the most new Members and the District with the largest percentage of new Members will each have their Governor and a partner seated at the head table during the President's Banquet.

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

Indiana South District Conferences for 2022-23 Year

3rd Quarter – Friday night and Saturday April 21-22 – Oratorical finals - Columbus area. (Holiday Inn)

4th Quarter – Friday night and Saturday August 11-12 – Annual Convention/Training – Terre Haute Convention Center and Hilton Garden Inn, downtown Terre Haute



"We try to cater to both optimists and pessimists."



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.



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Club Presidents: Please make copies of this Bulletin and distribute to the members of your club.

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:

The Optimist International Foundation is a 501C3 organization whose purpose is to receive and manage funds exclusively for the charitable, literary, or educational purposes of OI and its member clubs. See website link: <http://oifoundation.org/about-us/>

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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.