

#### The Southern Exposure

#### **Indiana South District - Optimist International**

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### 2023-2024

Greg Kuhn, Governor

Kent Reyling, Immediate Past Governor
Mike Novak, Past Governor
Walt Willms, Governor Elect
Rick France, Secretary-Treasurer

# Lt. Governors

Zone 1- Glen Shay

Zone 2- Merrill Smith, Greensburg

Zone 3- Andy Tice, Plainfield

Zone 4- Don Wilson

Zone 5- Patti Scott

Zone 6- Melissa Eckert

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

### Attention:

# Committee Chairs & Lt Governors

The deadline for submitting articles for the next District Bulletin is <u>December 27</u>, <u>2023</u>. Send your articles to <u>p\_grant@fastmail.fm</u> if you have e-mail. If you prefer, send it snail-mail: 770 N County Road 625 E, Avon, IN 46123.

DON'T FORGET!

#### **Greetings all Indiana South District Optimists**

Let me start with a big thanks to immediate past governor Kent Reyling. I look forward to his assistance during the 2023-2024 year. Thanks, is also given to the people who have volunteered to serve as officers, committee chairs and lieutenant governors.

We have emerged from difficult times where people suffered in isolation. Isolation and loneliness take a terrible toll. We are blessed to have in person meetings. Further, most all of our projects are up and running which helps our community and ourselves.

John Donne, the early 17<sup>th</sup> century poet said it best:

#### "No Man is an Island"

No man is an island entire of itself, every man is a piece of the continent...

...any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

Ladies and gentlemen, as we begin a new Optimist Year, let each of us be the one who steps up and serves our district, our club, and the children of our communities.

All the best, Greg Kuhn, Governor, 2023-2024 Indiana South Governor



### Indiana South District Indiana North District Joint 1st Quarter Conference

Saturday, November 4, 2023





#### "Be the One"

This 1st Quarter Conference is being held at the Richard A. Carlucci Recreation & Aquatic Center at 651 Vestal Road, Plainfield, IN. This affords us a centrally located venue at no cost to the district. This conference will focus on member retention, working with schools, and planned-giving. We want you to "be the one" to make a difference. We will also hear from our Optimist International Vice President Mike Boles. The conference is only on Saturday (9:00 - 4:00 EDT). Group Breakfast (on your own) Saturday Morning, 7:00 a.m., Stacks Pancake House and Grill, 6011 Gateway Dr., Plainfield, IN 46168.

Register https://mp.qq/qffc8z7 or complete form below and mail (Please print neatly or type)

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Club office held?			
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#### REGISTRATION FORM & REMITTANCE Must be received by: October 29, 2022

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

Hotel Recommendations (if traveling in early or leaving later) Note: the meeting is Saturday only, see message on 2nde page. Staybridge Suites Indianapolis-Airport 6295 Cambridge Way, Plainfield, IN 46168 For reserving a room, please send email to: ismith@dorahg.com code OPT. Room block closes Oct. 20th.

#### Message From Indiana North Governor

Happy Optimist New Year! My name is Chris Whitehead, and it's my honor to serve as your IN North Governor for the 2023-24 year. Besides me, and by way of Hawaiian family heritage, my wife Missy, along with Coco the cat, are here to wish you much Aloha and welcome you to our Optimist Ohana ('family').

How do you tell your Optimist story? We say it frequently enough that for most of us, it's just like breathing, we don't think about it. Let's use the power of "talking story," as a native Hawaiian islander might say, to create pathways for others who may just be learning about Optimists, and in so doing, create our own Ohana. As we listen and learn from our Optimist friends, we can say — You matter. You Belong.

As we welcome each other to our District meeting, a quick reminder – It's up to us Optimists who know we belong, to help our newer Optimists feel a sense of belonging, and to encourage them to become Optimists with a Capital O. We need to welcome, listen, and learn from them.

As we extend our Optimist Ohana with an Indiana North and South combined district meeting for the 1st quarter, as a way of honoring our Optimist home – you will receive welcome lets at the 1st quarter meeting.

A final reminder, especially to current and incoming presidents and club secretaries to update your club rosters, including your member contact information including mailing addresses, cell phones, emails and even birthdays. This is the time to start verifying the information you have for your members, so we ensure that all members receive information and opportunities.

Welcome! Aloha! You belong here.

#### Message From Indiana South Governor

Greetings my fellow Optimists. We look forward to your registration and participation in our joint Indiana Optimists 1st Quarter meeting. I am Greg Kuhn your IN South Governor for 2023-2024 and I am looking forward to serving the District

This is a year for each person to step up and be the one that makes a project successful and be the one that attracts or retains a new member.

In keeping with the Island theme, feel free to wear you favorite island shirt or dress.

I echo the reminder for our current and incoming presidents and club secretaries to check and update club Rosters. Look at the mailing addresses, cell phone numbers, emails and birthdays. We want every member to receive information and opportunities. Welcome!

#### Agenda Overview (Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, 9:00 – 4:00 Eastern time):

# Optimist International Indiana South District and Indiana North District Joint Meeting Richard Carlucci Recreation Center 651 Vestal Road, Plainfield, IN 46168

#### Start End

9:00 9:30 Welcome, Pledge, Invocation, Remarks

9:30 10:15 Guest Speaker - Explorador

10:15 10:45 South District Business Meeting - North Break

10:45 11:15 North District Business Meeting - South Break

11:15 12:00 CARES Update

12:00 1:00 Lunch Remarks by Mike Boles, OI VP

1:00 1:45 Guest Speaker - Planned Giving and QCD Presentation

1:45 2:30 Committee Updates

Golf, CCDHH, Essay, RFL, Oratorical

2:30 3:00 OWLS Update

3:00 3:15 Break

3:15 3:30 Foundation Report

3:30 3:45 Mike Boles, OI VP

3:45 4:15 Awards and Recognition

#### In Remembrance



It was with great sadness we report the passing of John Reel who served as President of Optimist International in 1992-93. Over the years, John was a fixture volunteering at the Optimist International Junior Golf Tournament. In his local community, he spearheaded—among other things—the Optimist Miracle Movers Field to allow youth with special needs to participate in baseball, softball, and soccer. The field was dedicated in 2014 and is named in his honor.

John was a veteran of the United States Navy and a long-time Air Traffic Controller who gained international notoriety in 1987 after talking an 18-year-old student pilot down for a successful landing after she became lost during a blinding snowstorm. During his career, John also "talked down" another student pilot who was lost in the clouds as well as a veteran pilot who could not see to land during a snowstorm.

John always had a smile on his face and a good story ready to tell. Although he was small in stature, his personality and heart were bigger than life. Most of all, he made this world a better place in so many ways. May God comfort John's family and friends.

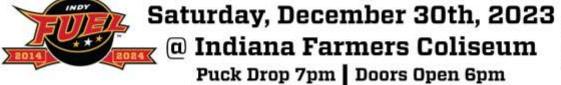
Michael Stephen Woodward (73) passed away on September 30, 2023, in Nashville TN. He was born on April 6, 1950, to Norman Dayle and Marian (Pierse) Woodward in Anderson, IN. He grew up in the Indianapolis area and graduated from Hamilton Southeastern High School in 1968. He then attended Indiana University, where he graduated with a B.S. in Accounting in 1972. While at IU he met his wife of 51 years, Jill (Young) Woodward whom he married on July 29, 1972, in Muncie, IN.

He was very active in multiple volunteer organizations, most notably the Optimist Club, where he was an active member for 46 years. His involvement started with coaching Little League baseball, and then he became increasingly involved on the local, district and international levels. Just some of the offices he held include Club President of the Plainfield Optimist Club, Indiana South District Governor and International Vice President. He also served on the Optimist International Junior Golf Committee for 25 years. One of his final contributions was forming the Bellevue Area Optimist Club in Nashville, TN which launched in 2021.

# INDIANA OPTIMIST CLUBS

Night with the Indy Fuel

# Fuel vs. Komets









#### TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS, VISIT:

https://fuel.isportstix.com/order/group/Optimists1230/

ORDER DEADLINE: DECEMBER 30, 2023 at 12 PM
TICKETS ARE LIMITED AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY





# **Updating Your Club's Bylaws**

Starting Oct. 1, every Club will be required to update their bylaws. OI will not accept paper copies, so Clubs will need to use the Optimist Leaders online portal to submit updates. There is a module on how to update your Club's bylaws on the <a href="Optimist Institute website">Optimist Institute website</a>. Simply choose "Quick Reference Guides" on the left-hand side, scroll down to the third row of modules, and click "View" for the "Changing Club Bylaws Online" module.

#### Contact on 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	261	awards@optimist.org
LMS/Optimist Institue	210	The second secon
Communications/Social Media	238	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	261	leadership@octimist.org
Marketing & Graphics	236	marketing@optimist.org
Member Services	247	clubservices@optimist.org
Membership	227	membership@catimist.org
New Club Building	227	newclub@optimist.org
Optimist Junior Golf	218	golf@optimist.org
Webmaster	209	webmaster@optimist.org
Canadian Service Centre	(800) 383./151	CanadianService@optimist.org
Canadian Supplies	(800) 585.7082; 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.

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 membrship 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 contribue 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.

#### OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

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  $2^{\rm ND}$  PLACE AND \$5,000 FOR  $3^{\rm RD}$  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



# 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'.

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.

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

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#### **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.

## **Indiana South District Conferences for 2023-24 Year**

- 1st Quarter November 4, 2023 Plainfield
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter January 20, 2024 Bloomington
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter April 13, 2024 Jasper
  - CCDHH will be May 3, 2024 at the Indiana School for the Deaf
- 4th Quarter Friday night and Saturday August 9-10, 2024 Annual Convention/Training TBA

### John Quincy Adams quote!!

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

#### Quotes of Positivity

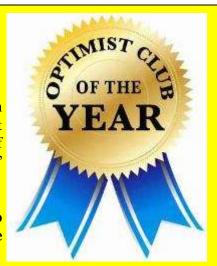
Contributed by past Governor of the Indiana North District and Marketing and Communications Committee Member Sandra Kay Doyle

- "The positive thinker sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible." Winston Churchill
- "Success is a state of mind. If you want success, start thinking of yourself as a success." Joyce Brothers
- "Optimism is a happy magnet. If you stay positive, good things and good people will be drawn to you." Mary Lou Retton
- "No matter how small you start, always dream big." Steven Richards
- "Everywhere you go, take a smile with you." Sasha Azevedo
- "Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." Ralph Waldo Emerson
- "The flower that blooms in adversity is the rarest and most beautiful of all." Walt Disney
- "When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves." William Arthur Ward

## 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.e. PGI Program, Optimist International Conventions and Summit, etc.)	25 points
Club Growth and Increased Community Awareness Campaigns (i.e. NOW Program, Marketing Campaign, etc.)	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 <u>judging form</u>. 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.

# 2023-2024 Scholarships

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.

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#### Contact

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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:**

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: <a href="http://oifoundation.org/about-us/">http://oifoundation.org/about-us/</a>

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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.

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