



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 July 17,  
2024. Send your articles**

**Greetings all Indiana South District Optimists**

Greetings Optimists!

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Sincerely,  
Greg Kuhn, Governor,  
2023-2024 Indiana South District

Indiana South District  
3rd Quarter Conference  
**Friday and Saturday April 12 - 13**  
Kimball International Headquarters  
1600 Royal Street  
Jasper, Indiana

Register online through <https://mp.gg/m00xwm9pv1> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Dinner (on your own) Schnitzelbank 393 Third Ave, Jasper, IN 47546 7:00 pm EST

Will you be attending? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If so, How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

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>
<b>Lunch (per person)</b>	\$17.00	_____	_____
(Bourbon Pecan Chicken, Smoked Pork Butt, Hash Brown Casserole, Pepper-Jack Cream corn, tossed salad desert and drinks)			

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (Must Accompany This Form) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Deadline for lunch choice is Monday April 8, 2024. After that date lunch may be "on your own".**

**REGISTRATION FORM & REMITTANCE**

**Must be received by: April 8, 2024**

Indiana South District Registrar

Attention: Dave Osborne

1189 Pinewood Drive

Plainfield, IN 46168

C (317) 538-4548 [indsoptimist@gmail.com](mailto:indsoptimist@gmail.com)

**Hotel Accommodation**

Hampton Inn \$119

355 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave

Jasper, IN 47546

812-481-1888

Breakfast Included

BLOCK CODE: Indiana South Dist. Optimist

Reservation due by March 29, 2024 link on website <https://www.indianaoptimist.org/>

## Agenda Overview (Saturday, April 13, 2024 8:00 – 4:00 Eastern time):

- 8:00-9:00 Registration - Past Governors Association Meeting
- 9:00-9:15 General Session 1, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, Introductions, First Timers Recognition,
- 9:15-9:35 Catch A Rising Star - Walt Willms,
- 9:35-9:45 International Convention Update - Paula Reyling
- 9:45-10:15 District Meeting - Minutes and financial report - Rick, Election of Lt. Governors - Kent
- 10:15-10:30 Club Awards and Recognition - Kent
- 10:30-10:45 Break/Oratorical Contest Set Up
- 10:45-11:55 District Oratorical Contest
- 11:55- 12:00 Essay Winner Reading
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch - Oratorical Award Presentation
- 1:00-1:30 Optimist in Action - Small Group Discussion and Presentation
- 1:30-2:00 Committee Updates: CCDHH, ITYS, Jr. Golf
- 2:0 -2:45 Mike Novak Comments and Introduction, Fatima Platter, Optimist International Foundation – The Value of Giving
- 2:45-3:00 Digital Diary Video and Happy Dollars
- 3:00-3:15 Wrap Up-Optimist Creed

### Message from Governor ... Greetings Fellow Optimists,

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Greg Kuhn

Indiana South District Optimist Governor

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

# Get Paid for Having Fun



**MEMBERSHIP  
DUES? GROUPER  
HELPS COVER 'EM!**

**Grouper** +  **Optimist  
INTERNATIONAL**

We're thrilled to share some exciting news — if you're 65 or older and live in the United States, Optimist International has teamed up with Grouper to help cover your membership dues!

## **What Does This Mean for You?**

Grouper will assist in covering Optimist members' membership dues by providing a yearly check for those with qualifying Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement plans, up to \$100. This partnership ensures that both long-time members and newcomers can enjoy a break on their yearly dues just for being active and socially connected.

## **Signing Up with Grouper:**

Ready to check if your plan includes Grouper? Simply sign up online at [www.hellogrouper.com/Optimist](http://www.hellogrouper.com/Optimist) with your health plan info. Grouper will contact you within 5 business days to inform you if you are eligible - then they will send a check regardless of when you last paid your dues.

We are excited to tell you more about how our partnership with Grouper can improve your social health and well-being. If you have any questions, please reach out to Grouper's welcoming member engagement team at 833-519-1072 or visit [www.hellogrouper.com/Optimist](http://www.hellogrouper.com/Optimist) for further information.



## South Regional Oratorical Contestants



## South Regional Oratorical Qualifiers



## North Regional Oratorical Contestants



## North Regional Oratorical Qualifiers





# Indiana South District Optimist Junior Golf Tournament

June 14, 2024 9:00 am

Oak Tree Golf Corse

4712 US-40,

Plainfield, IN 46168

Ages: 10 to 18



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# Optimist Junior Golf Volunteers

The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships, Indiana South District Tournament is rapidly approaching! The Tournament will be held at Oak Tree Golf Course 4712 US-40, Plainfield, IN 46168 on Friday, June 14. Nearly all of you have volunteered in the past, and many of you have verbally committed to helping this year. We now need to know for sure, who can help, what job you would like, and what time(s) you are available. It appears that we will have a small field again this year, so we could get by with fewer volunteers. On the other hand, we will find a job for all of you if you would like to help. (If you know of junior golfers who could benefit from their participation in this tournament, please direct them to our District Tournament web site at <https://sites.google.com/site/insoptimistgolf/>. We will be accepting late entries if at all possible.) We will need the following types of volunteers:

Registration (7:30 am - 9:00 am)

Starters (8:30 am - 10:30 am)

Marshalls (8:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Photographer (8:00 am - 4:00 pm)

Spotters (8:15 am - 2:30 pm)

Scoring (10:30 pm - 4:00 pm)

Awards Will be given out at the completion of each age group!

There will be a brief opening ceremony at 8:30 am. There will be a memorial for Mike Woodward and John Reel. The first tee times will be at 9:00 am. You should plan to arrive at the course at least 15 minutes before the time you are available to work. There will be a meeting with all starters, marshals, and spotters at 8:00 am to review "on course" job requirements (what we should and shouldn't do, examples of some issues we have had in the past, etc.) with Oak Tree's Host Professional (and our Rules Chair) Ben Weaver.

The snack bar will have reasonably priced breakfast choices available, so plan to arrive early. With good luck, and good weather, we should be on our way home before 4:00 pm at the latest!

Please reply to this e-mail by Sunday, June 9 to let us know if you are available, what job or jobs you would prefer, and the time (morning, afternoon, or all day) that you are available. Once we have heard back from everyone, a final schedule of job assignments will be prepared and we will send that schedule and additional information back to you hopefully no later than Wednesday, June 12.

Thank you for all that you do for our organization, and especially for our junior golfers.

See you on the 14th!

In Optimism,

David Osborne Jr. Golf Chair

<https://sites.google.com/site/insoptimistgolf/>

317-538-4548



# THE OPTIMIST



*International Junior Golf Championships*

## 2024 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 Oak Tree Golf Course, Plainfield, Indiana on Friday, June 14, 2024. 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 16-31, 2024.

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, 2024. Prior year sponsors will have the first opportunity to renew the same sponsorship if received by March 30, 2024. The Indiana South District of Optimist International and the many junior golf participants thank you in advance for your support!

David Osborne, District Tournament Chair  
[dwomedic@gmail.com](mailto:dwomedic@gmail.com) (317) 538-4548

Alex Overway, Sponsorship Contact  
[alexoverway@gmail.com](mailto:alexoverway@gmail.com) (574) 702-2182





# THE OPTIMIST

## *International Junior Golf Championships*

### 2024 Indiana South District Optimist Junior Golf Tournament SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### Title Sponsor – \$1,000 (Priority renewal if received by March 30, 2024)

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 March 30, 2024)

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

#### Eagle Sponsor – \$175 (Priority renewal if received by March 30, 2024)

Sponsor the Check-in Table, Beverage locations, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hole, 9<sup>th</sup> Hole, or 16<sup>th</sup> 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## **Indiana South District Secretary/Treasurer Needed for the coming year**

Hello All,

About a year ago, I announced to several district leaders of **my intention to retire from the Secretary-Treasurer position at the end of this current Opti year.**

I approached a couple of members about stepping into the role. Neither person wanted to take it on.

**So – Walt Willms and I are asking help in identifying potential capable individuals.** I can provide information about the requirements and the workload for the position.

Ideally, we can identify someone soon so he/she can work with me for the remainder of the year. There is budget support for the person to attend the OI S/T training if desired. I am committed to being available for continued help after October 1<sup>st</sup>.

I also add, some Districts have split the position into a Secretary and a Treasurer. While I believe this introduces some issues to iron out, it is something to keep in mind.

Walt intends to include the S/T position into his Catch a Rising Star portion at the District Conference.

I took it on in 2015 with Pat's support for the bookkeeping. It's been enjoyable, sometimes challenging, but always rewarding.

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

### **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 [Optimist Institute website](#). 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.



## 2024 – 2025 Conferences and Conventions

### **1st Quarter Conference** – Saturday November 2, 2024

Richard A. Carlucci Recreation and Aquatic Center, 651 Vestal Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168 9:00 EST. \$20 for registration/lunch. More information to come.

### **2nd Quarter North Super Conference** – Saturday January 18, 2025

Richard A. Carlucci Recreation and Aquatic Center, 651 Vestal Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168. 9:00 EST. \$20 for registration/lunch. More information to come.

### **2nd Quarter South Super Conference** – Saturday January 25, 2025

Georgetown, IN 8260 IN-64, Georgetown, IN 47122. 9:00 EST. More information to come.

**3rd Quarter Conference** – April of 2025 in Jasper, IN Dates and information to come

**4th Quarter Convention— Tentatively** August 22, 23, 2025 Terre Haute Convention Center 800 Wabash Ave. Terre Haute IN. 47807. More information to come.



#### 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	261	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	261	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@optimistpromo.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 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.

#### 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<sup>ND</sup> PLACE AND \$5,000 FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> 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](http://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**  
 FOUNDATION

## 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 552126 • St. Louis, MO 63195-2126



## 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.



## 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](mailto: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.

**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

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



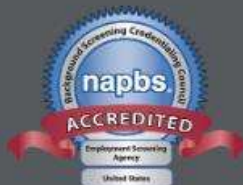
### Program Benefits:

- 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  
800-539-3717 x157  
[mterrell@intellincorp.net](mailto:mterrell@intellincorp.net)  
[www.intellincorp.net](http://www.intellincorp.net)

**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](http://www.optimistleaders.org/LeadershipInfo/ClubInfo/ClubAnswerBook/OI_Structure_&_Services.pdf)

### Club Organizational Model:

[http://www.optimistleaders.org/TeachingMaterials/OfficerTraining/Club\\_Organization\\_Model.pdf](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/>

Official Optimist International Supplier: Shumsky [www.OptimistStuff.com](http://www.OptimistStuff.com)



### 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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