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Kent Reyling, Past Governor

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Kent Reyling, Secretary-Treasurer

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Zone 5- **Patricia Scott**, Jeff-Falls City

Zone 6- **Bob Scott**, Santa Claus

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

Attention:

Committee Chairs & Lt Governors

The deadline for submitting articles for the next District Bulletin is **September 22, 2025**. 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!

Greetings all Indiana South District Optimists

Governor's Comments

We are into the fourth quarter of our Optimist Year. As I write this there are about 11 weeks left in the quarter. OI President Jan spoke to all of the governors at the OI Convention in June. She challenged each district to "be in the green" for the year, meaning that she wants each of the districts to be a net plus in membership. Currently, Indiana South is down 5 members. So, our challenge between now and September 30 is to recruit 6 new members plus to replace all of those we lose between now and the end of the year. This is a very achievable goal.

Along with the Indiana South District being a net plus in members, I challenge each club in the district to be plus one in members as well. If each club recruits one new member by the end of the quarter, our district would probably end up being number one in membership growth throughout Optimist International. So, let's start asking friends, neighbors, relatives, and even strangers to join our clubs. Tell them about all the wonderful opportunities that our clubs provide the youth in our communities.

Our Indiana South District annual Convention will be held on August 22 and 23 in Terre Haute, IN. A lot of work has been done and continues by many

people to make this a special event. I would love to see a large attendance by the optimists in our district. It is especially important for all club presidents attend to learn and take advantage the training that will be presented. As a bonus, if you get your registration for the convention in by August 1, you will get a reduced "Early Bird Package Rate". **SO, GO AHEAD AND REGISTER NOW!** You can do it on-line at the District website, or you can print out a form and send it in! I look forward to seeing you on August 22 and 23!!

Walter R. Willms, Governor, Indiana South District, Optimist International

Monica Wallace, Governor Elect, requests **all incoming officers** in their club to attend the Convention in Terre Haute on Aug 23rd. This is for all incoming Presidents AND Secretaries AND Secretary/Treasurers. Essential training is scheduled for YOU to attend. Just a Saturday out of your busy schedule is needed for your success during your term in Club Office.

A Note from District/Secretary Kent Reyling

Hoping to see ALL of you and others from your Club at the Indiana South District Convention in Terre Haute on August 23. It's going to be a GREAT convention with lots of opportunities for socializing, learning and having FUN. Please plan to attend and bring more of your club members with you.
<https://www.indianaoptimist.org/events-links/>



Indiana South District
39th Annual Convention
Friday and Saturday August 22nd and 23rd

Terre Haute Convention Center
800 Wabash Ave,
Terre Haute, IN 47807



PLEASE FILL OUT PAGES 1 AND 2

Register online through <https://mp.gg/ibs5v8u4> 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: _____



Governor Walt Willms



Governor Elect Monica Wallace

Registration Payment Form

Dinner (on your own) **The Terminal Public House** 6:00 PM EST (820 Wabash Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47807)

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

Larry Bird Museum Tour Friday 2:00 PM or Saturday 3:00 PM EST Free Admission (800 Wabash Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47807)

Will you be attending? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, How many? _____ and which day _____

Conference Functions Require a Reservation

Price Number Amount

Registration Fee per Person

\$5.00 _____

Ohio Boulevard Breakfast Buffet:

Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes, Sliced Ham, Oatmeal, Greek Vanilla Yogurt, Assorted Fresh Berries, Seasonal Fresh Cut Fruit, and 2% Milk.

\$20.00 _____

South of the Border Lunch Buffet:

Mixed Salad Greens topped with Black Bean Corn Salsa, Crispy Tortilla Strips, Chipotle Ranch Dressing, and Cheddar Cheese. Served with Chicken Fajitas with Bell Peppers.

\$30.00 _____

Dinner Buffet

Grilled Salmon, Almond Crusted Chicken; Au Gratin Potatoes; Green Beans; Strawberry Shortcake or Cheesecake.

\$39.00 _____

Package Deal (Good only until August 1, 2025)

(Includes Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

\$60.00 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (Must Accompany This Form)

\$ _____

*Deadline for meal choice is Monday August 17, 2025. After that date lunch may be “on your own”.

REGISTRATION FORM & REMITTANCE

Must be received by: August 17, 2025

Indiana South District Registrar

Attention: Dave Osborne

1189 Pinewood Drive

Plainfield, IN 46168

C (317) 538-4548

indsoptimist@gmail.com

Hotel Accommodation

Hilton Garden Inn Terre Haute

750 Wabash Ave,

Terre Haute, IN 47807

BLOCK CODE: Indiana South Dist. Optimist

Reservation due by August 1, 2025 link on website <https://www.indianaoptimist.org/>

Paula Reyling on stage at the Optimist International Convention



Art Classes at the Georgetown Optimist Club on Friday June 27



Optimist Miracle Movers

We're thrilled to celebrate the wonderful conclusion of our inaugural Sunrise Stretch and Yoga program! Over the past five weeks, our amazing athletes and their buddies have gathered every Saturday morning at 9 AM to embrace the sunrise, build strength and flexibility, and overcome challenges with inspiring determination. We are so proud of each participant for their dedication and growth.

Check out these wonderful snapshots of our awesome journey together!

Thank you all for making this season truly special.

Go! Optimist Go!



Santa Claus Scholarships

At last night's Optimist dinner meeting, we presented Riley Peters and Alaina Rust with their \$1000 scholarship checks. They both told us about their high school years and their college plans.

We also inducted 3 new members (Jan Stein, Mary Michel, and Megan Wilson).



Santa Claus & Dale Optimist Clubs Join Forces

The Santa Claus Optimist Club and the Dale Optimist Club held a joint Bike Safety event at David Turnam Elementary School on Thursday, June 19th. Hopefully the participants will be a little safer in their bike riding. We also gave away 2 bicycles and 2 bike helmets.



Clay County Optimist Doin's

We are accepting donations thru June 30th for our hygiene drive! If you've been seeking ways to make a positive impact in your community, this is a wonderful opportunity. We extend our heartfelt gratitude in advance for your generosity!



The poster features a logo for the Optimist International Clay County Optimist Club on the top left. The main title 'HYGIENE DRIVE' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, it says 'ACCEPTING DONATIONS THRU JUNE 30TH' and 'SERVING 10 SCHOOLS IN CLAY COUNTY'. A list of requested items is on the right. In the center, there are illustrations of various hygiene products: a tube of toothpaste, a toothbrush, a bar of soap, a bottle of body wash, a pair of gloves, a comb, and two bottles of deodorant. At the bottom left, a dark blue box contains the text 'Drop offs can be scheduled thru June 30 Contact Monica Wallace'. At the bottom right, it says 'FOR MORE INFO CONTACT MONICA WALLACE Mobile: 812-208-1211 All interested donors welcome. SPONSORED BY THE CLAY COUNTY OPTIMIST CLUB'.

HYGIENE DRIVE

ACCEPTING DONATIONS
THRU **JUNE 30TH**

SERVING **10**
SCHOOLS
IN CLAY COUNTY

REQUESTED ITEMS:
BODY WASH
SPRAY DEODORANTS
FEMININE PADS
TAMPONS
TOOTHPASTE
TOOTHBRUSHES
BRUSHES & COMBS

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can be scheduled
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All interested donors welcome.
SPONSORED BY THE CLAY
COUNTY OPTIMIST CLUB

Avon Optimist Club Oratorical Winner

Mercy Olaniyan, a student from Avon High School and sponsored by the Avon Optimist Club, recently won the Optimist International Regional Contest in St Louis on July 17-18 based on a theme of “**How Optimism Has Guided Me Through Trying Times**”. This put her into the Final nine (9) for the International competition for World Champion. Mercy performed very well but did not place in the final three (3).

Jr Golf Information

I just wanted to say thank you for making this year's ISDJG tournament a huge success. We had 38 signed up, and 37 played. Of those 3 were from out of district. 21 plates shot a qualifying score. 17 are going to the International tournament in Doral, Florida. We were once again able to provide full registration fees for all our winners. One of the out of district qualifiers was from Indiana North and they paid for his registration fee for Florida.

It was a hot day but luckily, we had a breeze. Oak Tree Golf Course took great care of us once again.

All scores are on our Jr. Golf website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/insoptimistgolf/tournament-information?authuser=0> It will be under the Results tab.

I hope to see all of you again next year. Please start looking now to find more sponsors for next year. We will need approximately \$1000 more next year as long as OI does not up their rates again. Once again, Thank you all for a wonderful job!!!!

Thank you,
David Osborne

Jr Golf Pictures



Optimist Junior Golf Tournament held June 25th at Hulman Links

Thirty junior golfers representing fourteen different high schools and their feeder middle schools registered to play in the 2025 Optimist Terre Haute Regional on June 25th at Hulman Links.

On a broiling hot day that featured very little wind, 99°F temperatures and a 50-minute weather delay due to lightning, the players aged 10-18 competed in 6 of the 7 available age groups.

All entries into the tournament receive a discount on the entry fee for the 2026 Optimist Indiana South District Tournament in June 2026.

Playing from 6,250 yards, the Boys 16-18 group saw Northview teammates Lincoln Pierce and Aydan Green battling until the final hole as Pierce rallied on the 18th hole to claim a three-shot victory.

Pierce put up an impressive 72 while Green shot a 75. Third place was won by Terre Haute North's Noah Walker who scored a 77.

All three of these players are veterans of this tournament and have played in it each year since it restarted after Covid-19 in 2021. Other participants included Carter Johnson and Morgan Horst of Vincennes, Zane Paddock of Clay City, Mohammad Shehadeh of Evansville, and Trenton Woelfle of Terre Haute North.

In the Boys 14-15 Age Group playing from 5800 yards, Gavin Acord from Terre Haute South shot an outstanding 37 on the front nine to build a six-shot lead and went on to win by 8 over a large and very competitive field.

In second place was Cooper Goda from Life Academy with an 88 followed by Bronx Meyer of Terre Haute South who shot an 89. There were 9 other players in the group who shot scores ranging from 90-103. Included in the field were Drew Williams, Lucas McNeely, Tucker Goda and Hayden Fisher from North Clay MS/Northview, Dayton Lindsay from West Vigo, Ryan Grassick from Terre Haute North, Lucas Downing of Greencastle, Lane Williams from Cloverdale, and Liam Busenbark from Parke Heritage.

The Boys 12-13 and 11-12 groups only had a single competitor each but they both put up impressive scores for 9 holes in an event shortened due to the extreme heat.

Cash Ferguson from Plainfield claimed the B12-13 age group shooting a 39 from the black tees set at an 18-hole distance of 4100 yards. His playing partner Boyd Landis of Sullivan shot an equally impressive 46 from the same tees.

The field on the girls' side was smaller. Mia Tribble from Northview claimed first place in the Girls 15-18 group followed by Breeann Desmith of Parke Heritage in second. In the Girls 13-14 group, MacKenzie Horn from North Clay Middle School won first place outshooting Kennedy Hackert from Honey Creek Middle School.



Group Players



B16-18 First L. Pierce Second A. Green Third N. Walker

Evansville Downtown Meeting

Ronald P. Eberhart Evansville Downtown Optimist Club

Beth Paul was our speaker at our last meeting. She spoke about Little Lambs.



At the end of the
day, the only
questions I will
ask myself are...
Did I love enough?
Did I laugh
enough?
Did I make a
difference?



More news from Evansville Downtown Optimist Club

Hot hot hot. Another great meeting at the Downtown Optimist Club. Darlene Short with the Warrick Literacy and Education Connections was our speaker. Ron Eberhart presented her with a Speaker's Certificate.



End is not the end, in fact E.N.D is "Effort Never Dies" and if you get NO in an answer, then remember NO is "Next Opportunity". Always be positive.

TOP 10 REASONS I PROCRASTINATE

1.



Greetings Club Essay Chairs

Thank you for continuing the Optimist tradition of holding the Essay Contest. It is a wonderful way for students to use their writing skills to express their thoughts and opinions! I appreciate all the work you do to make this contest happen!

Here are the top three essay authors and their Clubs.

Congratulations to:

Emma Smith - Clay County Optimists - 1st place

Adelyn Wyndham - Avon Optimist Club - 2nd place

Rachel Randolph - Optimist Club of Indianapolis - 3rd place

The top three students received invitations to the District meeting in Jasper on April 26, 2025. The student and two guests were invited. Letters were mailed to all students.

Once again, thank you for all the hard work you do to keep the Essay Contest a vital program in your Clubs! These kids have good writing skills and great ideas to share. Optimism Can Pave a Road to Success!

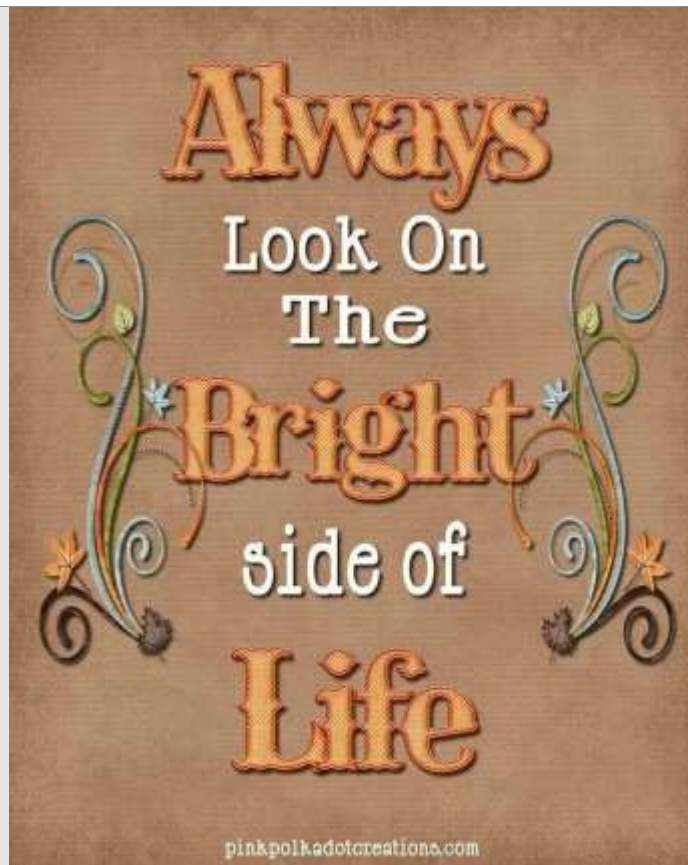
Warm regards!

Betsy Burke



To better serve our members and provide more timely and relevant content, Optimist magazine is undergoing a transformation. This year, instead of four quarterly issues, we will be publishing several shorter special editions throughout the year focused on key topics like the President's initiatives and the Optimist International Convention, plus an expanded yearly print edition. In addition, we're launching a monthly newsletter packed with Club stories, signature program updates, and inspiring member spotlights, and Club Presidents and district leaders will continue to receive the timely "Newsday Tuesday" emails with essential administrative updates.

This enhanced communication strategy will allow us to share more news and information with you while keeping you better connected to the Optimist community.



Dear Club Presidents & Club Secretaries,

We are excited to tell you about how New Members will be handled going forward.

We are aware that there has been disappointment over the fact that the paper New Member Kits stopped being mailed out around the 2020-21 year, and it has been difficult to find the best way to distribute New Member pins to Clubs, so we decided to try something different.

When a New Member is added, they are automatically emailed a "Welcome New Member Magazine". The Optimist International Presidential New Member Letter is in this magazine along with information about opportunities that a new member might be interested in.

An email will be generated that will be sent to the Club President and the Club Secretary that will have the following attachments with it: A Creed, the Purposes, our Core Value Statement and Member Certificate. These have all been sized to be printed on an 8.5 x 11 piece of certificate paper and the Member Certificate will have the New Members Name on it.

Each Club will be able to order New Member pins from Optimist International. An order form is available at this link.

The number of pins you receive will be based on the number of new members that your Club has brought in over the past two years. You can order more as you need them at no cost to the Club.

The New Member pins have been slow to come in, so while you are welcome to place your order, please be advised that it may be a few weeks before we can get those to you

Sponsor recognition pins will continue to be mailed from Optimist International.

As with all new processes, there will be "kinks" to work out so please have patience, but we are looking forward to this new process and hope that you are too!

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at membership@optimist.org.

HELP!!! I've been the Bulletin Chair/Editor for over 25 years. I need a replacement! You should know Microsoft Word; how to send emails to ALL our members who have an email address. I can send multiple examples of prior year Bulletins for you to use as a starting point. So, let me or the incoming Governor know if you would like to take over for me. You do NOT have to WRITE the entries. You can edit the submitted articles.

Master Schedule of Dues and Fees for the 2024-2025 Year *US Funds*

The US dollar is the official currency of Optimist International. All Dues and Fees are in US dollars unless specifically noted otherwise. Canadian Clubs/Members are invoiced using the published CAD currency exchange rate. The Canadian Currency exchange rate cap for 2024-2025 is 1.36.

Effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025

Regular Adult Members

Optimist International's dues structure for Clubs is based on the United Nations Human Development Index (HDI) and categorized into either Developed or Developing Countries.

	Developed	Developing
Annual	\$88.80	\$46.19
Semiannual	\$44.40	\$23.10
Quarterly	\$22.20	\$11.55

College Members

Any Optimist Member who is enrolled as a full-time college student (minimum of 12 credit hours) is eligible to have their annual dues reduced. College Members in Regular Clubs pay:

	Developed	Developing
Annual	\$30.84	\$18.85
Semiannual	\$15.42	\$9.43
Quarterly	\$7.71	\$4.71

Life Members

Life Membership Enrollment Fee: \$888.00 Developed Country, \$444.00 Developing Country.

	Developed	Developing
Annual	\$44.40	\$23.10
Semiannual	\$22.20	\$11.55
Quarterly	\$11.10	\$5.78

Friend of Optimist

Annual \$140.00 USD/CAD (\$84.00 to Optimist International, \$56.00 to Club/District that sponsors the Member)

New Club Charter Fee

Developed Countries	\$325.00
Developing Countries	\$225.00

Processing Fees for New Members

Regular Members	\$15.00
College Members	\$5.00
Transfer Members	\$5.00



New Personal Growth and Involvement Plan (PGI) Guidelines

A webinar was held to introduce the new Personal Growth and Involvement Plan (PGI) for Optimist International. Below are the new program guidelines, as well as the [list of the requirements](#) for each level.

Please note that all levels of the new PGI must be completed on the Optimist Institute. If you have been working on PGI levels in the last 5 years, take special note of #3 below.

New PGI Guidelines:

1. The new PGI program will be available online in the Optimist Institute on September 10, 2024.
2. To participate in the PGI program, each member is required to have an active account in the Optimist Institute.
3. Any current member that has completed PGI Level 3 or higher within the last 5 years will be able to start at the next level they need to complete. For those members, previous levels will be unlocked, and members have the option to complete earlier levels in part or in their entirety as desired. All other members will begin work at Level 1. Members receiving manual credit must be sure their account has been created in the Optimist Institute on or before **October 31, 2024**, and credit will be granted by November 30, 2024. If an account has not been created, credit for the completed levels cannot be granted. Those who fail to have an account by October 31, 2024, will start over at Level 1 in the program (if you have created an account in the past, you are all set – just be sure it's been renewed for this year!).
4. The levels of PGI must be completed consecutively. Upon successful completion of a level, the next level will be unlocked, as some of the work builds up to other work.
5. When completing components within each level, members must be sure to follow the verification deadlines as required for each submission, which will always be within 60 days. However,

members can take as long as they want/need to complete an entire level.

6. Certificates of completion for each PGI level can be generated through the Optimist Institute once a level is completed. Reward badges for each level will also be awarded through the Optimist Institute.
7. The Level 10 gold pinback will be sent directly to the District PGI Chair or Governor for presentation to the member, unless the OI office is informed that it should be sent to the member directly.
8. The PGI Passport, along with other forms of written documentation and verification, will no longer be accepted.

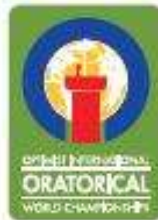
As a note, please know that the PDP will be receiving a rewrite by the Optimist International Leadership Development Committee during the 2024-2025 year, as they have been charged with this task. Because of this, the current PDP was taken offline on Sept. 10, 2024.

When it is finished, it will be relaunched on the Optimist Institute, and a webinar will be held to explain the differences between the old and new programs – just as is being done with the PGI.

If you have any questions on this new program, feel free to email institute@optimist.org.

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.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONTESTS 2024-2025



Topic
"How Optimism Has Guided
Me Through Trying Times"

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Beginning in 1928, the Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program of Optimist International. The contest is designed for young people to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with an opportunity to compete for multiple college scholarships with a pre-assigned topic.

District Scholarships:
First Place: \$2,500 • Second Place: \$1,500 • Third Place: \$1,000
with a chance to win up to \$22,500 at the
World Championships level

ESSAY CONTEST

The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live. The approach can encompass a young person's personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective. In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship!

One District Scholarship of \$2,500



Topic
"How Optimism Has Paved
My Road to Success"



Topic
"How Optimism Has Guided
Me Through Trying Times"

COMMUNICATION CONTEST FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

This contest offers an opportunity for students who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing to present their thoughts in the community, gaining skills, which can only come from signing or speaking to a large audience. Patterned after the Optimist Oratorical Contest, the contest offers youth the chance to compete in speech or sign language with the chance to win a college scholarship.

One District Scholarship of \$2,500

KIDS SPEAK OUT! SPEECH CONTEST

All young people can compete in the Optimist Oratorical Contest. The "Kids Speak Out" contest is a "pre-Oratorical" program that provides a more equitable competition for younger speakers.



Follow complete Official Rules posted on www.optimist.org

2024-2025 District Meetings

4th Quarter Convention— 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 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
 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.

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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.

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.



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.

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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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Notes:

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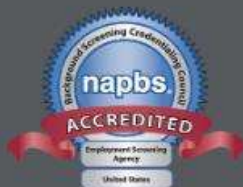
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Club Presidents: Please make copies of this Bulletin and distribute to the members of your club.

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.

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