

HISTORY of INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT



Where every Kid counts

HISTORY OF INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

PREFACE

This writing has been assembled as Part A and Part B. Part A consists of much information concerning Optimist International, the forerunner of Optimist-organized activity. Members should read Dreams and Deeds to gain full appreciation of the Optimist organization. Part B consists of activities and events related to the Indiana North District of Optimist International. The History Of The Indiana District of 1986 was prepared by a group of dedicated Optimist Officers and edited by Marion C. Wilson, "Mr. Optimist" of the Indiana District.

PART A

Throughout the years, the geographical organization of Optimist International has been comprised of one or more states as a district. Extensive growth of Optimist members after the First Annual Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, on June 19 and 20, 1919, provided a need for reorganizing districts. William Henry Harrison of Louisville was elected the first president and Dr. Harry G. Hill of Indianapolis first secretary. In 1922, the International Optimist Club was divided into 14 districts. Two years later, in 1924, a 15th district was added: the entire nation of Canada. Also, in 1924, Dayton, Ohio, was the scene of the first district convention involving Indiana as a member of Optimist International. Delegates from the 15 Optimist Clubs in District Five assembled, traveling from the four corners of Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. In 1963, due to the expansion of increased number of clubs, identification of districts by number was abandoned and names were introduced. The name of a state or two states comprised the geographical district. Albert C. "Bud" Montgomery from New Castle Breakfast Optimist was the first governor of the "Indiana District" in 1964-65.

PART B

The Indiana North District is presently one of fifty-three districts of Optimist International. The district has a great heritage from the previous Indiana District and Optimist International. The Indiana District was a great district; however, the International Board of Directors decided that effective with the 1986-87 administrative year there would be two districts in Indiana, the Indiana North District and the Indiana South District. The provoking idea of two districts was to provide incentive for serving more youth in more clubs with more members. Prior to establishing a dividing line between two districts in Indiana, studies were completed regarding number of clubs and locations in the North and in the South. The division line was drawn between the two districts with Interstate 74 entering Indiana from the West and continuing East around Indianapolis on Bypass 465 North and exit on I-74 to the Indiana-Ohio state line.

Historian Marion Wilson from the Lawrence Optimist Club and Editor of HISTORY of the INDIANA DISTRICT -1986 served as the First Governor of the Indiana North District in 1986-87 Optimist Year. Ray Marvel, member and past president of the Center Grove - Bargersville Optimist Club, served as the First Governor of the Indiana South District in the 1986-87 Optimist Year.

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Optimist International

Indiana North District

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OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

I. EARLY DEVELOPMENTS

As it was pointed out in Of Dreams and Deeds, the story of Optimist International, "the advent and growth of the service club parallels that of the industrial revolution in America. As the nation emerged from a predominantly agricultural society in which most men did most things for themselves-- there also emerged a citizen whose horizons widened with each passing year and whose areas of interest and concern broadened accordingly."

Into the new era came social advances on every front. In every city groups of voluntary organization members were discovering for themselves that, when properly harnessed and energetically employed, the forces they could generate were strong enough to change things. Those who believed they could change things for the better called themselves "Opimists".

Just how many Optimist clubs there were in the United States and Canaday before 1900 may never be known. In those early years, there is no evidence that any club was aware another Optimist club existed anywhere. Isolated Optimist clubs existed in California; Cincinnati, Ohio, and Chicago, Illinois.

The first recognized Optimist club was the Optimist Club of Buffalo, New York, organized in 1911, and successful in sponsoring two other clubs--one in Rochester, New York, and the other in Syracuse, New York. These three joined together to incorporate as the Optimist Clubs of New York State. In 1916, the Optimist Club of Indianapolis, Indiana, was organized and, within a few months, other Optimist clubs were established in Louisville, Kentucky; St. Louis, Missouri; Denver, Colorado; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Springfield, Illinois; Peoria, Illinois; Kansas City, Missouri; and Los Angeles, California.

Members and officers of the clubs soon learned there is significantly more to be gained from helping others than from helping only themselves. The value of practicing the Golden Rule beyond the confines of membership is greater and longer lasting than mere monetary gains.

The helping hand extended to millions of youth groping their way to adulthood and the good life is what we call "the spirit of Optimism." This helping hand was a vital ingredient in the creation and the development of the earliest clubs. It is today the very essence of Optimist International. It is the driving force that has led Optimist clubs to even higher levels of service in their communities. It is through service to others that man found the complete satisfaction for his natural instinct for living optimistically.

However, in 1914, there was one corner of the globe where "the spirit of Optimism" was at something less than high tide. For four years, World War I raged through Europe and still many gave it but passing attention and turned to other more pleasant and closer-to-home topics of the day. There was much pleasure in pursuing normal daily business opportunities and having lunch with friends downtown.

There were a few Indianapolis men who had been enjoying this custom to swap jokes and bits of business gossip. A month after someone broached the suggestion of organizing the "lunch hour girl watchers" into an Optimist club, about fifteen business and professional men of Indianapolis sat down to a luncheon in the Claypool Hotel for the purpose of organizing what they thought would be the first Optimist Club in the world.

Not much was actually achieved at the first meeting on April 21, 1916, at the Claypool. Each man had his own ideas and though they agreed on the fundamentals, they couldn't get down to brass tacks on how the first steps should be taken. They were in complete accord on one point, however. They should meet again and get organized. The time set was noon on May 5, - the place, the English Hotel. Each man present was to try to bring two friends with him as guests.

Thirty-three men reported at the stipulated time and place. According to the club's history: "This meeting was much more productive. Officers were appointed, plans were made and a constitution was drafted. Nothing was definitely approved but a substantial foundation was laid down. It was planned as a dual movement--a local club and a national governing body--The American Optimist Clubs, with headquarters in Indianapolis."



Obviously, it was a bitter disappointment to the Optimists of Indianapolis when they learned theirs was not the first Optimist club in the world. However, the organization of this club set an example and several other Optimist clubs were organized in large cities during the following two years.

The forerunner to Optimist International, the International Optimist Club, was formally established in Louisville, KY., in June, 1919, at the first convention. The organization's official publication, first known as "The International Optimist" and today, as "The Optimist Magazine" has been published continuously since 1919. Among the earliest badge designs, which appeared in a few of the clubs' publications prior to 1919, was a smiling sun surrounded by rays and the words "Friendship, Sociability, Loyalty and Reciprocity." At about the same time, another design made its appearance. This design showed a smiling face with the words, "International Optimist Club."

In 1922, with 49 clubs and 4,000 members, the original objectives of "Friendship, Sociability, Loyalty and Reciprocity" were changed to the "Purposes" that guide the organization to the present day:

- To develop optimism as a philosophy of life.
- To promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs.
- To inspire respect for law.
- To promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people.
- To aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of man, his community and world.

In 1922 "The Optimist Creed" was adopted and in 1924, "Friend of the Boy" became the motto of the organization. By 1925, the foundations of an oriented effort were laid with the appointment of Bert Hall, a member of the Optimist Club of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as boys work chairman. The first Canadian Optimist Club, the Optimist Club of Toronto, was formed in 1924 and the Junior Optimist Club program was adopted by the organization. The prototype youth club had been formed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1920.

The first International Boys Oratorical Contest finals were held at the 10th annual convention in Asheville, North Carolina, in 1928. Youth programs were broadened in spite of the damper placed on Optimist growth by the Depression of the 1930's and World War II. In the period 1941-45, Optimists turned a great deal of their energies to aiding on the home front. They took as their special project the collection of scrap metal for the government. Nearly every one of the then 250 clubs participated in this effort.

International conventions, canceled during the war, resumed with the 1946 Miami Beach, Florida, gathering. In 1951 the first International Bike Safety Week was conducted and in 1956, a Narcotics Law was passed by the United States Congress as a result of the campaign begun by Optimist International. In 1954, a similar law had been passed by the Canadian Parliament.

Following establishment of a Community Service Department in 1964, a Respect For Law program was instituted with the cooperation of law enforcement organizations in the United States and Canada. A project to encourage citizens' involvement in government and citizenship--Project R.S.V.P. (Register, Study, Vote, Participate) was introduced in 1970; Project AVO:ID, a program to combat Venereal Disease, and L-I-F-E (Living Is For Everything), an ecology program, were introduced in 1972. Service to youth was expanded with the development in 1972 of the Optimist International Youth Club Program. Beginning with the 1972-73 administrative year, any district administration was permitted to conduct oratorical contests for girls. The boys' oratorical contest was re-designed to allow 39 major winners instead of four.

The steady widening of the scope of service programs was not duplicated in the area of membership growth until the 1960's. The organization had reached a pre-Great Depression plateau of 177 clubs and 8,454 members in 1927. By 1933, the organization's strength had melted away to 110 clubs and 4,600 members as the Great Depression deepened.

By 1937 Optimist International was back to pre-depression strength, and reached a membership high of 13,260 members in 259 clubs by 1941. Membership reached 40,000 in 1953; 50,000 in the 1955-56 period; 80,000 in 1964; and broke the 100,000 barrier in 1968.

The accelerated growth during the 1960's brought with it the need to see what channels would be opened for this greater energy in the future. In 1967, an International Long Range Planning Committee was authorized by the International Board of Directors and charged with the task of seeking out avenues of voluntary service in light of anticipated changing cultural patterns in the quarter of a century ahead. The committee determined after surveying the membership that Optimists in the future will be placing more emphasis on self-improvement, governmental affairs and citizenship activities as well as maintaining a strong interest in youth work.

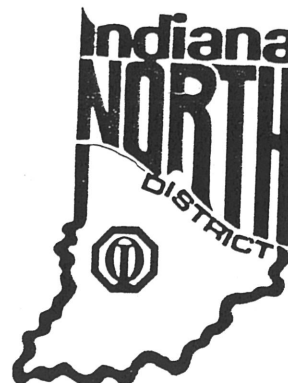
On October 1, 1979 there were more than 3,500 Optimist clubs in the United States and Canada with a membership of 126,000 men. More than 12,000 were life members. On October 1, 1979, there were 125 Optimist Clubs in the Indiana District with total membership of 5700 men. With Optimism as a philosophy of life and with the present motto "Friend of Youth", each Optimist member serves several youth throughout each Optimist Year.

Many improvements in the structure of the Optimist organization has allowed for more youth to be served by local clubs. Women were first permitted membership in Optimist clubs in 1987 and have added strength of service to boys and girls and the community. Additional youth will be served as the active membership in Optimist clubs continue to increase and as new projects are developed within clubs and within Optimist International as a service to youth.

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"Optimist Magazine", October 1979, pages 23-24



II. MILESTONES OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

- 1911 A new type of civic and service organization, calling itself the "Optimist Club" is formed in Buffalo, New York.
- 1916 Optimist Club of Indianapolis, Ind. is founded, followed soon thereafter by Optimist Clubs in St. Louis, Missouri; Washington, D.C.; Louisville, Ky.; Springfield, Illinois; Denver, Colorado; and Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 1917 Conference of Optimist Clubs held in Indianapolis.
- 1919 The first International Convention takes place in Louisville, Ky., comprised of 11 clubs and 1,298 members. William Henry Harrison of Louisville is elected first president and Dr. Harry G. Hill of Indianapolis first secretary.
- 1922 The Optimist Creed becomes officially adopted. Objectives and purposes that guide the organization today (service to youth, community and Optimism) are adopted.
- 1923 "Friend of the Delinquent Boy" is adopted as motto.
Octagon symbol with "Optimist International," "O" and "I" and sunrise is adopted as logo.
First permanent headquarters is established in St. Louis; Thomas B. Elliott is appointed first paid executive secretary..
- 1924 Motto is revised to "Friend of the Boy."
The first Canadian Club is chartered in Toronto.
First Junior Optimist Clubs are chartered.
- 1928 First International Oratorical Contest is won by Carlo Pupero, age 12, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 1929 Organization grows to 117 Optimist Clubs and 8,000 members.
- 1933 Optimist Week celebration is begun. (Forerunner of Youth Appreciation Week)
- 1936 The Life Membership Plan is introduced at the Fort Worth Convention.
- 1938 First Quebec Optimist Club is founded, Optimist Club of Toronto.
- 1940 Organization grows to 234 clubs and 12,000 members.
- 1945 Honorary membership is conferred on President Harry Truman.
- 1946 Honorary membership is conferred on W.L. MacKenzie King, prime minister of Canada.
- 1951 Achievement & Awards program for Optimist Clubs is begun.

- 1953 First International Bike Safety Week.
- 1954 Campaign against narcotics peddlers results in the 1956 Narcotics Law being passed by Congress.
- 1955 1,000th Optimist Club is chartered.
- 1957 First Optimist Youth Appreciation Week is held, (replaces Optimist Week).
Building fund established for construction of permanent headquarters.
- 1960 A full-fledged campaign against pornography reaching school-age children through the family mailbox is launched.
- 1962 Headquarters building in St. Louis is dedicated.
- 1963 Octagon Clubs for high-school students become official part of the program.
U.S. and Canadian Optimist Clubs hold flag exchange at international convention in Toronto, forming Twin Club program.
- 1964 The Stay in School program is launched to help reduce the number of high school drop-outs.
- 1965 Respect for Law program is launched.
- 1967 Optimist Junior World Golf program is formed.
- 1968 50th Anniversary Convention is held in Louisville.
Optimist float wins special award in Tournament of Roses Parade.
- 1969 Membership tops 100,000.
50th Year Anniversary celebration.
Board of Directors creates the Optimist International Foundation.
- 1970 Drug Abuse Information program is introduced.
- 1971 Organization grows to 3,000 clubs and 106,000 members.
The Tri-Star Sports program is introduced to promote physical fitness in youth.
Optimist International President Charles Campbell, Youth Appreciation Week founder T. Earl Yarborough and a group of youth attend proclamation signing ceremony, November 5, at the White House.
- 1972 3,000th Optimist Club is chartered.
L.I.F.E.(Living is for Everything) program is unveiled at the convention in Montreal, focusing on environmental issues.
AVOID program is launched to combat syphilis and gonorrhea.

- 1973 Optimist motto is changed to "Friend of Youth."
- 1974 Honorary membership in Optimist Club of Kent, Grand Rapids, Michigan is presented to
President Gerald Ford.
- 1977 Contemporary "OI" logo is introduced.
- 1978 A renewed emphasis on youth clubs is begun.
Help Them Hear program is begun.
Addition to headquarters building is opened.
Optimist International begins sponsorship of Junior World Golf Championships in San Diego, California.
- 1980 50 Optimist Clubs are built in Quebec, a record for one district.
- 1983 First official International Essay Contests.
- 1984 "Just Say No" Program is initiated to educate youth on the dangers of substance abuse.
Membership tops 150,000.
- 1985 Optimist International Foundation Fund reaches \$2 million.
- 1986 Organization grows to 3,800 clubs and 160,000 members.
- 1987 First women admitted to membership.
Number of youth served tops five million annually.
- 1988 Optimist International Foundation of Canada is formed.
Junior Optimist Octagon International (JOOI) is formed as the official youth clubs organization.
- 1990 Over 20 Optimist Clubs are formed in Hungary.
- 1992 Optimist In Action Day pilot program is created and unites 232 clubs and hundreds of volunteers in a massive single-day of community service.
"Get Real!" program is launched to fight the use of steroids.
- 1993 First organization wide Optimists In Action Day.
Alpha Clubs, created for grades one through four, become an official part of JOOI.
Junior Optimist Octagon International (JOOI) convention for youth in Louisville, Ky.
Kick-off of Optimist International's 75th Anniversary year at Louisville, Ky.
- 1994 75th Anniversary year celebration closes at convention in Montreal.
Personal Growth Modules available to Optimist members. Time Management, Public Speaking, Creative Problem Solving and Orientation to Optimism.

- 1995 First Optimist Non Violence Day held on May 6.
New Safety on Wheels program made available.
Junior golf tournament moves to Doral Golf Resort and Spa in Miami, Florida and is
renamed the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships.
- 1996 Communications Contest For The Deaf & Hard Of Hearing (CCDHH). District winners
will receive \$1,500 college scholarship,(replaces (CCHI) contest). "Always
Buckle Children In The Back Seat" program. A public awareness and
education campaign in child safety. A partnership program with Optimist
International and Morton International.
- 1997 Renaissance: Commitment to youth.
- 1998 Buckle Children In The Back Seat Program.
- 1999 Childhood Cancer.
- 2000 Junior Optimist Bowling

III. OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

In the early 1920's, the volunteer leaders of this fledgling service club organization realized they needed some full-time help to take care of the growing day-to-day business of the organization. One man was hired to take care of correspondence, collect club dues and provide whatever service clubs might request. As the organization rapidly grew, this one man needed assistance to adequately serve the member clubs' needs, and so more professionals were hired. In many respects, the key person in the continuity of Optimist International is the executive director, called the executive secretary prior to 1987.

The executive director is a non-voting member of the Board of Directors and is charged with the responsibility of interpreting its policies and administering its directives. The director is the organization's executive managing officer, overseeing all administrative and member service functions with the assistance of a staff from the office in Saint Louis, Missouri. Other members of the 1996-97 Board of Directors are the Optimist International President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Past President and ten Vice Presidents. The 1996-97 Optimist Internatrional Team also consists of ten vice-presidents, fifty-three district governors and twenty International Committees. The names and photos of the Optimist International Team are listed in the October issue of the Optimist Magazine each year. The Optimist services in international, districts and clubs are from October 01 through September 30 of each year.

A staff of 50 dedicated employees, professionals in a variety of fields of service, help administer and carry out the policies and programs established by committees and the International Board of Directors. Club members can get answers to their questions about all aspects of Optimist Club life and programs by calling or writing the international office at:

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St. Louis, MO 63108
(314) 371-6000
(800) OPT-8389
Fax: (314) 371-6006
E-mail as per listed departments



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P.O. Box 36 Dayton, OH 45401
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E-mail order to: programs@shumsky.com
On line shopping: www.optimiststuff.com

The Canadian Service Centre, located in suburban Montreal, Quebec, is a branch of the International office dedicated to serving the needs of Optimist Club members in Canada. A full-time staff of six professionals provides a wide array of services, including a supply center for club needs. Non-Canadian clubs may also use this supply center:

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CANADA
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FAX: (514) 721-1104

IV. THE OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

Optimist International
Foundation



Optimist International
Foundation of Canada

The Optimist International Foundation was organized in 1971 to allow tax deductible contributions to be made for the purpose of providing support to the charitable, literary, or educational purposes of Optimist International. IRS identification number is 23-7102928.

In 1988 the Optimist International Foundation of Canada was organized to allow Canadian members the same opportunity for tax deductible gifts. Canadian registration number is 0825604-29.

The Boards of Directors of the Optimist Foundations have fiduciary responsibility for the Foundations. This responsibility is one they take very seriously and exercise sound, prudent business practices to ensure that the wishes of contributors are carried out.



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FOUNDATION FACT SHEET 2001-2002



ESTABLISHED: 1971, An international not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization, in the United States and in 1988, in Canada, as a registered charity. Working with Optimist Clubs located in over 3,800 communities in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

MISSION: to provide educational opportunities and charitable assistance for boys and girls involved in Optimist programs; since 1971, more than \$5 million in funding has been awarded by both Foundations.

International Headquarters: St. Louis, MO
Canadian Headquarters: St-Léonard, Qc

OFFICERS (year ending September 30, 2002)
President: André Dubois, St. Hubert, Quebec
President-Elect: Robert Garner, Coral Gables, FL
Secretary & Treasurer and Foundation Executive Director: Roger Koch, St. Louis, MO

MAJOR SERVICE PROGRAMS FUNDED

Oratorical Contest: Over \$150,000 in scholarships awarded annually in public speaking contests involving over 40,000 boys and girls age 15 and under

Communications Contest for Deaf and Hard of Hearing: More than \$60,000 in college scholarships awarded annually in an opportunity for hearing-impaired youths to speak out

Essay Contest: International essay contest on freedom for youth with 50-plus district winners awarded \$600 scholarship, Pennsylvania; \$10,000 in scholarships awarded to top three international winners

Junior Optimist Octagon International: Youth Clubs Organization

with 20,000 members, with substantial support provided by the Foundation

Training Videos and Publications to improve and expand Optimist services to youth and communities

SCOPE OF SERVICE: 1.5 million youth served annually by programs funded by the Foundations.

The Foundations are dependent on support from Optimist clubs and individuals who are members, the general public, businesses and corporations. Our supporters have contributed over \$6.5 million in the period 1992-1999. All contributions from Canadians are used exclusively for program funding for Canadian beneficiaries. The Optimist International Foundations have funded over \$5 million in Optimist programs.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTION FORM

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION'S "PAVE THE WAY" CAMPAIGN

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V. WHAT IS OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL?

Optimist International is one of the largest and most active community service club organizations in North America. It is comprised of more than 115,000 Members in 3,500 Clubs. Promoting the motto "Friend of Youth," the Optimists conduct positive community service programs that reach in excess of six million young people each year.

For more than 80 years, Optimist Clubs have come to the aid of communities all over North America with more than 65,000 annual youth-oriented grassroots volunteer service projects such as:

Respect for Law • Day of Non-Violence
Youth Safety • Scholarship Competitions • Tri-Star Sports Contests
Youth Appreciation Week • Optimist Youth Clubs

Optimists also volunteer their free time to help complete hometown environmental projects, tutor children, sponsor sports teams, help the elderly, participate in substance abuse prevention programs and other service ventures in their communities.



YOUTH APPRECIATION WEEK

Build local students' self-esteem! Recognize their talents in the arts, athletics, academics and for their contributions to the community, or spotlight unsung heroes. How? By celebrating Youth Appreciation Week! To honor local youngsters, Optimists have successfully hosted swim parties, sponsored crazy bowls, planned youth lock-in, chaperoned field trips, and provided funds for school supplies. This program encompasses anything that makes a difference in the life of a young person.



COMMUNICATION CONTEST FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (CCDHH)

Earn money for conquering one of your biggest fears! Young adults report public speaking as one of the things that brings them the most anxiety. The CCDHH contest provides an opportunity for young people who are deaf and hard of hearing to present, on an assigned topic, in sign or orally in a public forum while developing valuable skills and confidence. The Optimist International Foundations annually fund a \$1,500 scholarship for each Optimist International district. Many Districts donate an additional \$1,500 to the Foundations in order to provide a second scholarship.



KIDS SPEAK OUT

This program prepares elementary children for future Oratorical competitions. Although winners are normally selected, emphasis is placed on making all contestants feel like a winner just for participating!



ESSAY CONTEST

This contest affords young people the opportunity to write about their opinions regarding freedom. Optimist International awards each District contest winner a \$650 scholarship for advanced education. Essays are judged at the international level, and a first, second and third place scholarship is awarded.



ORATORICAL CONTEST

As Optimist International's oldest program, this contest allows young adults to gain experience in public speaking, on an assigned topic, and provides them with the opportunity to win a college scholarship! Optimist Districts have the opportunity to provide two \$1,500 college scholarships or a first place scholarship of \$1,500, second place scholarship of \$1,000 and a third place scholarship of \$500.



TRI-STAR SPORTS SKILLS CONTEST

Bring together the youth of your community in a spirit of fun competition! The Tri-Star program enables Clubs to run one or several successful sports skills contests efficiently and with little manpower. Since this program does not involve physical contact or advanced skill, it is the ideal activity for every child including those who may be physically challenged.



YOUTH SAFETY

Keeping children safe in their leisure activities has been an important part of Optimist programs for many years. We have a responsibility to ensure the safety of our children. The Optimist International Youth Safety Program encompasses all of the activities originally included in the Safety on Wheels and Always Buckle Children programs as well as new activities concerning Internet Safety. Help spread the word about safety!



JUNIOR OPTIMIST OCTAGON INTERNATIONAL (JOOI)

As a teen, did you have a venue to learn skills such as citizenship, teamwork, communication, self-esteem and leadership? Kids today do! Thanks to the Optimists' JOOI program more than 16,000 young people each year learn the importance of volunteerism and giving of one's self. As a result, teens report feeling an improved sense of kindness, increased awareness for those in need, and a better sense of coping with cultural diversity. Start a JOOI Club today!



RESPECT FOR LAW WEEK/DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

Encourage peace and harmony within your community! Optimists accomplish this feat by honoring law enforcement officials, organizing poster contests, initiating block parent programs, sponsoring fingerprinting fairs, and starting neighborhood watches. Anything to keep children safe!



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS (OIJGC)

As one of junior golf's most prestigious events, the OIJGC provides more than 7,000 boys and girls cultural learning opportunities, friendly competition, and just plain fun! Every year thousands of youngsters compete in local Optimist qualifying tournaments with the top players advancing to the championships. Many of today's professional golfers were past OIJGC participants, including Tiger Woods, Michelle McGann, Phil Mickelson and Justin Leonard.



CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN

Optimists have become a champion for childhood cancer! Through this new, unique program, Optimists are building awareness of the disease that kills more children than any other. In addition, members provide support for children with cancer and their families, and support research to find a cure. Find out how you can help today!

JUST A FEW OF THE MANY PROJECTS CONDUCTED BY OPTIMIST CLUBS:

- Working directly with local schools to enhance education
- Conducting substance abuse prevention programs
- Coaching youth sports teams
- Tutoring and mentoring young people
- Painting the homes of the elderly and needy
- Providing food baskets to needy families
- Assisting disaster victims
- Reading to children

VI. Optimist International Presidents

2002-03	William H. Teague
2001-02	Jerry Henderson
2000-01	Bob Garner
1999-00	Andre Dubois
1998-99	James H. Hubbard
1997-98	J. Wayne Smith
1996-97	Clifton I. Katz
1995-96	J. C. Boone
1994-95	Jean Mercier
1993-94	Charles R. Wiles
1992-93	John R. Reel
1991-92	Donald B. Mills, Ed.D
1990-91	Tate Thigpen, MD
1989-90	Kenneth E. Monschein
1988-89	Fernand Rondeau
1987-88	Kenneth G. Loach
1986-87	Lester R. Craft
1985-86	James E. Attarian
1984-85	Ardyn J. Long
1983-84	Donald Hand
1982-83	Donald E. Strub
1981-82	Seymour Silverman
1980-81	Lionel Grenier
1979-80	James E. Creed, DVM
1978-79	Dudley D. Williams
1977-78	Don L. Arnwine
1976-77	Richard S. McAnany
1975-76	Patrick L. Grady
1974-75	Ralph Glasscock
1973-74	Ronald E. Thompson
1972-73	S. Phil McCardwell
1971-72	Norman L. Shipley
1970-71	Charles C. Campbell
1969-70	Monroe Marlowe
1968-69	Gene H. Sternberg, Sr.
1967-68	William R. Newhouse
1966-67	Robert H. Leonard
1965-66	John R. Olvey
1964-65	Carl L. Bowen, DDS
1963-64	George Coble, MD
1962-63	John M. Grimland, Jr.
1961-62	Raymond R. Rembolt, MD

1960-61	John W. Whatley
1959-60	Nicholas C. Mueller
1958-59	J. Harold Wilkins
1957-58	Harold W. Brand
1956-57	C. Lease Bussard
1955-56	Donald J. Twiss, MD
1954-55	Maurice Perkins
1953-54	Walter A. Reiling, MD
1952-53	J. Warren Day
1951-52	Roly P. Nall
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1949-50	Franklin A. Steinko
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1946-47	William H. Pierce
1945-46	Carl C. Donaugh
1944-45	Dr. Joseph W. Seay
1943-44	Theodore F. Peirce
1942-43	R. Carter Tucker
1941-42	Eldon S. Dummit
1940-41	John N. Free
1939-40	Thomas F. O'Keefe
1938-39	F. Fern Petty, DDS
1937-38	William J. Tamblyn
1936-37	Earl G. Stanza
1935-36	Walter J. Pray
1934-35	Henry Schaffert
1933-34	V. Ernest Field
1932-33	David W. Onan
1931-32	Holmes A. Sperb
1930-31	Robert J. Sutherland
1929-30	Nicholas F. Nolan
1928- 29	Harlington Wood
1927-28	Edd Hall
1926-27	Oscar A. Smith
1925-26	Leo F. Nohl
1924-25	Sherman Rogers
1923-24	James Chilton
1922-23	Jack Martin
1921-22	Cyrus C. Wilmore
1920-21	William H. Harrison
1919-20	William H. Harrison

VII. CONVENTIONS OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

1—Louisville, KY.....1919	37—Montreal, QUE.....1955	76 Montreal, PQ1994
2—St. Louis, MO.....1920	38—Los Angeles, CA.....1956	77 San Antonio, TX.....1994
3—Springfield, IL.....1921	39—Philadelphia, PA.....1957	78 Las Vegas, NV1994
4—Kansas City, MO.....1922	40—Dallas, TX.....1958	79 Detroit, MI1994
5—Chattanooga, TN.....1923	41—Miami Beach, FL.....1959	80 Atlanta, GA1994
6—Milwaukee, WI.....1924	42—Grand Rapids, MI.....1960	81 Toronto, Ontario.....1994
7—Houston, TX.....1925	43—Las Vegas, NV.....1961	82 Minneapolis, MN <i>Reno, NV</i>2000
8—Lexington, KY.....1926	44—St. Louis, MO.....1962	83 Orlando, FL2000
9—Denver, CO.....1927	45—Toronto, ON.....1963	84 Indianapolis, IN2000
10—Asheville, NC.....1928	46—Denver, CO.....1964	
11—Tulsa, OK.....1929	47—New Orleans, LA.....1965	
12—Erie, PA.....1930	48—Baltimore, MD.....1966	
13—Detroit, MI.....1931	49—Portland, OR.....1967	
14—San Francisco, CA.....1932	50—Louisville, KY.....1968	
15—Washington, DC.....1933	51—Miami Beach, FL.....1969	
16—Toronto, ON.....1934	52—Los Angeles, CA.....1970	
17—St. Louis, MO.....1935	53—Minneapolis, MN.....1971	
18—Fort Worth, TX.....1936	54—Montreal, QUE.....1972	
19—Cincinnati, OH.....1937	55—San Antonio, TX.....1973	
20—Los Angeles, CA.....1938	56—Atlanta, GA.....1974	
21—Richmond, VA.....1939	57—San Francisco, CA.....1975	
22—Kansas City, MO.....1940	58—Washington, DC.....1976	
23—Minneapolis, MN.....1941	59—Houston, TX.....1977	
24—Chicago, IL Wartime Conference.....1942	60—San Diego, CA.....1978	
25—Chicago, IL Wartime Conference.....1943	61—Kansas City, MO.....1979	
26—St. Louis, MO Wartime Conference.....1944	62—Toronto, ON.....1980	
27—Minneapolis, MN Wartime Conference.....1945	63—Orlando, FL.....1981	
28—Miami Beach, FL.....1946	64—St. Louis, MO.....1982	
29—Denver, CO.....1947	65—New Orleans, LA.....1983	
30—San Antonio, TX.....1948	66—Philadelphia, PA.....1984	
31—San Francisco, CA.....1949	67—Albuquerque, NM.....1985	
32—Atlantic City, NJ.....1950	68—Charlotte, NC.....1986	
33—Detroit, MI.....1951	69—Montreal, PQ.....1987	
34—Louisville, KY.....1952	70—Reno, NV1988	
35—Washington, DC.....1953	71—Indianapolis, IN1989	
36—Houston, TX.....1954	72—Seattle, WA.....1990	
	73—Nashville, TN.....1991	
	74—Anaheim, CA.....1992	
	75—Louisville, KY.....1993	

VIII. INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS AND THEIR THEMES

(Themes not used prior to 1970-71)

1970-71	Charles C. Campbell	Mission: Involvement
1971-72	Norman L. Shipley	Commitment to Action
1972-73	S. Phil McCardwell	Dedicated to Service
1973-74	Ronald E. Thompson	Challenge the Summit
1974-75	Ralph Glasscock	Desire-Dedication-Determination
1975-76	Patrick L. Grady	United We Serve
1976-77	Richard S. McAnany	Committed to Excellence
1977-78	Don L. Arnwine	Friend of Youth
1978-79	Dudley D. Williams	Friend of Youth
1979-80	James F. Creed, DVM	Lengthen Your Stride
1980-81	Lionel Grenier	Come With Me
1981-82	Seymour Silverman	Spirit of Service
1982-83	Donald E. Strub	PRIDE
1983-84	Donald J. Hand	RISE(Reason, Integrity, Strength, Enterprise)
1984-85	Ardyn J. Long	Promise Yourself
1985-86	James E. Attarian	Be A Star
1986-87	Lester R. Craft	Serve with Honor
1987-88	Kenneth G. Loach	Integrity-Growth-Service
1988-89	Fernand Rondeau	Wake Up Your Dreams
1989-90	Kenneth Monschein	Action
1990-91	Tate Thigpen	Light The Way
1991-92	Donald B. Mills	A United Spirit
1992-93	John R. Reel	CELEBRATE-Our Heritage-Our Future
1993-94	Charles R. Wiles	Soar With Optimism
1994-95	Jean Mercier	For A Better World
1995-96	J.C. Boone	EXCEL
1996-97	Cliff Katz	In Our Hands
1997-98	J.Wayne Smith	Renaissance
1998-99	James H. Hubbard	Celebrate 75 yrs.
1999-2000	Andre Dubois	Vision 2000
2000-2001	Bob Garner	Mission 2000-2001
2001-2002	Jerry Henderson	ATTITUDE
2002-2003	Bill Teague	Where Every Kid Counts

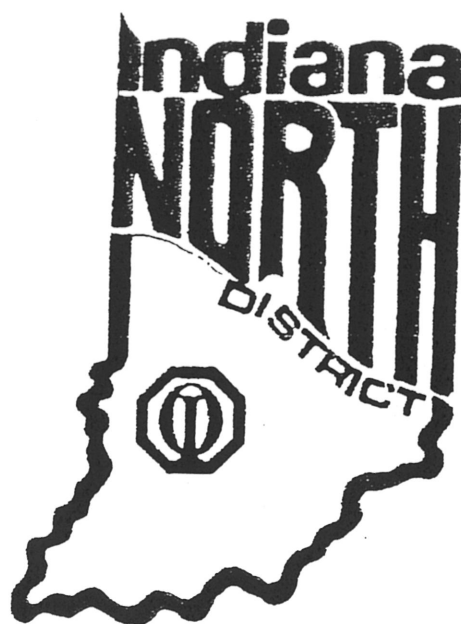
IX. A REVIEW OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAMS

- 1919 The first Optimist International Convention took place in Louisville, Kentucky.
- 1923 "Friend of Delinquent Boy" was adopted as motto.
- 1924 Motto revised to "Friend of the Boy."
- 1924 First Junior Optimist Clubs Chartered, (Middle School Students).
- 1928 The first International Oratorical Contest for boys.
- 1933 Optimist Week celebration begun, (Forerunner of Youth Appreciation Week).
- 1951 Achievement and Awards program begun.
- 1953 First International Bike Safety Week.
- 1954 Campaign against narcotics peddlers.
- 1957 First observance of Youth Appreciation Week.
- 1960 A campaign against pornography reaching school age children.
- 1963 Octagon Clubs for high school students were formed.
- 1964 The Stay In School Program is launched.
- 1965 Respect For Law Program is launched.
- 1967 Optimist Junior World Golf Program is formed.
- 1969 50 th Year Anniversary Celebration.
- 1969 Optimist International Foundation created.
- 1971 Optimist International Foundation started.
- 1971 Tri Star Sports Program began.
- 1972 L.I.F.E., Living Is For Everything Program focusing on environmental issues.
- 1972 AVOID Program is launched to combat syphilis and gonorrhea.
- 1973 Optimist motto changed to "Friend of Youth."
- 1978 Help Them Hear Program.
- 1983 First official International Essay Contests.
- 1984 Just Say No To Drugs Program.
- 1987 Women were accepted as members.
- 1988 Junior Optimist Octagon International (JOOI) was formed as the official Youth Clubs Organization.
- 1992 Optimist in Action Day unites volunteers in single day of community service.
- 1992 "Get Real" Program to fight the misuse of steroids.
- 1994 Alpha Clubs created for grades one through four and became the third part of JOOI.
- 1995 First ever Optimist Non-Violence Day held on May 6.
- 1995 New Safety on Wheels Program.
- 1996 Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, (CCDHH).
- 1996 "Always Buckle Children In The Back Seat" Program.
- 1997 Children's Cable Network
- 1998 Exemplifies Team Spirit
- 1999 Personal Involvement Growth For Kids
- 2000 Junior Bowling
- 2001 Attitude
- 2002 Childhood Cancer



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X. THE INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT

A. EARLY DEVELOPMENT

As dedicated members of the Optimist "Friend of Youth" organization, members often take very little time from busy schedules to concentrate on the heritage from Optimist International and the Indiana District. Writings and records from various departments of Optimist International and former Indiana District have been very helpful and meaningful.

The youth and community service provided by Optimist members are as true today as they were in 1911 at the development of the first Optimist club in Buffalo, New York. Optimist projects such as the Annual Oratorical Contest serve youth today as they did in the early development of Optimist International and the Indiana District. Youth and Community Service activities of past years were available to Indiana North District Optimist Clubs at the beginning of the 1986-87 Year. All club reporting of service and awards already was established. Policy and procedures were a continuation of the Indiana District from 1964-65 until 1986-87. The division of the Indiana District in the North and the South caused much concern that members would lose the close association as enjoyed in past years.

In the Preface Part B, it was stated that the Indiana District was a great district; however, the International Board of Directors decided that effective with 1986-87 administrative year there would be two districts in Indiana: the Indiana North District and the Indiana South District. The division was based on an International Policy regarding maximum membership prior to the division into two districts. In 1985-86, it was decided that a division of the Indiana District with 20 zones of 5,683 members could foster more growth in clubs, members and service to the youth and communities. Prior to establishing the dividing line, between two districts in the state of Indiana, studies were completed regarding number of clubs and location in the North and South.

Historian Marion Wilson from the Lawrence Optimist Club served as the first governor of the Indiana North District in the 1986-87 Optimist Year. John Harrington, past Secretary-Treasurer of the Indiana District from Gary, was elected Secretary-Treasurer and Ray Shaw from Bluffton became Governor-Elect.

The Indiana North District in 1986-87 consisted of ten zones with 66 clubs of 3,383 members. The number of clubs has fluctuated over the years and has required zone realignments to best serve the district. The division has been good for operational procedures since the districts are on a smaller scale than previously. The governor and lieutenant governors have better opportunity to visit zones, clubs and special Optimist programs and celebrations due to less travel time and expenses.

B. INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT

DISTRICT GOVERNORS AND THEMES

1986-87	Marion Wilson	WHY NOT?
1887-88	Ray A. Shaw	SOLD ON OPTIMISM
1988-89	Frank Erdosy	OF DREAMS & DEEDS
1989-90	Jules Elzey	GO FOR IT!
1990-91	Vern Skinner	GLOW WITH OPTIMISM
1991-92	Herb Horton	A UNITED SPIRIT
1992-93	Leland Lemaster	DARE TO DREAM
1993-94	Gary Addison	MAKE A DIFFERENCE
1994-95	John Taylor	OPTIMISTS ON THE MOVE
1995-96	Pam Hutton	EXCEL
1996-97	Randall Robinson	SHARE
1997-98	Bill Gloye	OPTIMIST PROJECTS
1998-99	Dr. Bill Conner	TEAMWORK
1999-00	Robert Hunt	I WANT YOU
2000-01	Mel Betts	REACH OUT
2001-02	Juanita Seward	ATTITUDE
2002-03	Edwin Finn	WHERE EVERY KID COUNTS

C. PAST GOVERNORS
INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT

1986-87 Marion C. Wilson Deceased	Indianapolis	2000-01 Melvin Betts (Rita) 402 Clinton Dr. Frankfort, IN 46041	Frankfort Noon Res. 765-654-4238 Bus: 765-654-8786
1987-88++Ray A. Shaw (Jeri) P.O. Box 231 Bluffton, IN 46714	Bluffton Res. 260-824-4778 Bus: 260-824-2116	2001-02 Juanita Sheward (David) 1274 S. CR 125 W New Castle, IN 47362	New Castle Bft. Res. 765-529-9463
1988-89++Frank Erdosy (Delane) 2512 NW B Street Richmond, IN 47374	Richmond Evening Res. 765-962-4900		
1989-90 Jules Elsay Deceased	Knightstown		
1990-91 Vern Skinner (Marilyn) 235 Pick Avenue Chesterfield, IN 46017	Chesterfield Res. 765-378-5393		
1991-92 Herb Horton (Maggie) 6544 Winona Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46236	Indy North Keystone Res. 317-823-4232		
1992-93 Leland LeMaster (Judy) 516 West Race St. Portland, IN 47371	Portland Evening Res. 260-729-5000 Bus: 260-726-7643		
1993-94+Gary Addison 2205 W. Concord Rd. Muncie, IN 47304-2125	Muncie Noon Res. 765-289-1964		
1994-95 John Taylor (Linda) 1734 E. 250 N. Bluffton, IN 46714	Bluffton Res. 260-824-5683		
1995-96+Pam Hutton 3025 Northside Blvd. South Bend, IN 46615	Elkhart Luncheon Res. 574-288-2525		
1996-97 Randy Robinson (Becky) 2307 W. Christy Lane Muncie, IN 47304	Muncie Noon Res. 765-284-4669 Bus: 765-778-1500		
1997-98 William A. Gloye (Phyllis Scott) P.O. Box 188 Fortville, IN 46040	Fortville Res. 317-485-7995 Bus: 317-485-6481		
1998-99 Dr. Bill Conner (Phyllis Rayer) 7400 N. Monmouth Rd. #25 Decatur, IN 46733	Decatur Res. 260-724-2497 Bus: 260-724-4147		
1999-00 Robert Hunt (Eleanore) 704 Columbus St. Wabash, IN 46992	Wabash Res. 260-563-6044		

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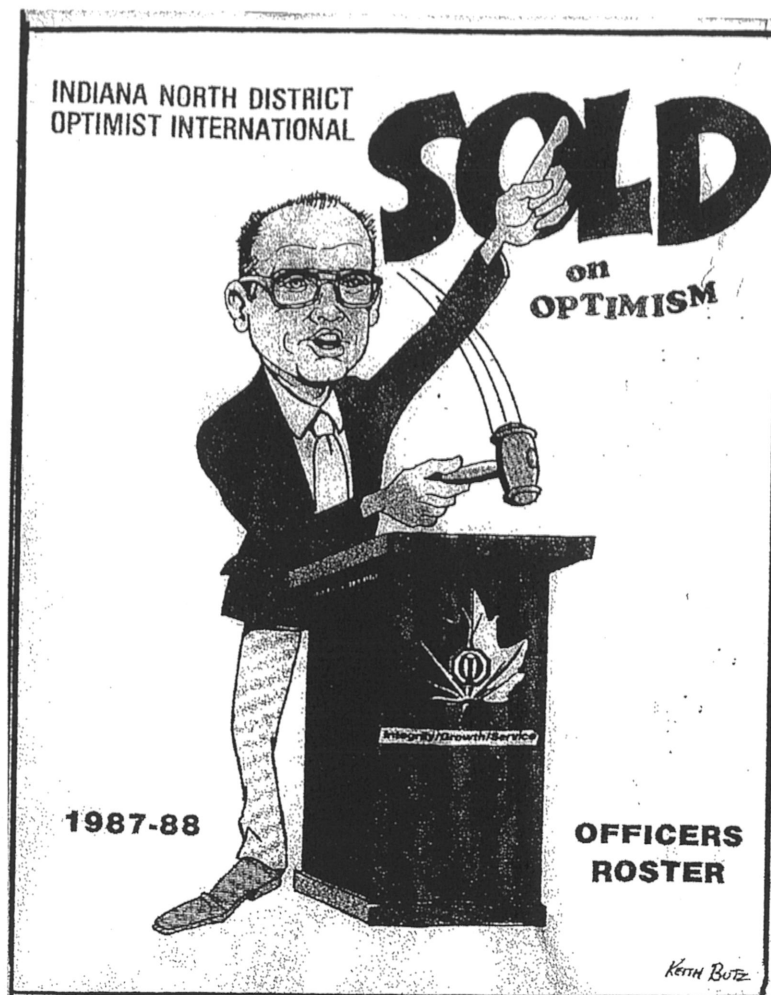
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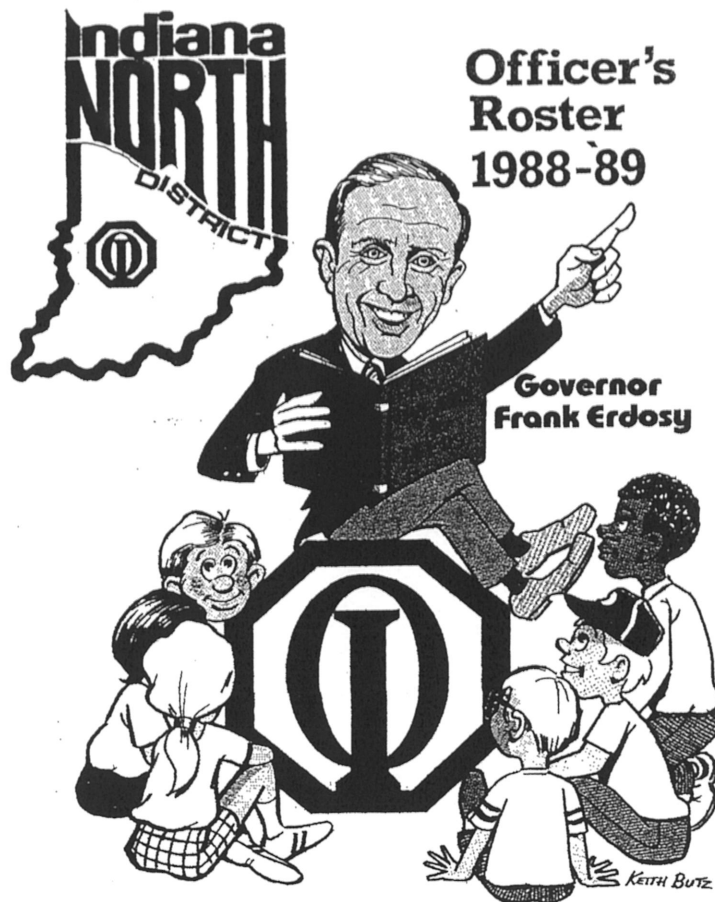
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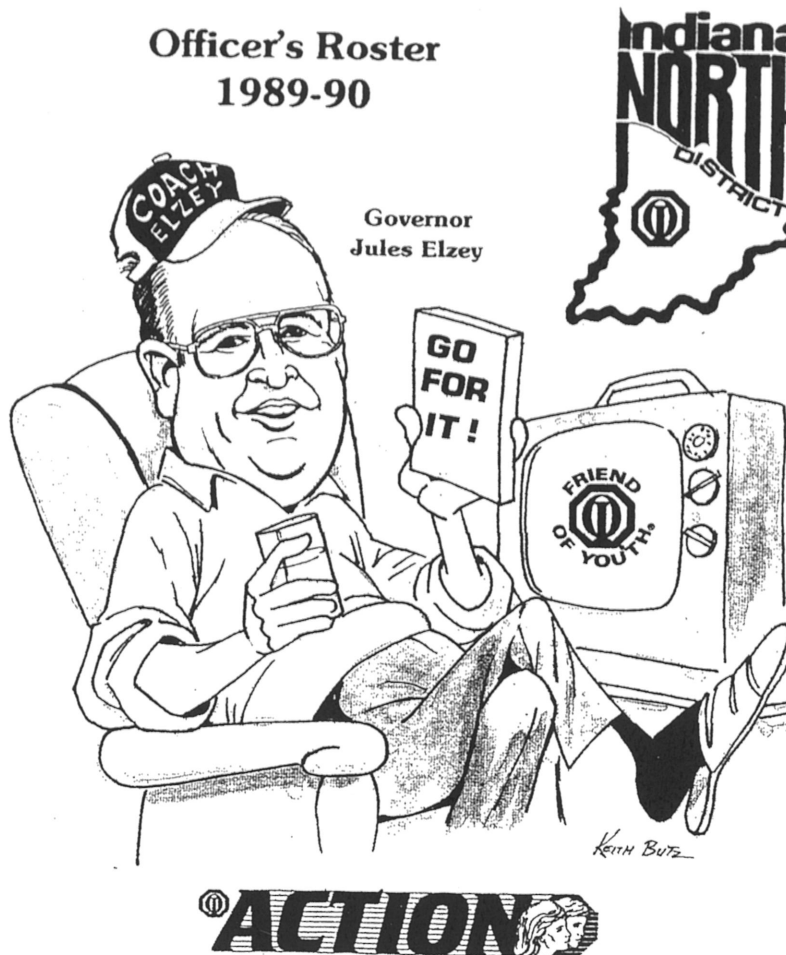
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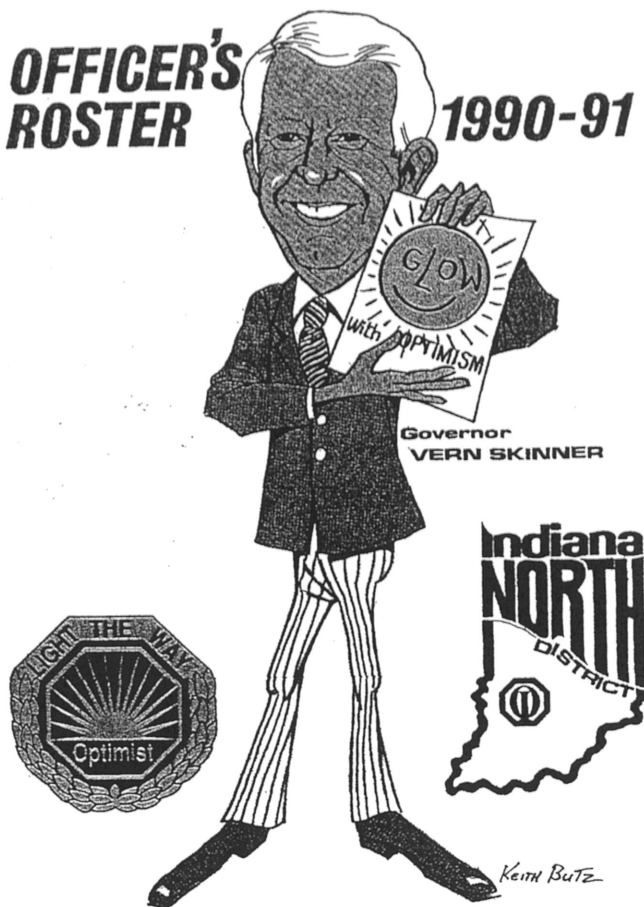
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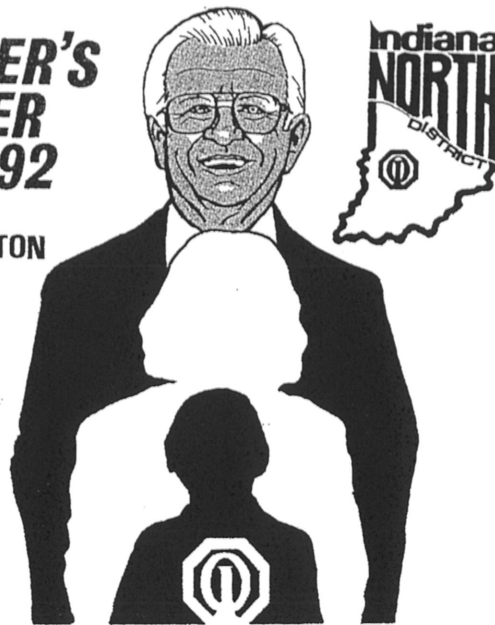
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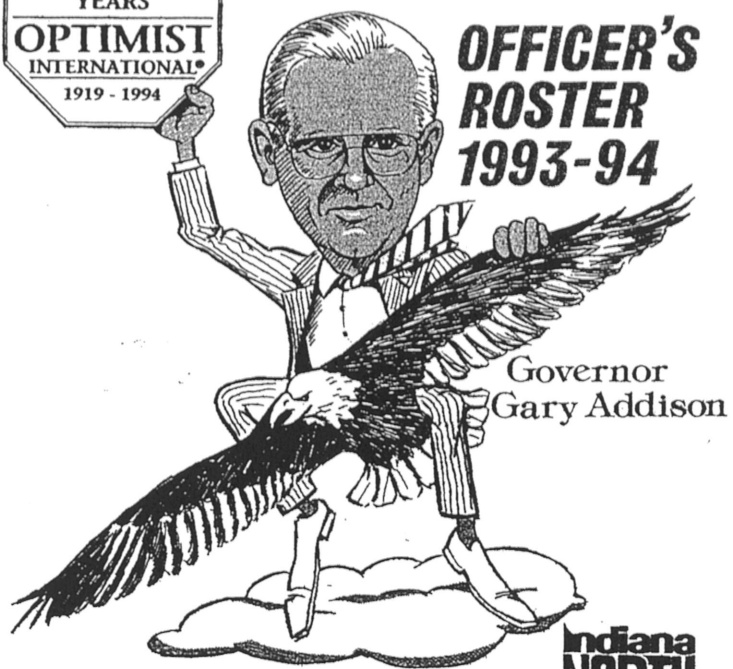
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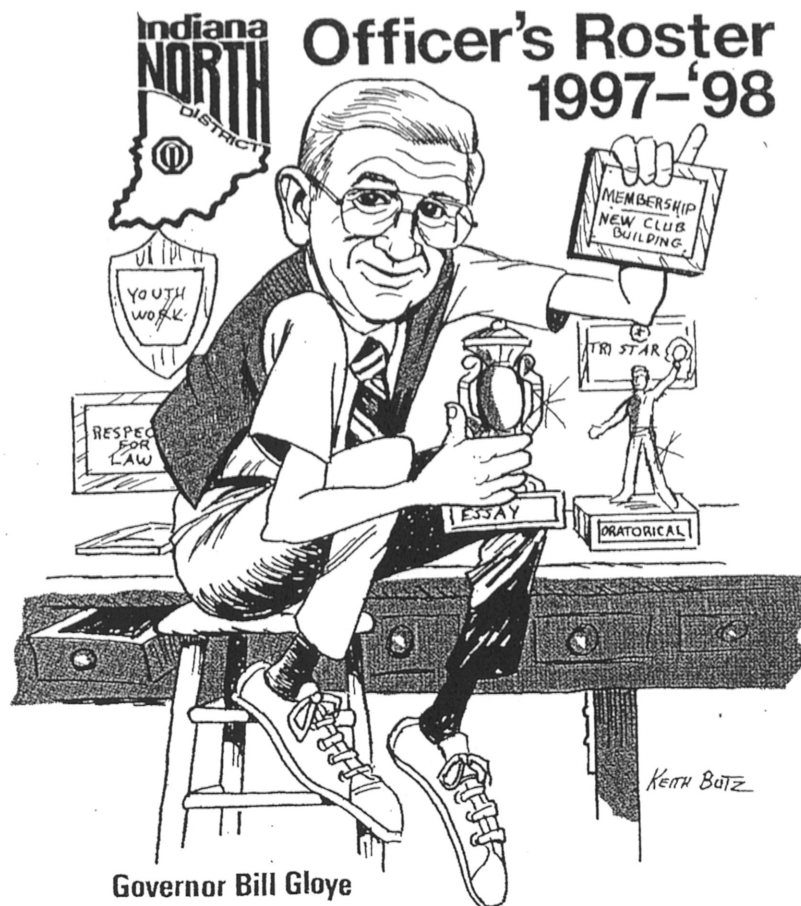
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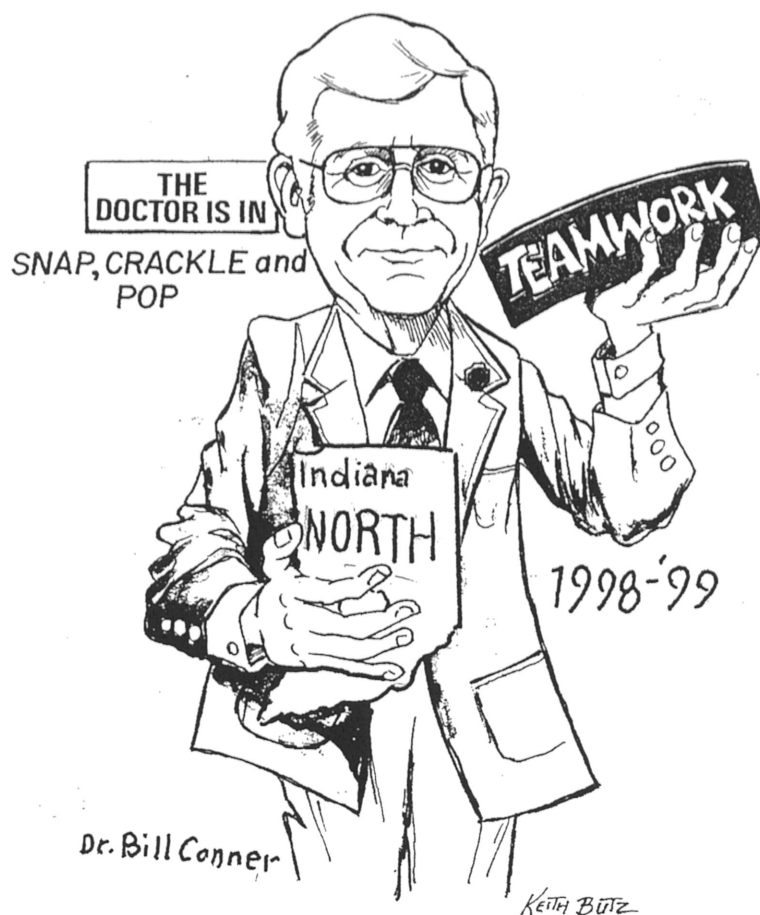
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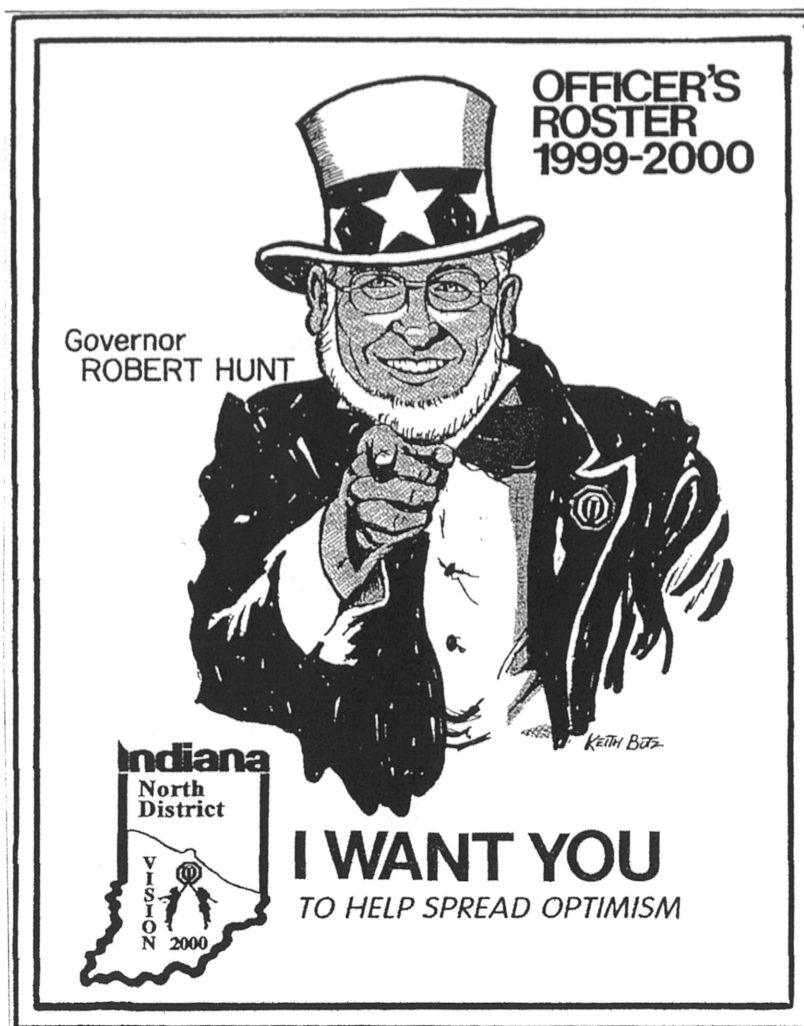
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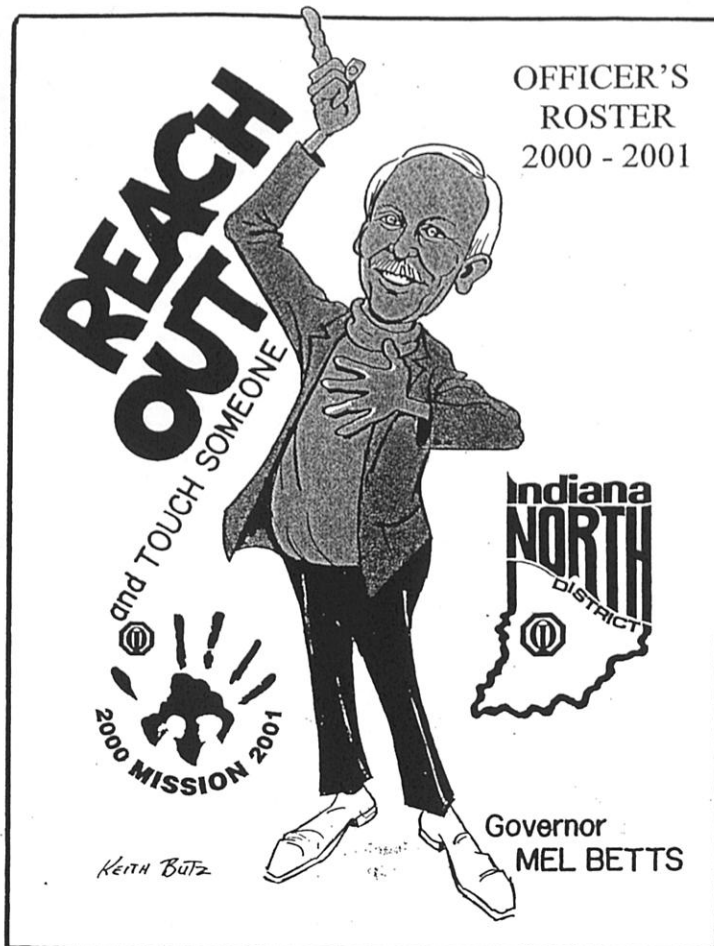
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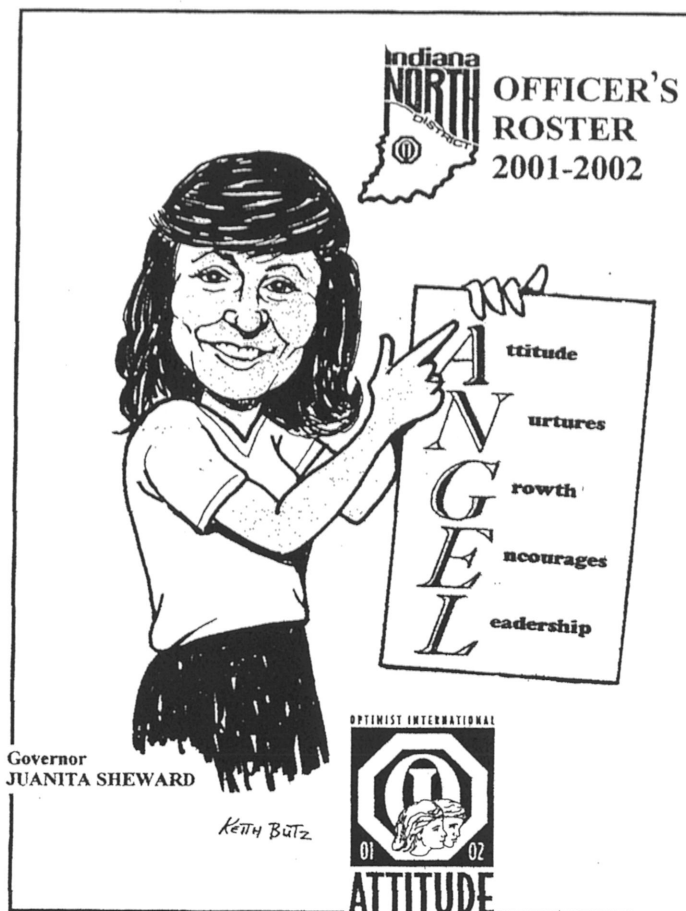
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SECRETARY-TREASURER

Donald E. Covalt

LT. GOVERNORS

Zone 1 - Bill Hanyzewski
Zone 2 - Kathy Dardis
Zone 3 - Bob Hunt
Zone 4 - Tena Trumbull
Zone 5 - Judy LeMaster
Zone 6 - Lu Whitaker
Zone 7 - Bill Gloye
Zone 8 - Rita Cole
Zone 9 - Lou Blattner
Zone 10 - Phil Wilhelm

E. OUTSTANDING LT. GOVERNORS-INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT

1986-87*	ROBERT ECK	INDIANAPOLIS-NORTH KEYSTONE
1987-88	JAMES R. FELIX	CHESTERFIELD
1988-89	WAYNE E. CONFER	CHESTERFIELD
1990-91	VERN VIERK	HAMMOND
1991-92	EVERETT HAMPTON	HAGERSTOWN
1993-94	ROGER PRESCOTT	PORTLAND EVENING
1994-95	JUANITA SHEWARD	NEW CASTLE BREAKFAST
1995-96	DAVE MELANDER	MISHAWAKA
1997-98	LELAND LEMASTER	PORTLAND EVENING
1997-98	FRIA KUROWSKI	MISHAWAKA
1998-99	JUANITA SHEWARD	NEW CASTLE BREAKFAST
1999-00	DENNY ANDREWS	WARSAW BREAKFAST

DISTINGUISHED LT. GOVERNORS-INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT

1987-88	JAMES FARKAS	OSCOLA
1987-88	LELAND LEMASTER	PORTLAND EVENING
1987-88	ROGER SHERER	CRAIGVILLE
1987-88	STAN WOLUCK	HAMMOND
1988-89	ROBERT HIEBER	ELKHART EVENING
1988-89	GERALD SELKING	DECATUR
1993-94	DON MONK	ELKHART EVENING
1993-94	OTHMAR SCHROEDER	ROCHESTER
1993-94	TOM STONE	ELWOOD
1995-96	ROBERT HUNT	WABASH
1995-96	MEL JACKSON	CHESTERFIELD
1995-96	RAY WHITE	NEW CASTLE EVENING
1999-00	KEITH BUTZ	LAFAYETTE BREAKFAST

DISTRICT SECRETARY-TREASURERS-INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT

1986-91*	JOHN HARRINGTON	GARY DUNES
1991-96	WAYNE E. CONFER	CHESTERFIELD
1996-00	MARTHA B. FRAZE	NEW CASTLE BREAKFAST
2000-	DONALD E. COVALT	MUNCIE NOON

* Deceased

F. DISTINGUISHED OPTIMIST

INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT

1986-87*	MAX BALL	ELKHART
1987-88*	RALPH RIDDLE	HAMMOND
1988-89*	BARRY ELZEY	KNIGHTSTOWN
1989-90*	LESTER L. BICKEL	PORTLAND EVE. & BFT.
1990-91	ROBERT RICHARDSON	RICHMOND EVENING
1991-92*	CECIL APPLEGET	LAWRENCE
1992-93	ARNOLD GOLD	CHESTERFIELD
1993-94*	JOHN HARRINGTON	GARY DUNES
1994-95	DON TOMLIN	INDIANAPOLIS EASTSIDE
1995-96	AUBREY ROGERS	MUNCIE NOON
1996-97	EVERETT HAMPTON	HAGERSTOWN
1997-98	GUIDO GEORGE	HAMMOND
1998-99	JAMES FELIX	CHESTERFIELD
2000-01	JUANITA SHEWARD	NEW CASTLE BREAKFAST
2001-02	DRU HALL	WEST JAY
2002-03	ROGER PRESCOTT	PORTLAND EVENING

DISTINGUISHED HUMANITARIANS

INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT

1986-87	WAYNE HAFFNER	PORTLAND BREAKFAST
1987-88	JIM MALLOY	MERRILLVILLE
1988-89	GARTH LEMASTER	PORTLAND BREAKFAST
1989-90	ROBERT L. FREEMYER	PORTLAND BREAKFAST
1990-91	ROBERT J. RIGG	RICHMOND EVENING
1991-92	LARRY HUNERYAGER	ELKHART EVENING
1992-93	ROGER PRESCOTT	PORTLAND EVENING
1993-94	PAM HUTTON	ELKHART LUNCHEON
1994-95	JOHN BENTLEY	ELKHART LUNCHEON
1995-96	EVERETT COLE	NEW CASTLE BREAKFAST
1996-97*	REV. HAROLD CLARK	CHESTERFIELD
1998-99	PHILLIP MONTEITH	ELKHART EVENING
2000-01	AUBREY ROGERS	MUNCIE NOON
2001-02	PHIL EHERENMAN	WARSAW BREAKFAST
2002-03	VELMA ROOK	PORTLAND EVENING

* Deceased

G. PAST GOVERNORS
OLD INDIANA DISTRICT

1941-42	RUSSELL R. HIRSCHMANN	
1948-49*	GEORGE O. BROWNE	
1949-50	PAUL E. MILLER	
1950-51*	GEORGE N. BEAMER	
1951-52	WILLIAM J. SHAKER	
1952-53*	GENE D. WORL	
1953-54	BUFORD H. BYERS	LAFAYETTE, IN
1954-55*	CARL C. CAMPBELL	
1955-56	WILLIAM E. LASWELL	
1956-57*	WILBER W. SMITH	
1957-58*	ELWOOD GLUECK	
1958-59*	JOHN OLVEY	OCALA, FL
1959-60*	GORDON S. THOMPSON	
1960-61	JAMES W. LEWIS	
1961-62*	DR. RAYMOND F. WILHELM	FT. WAYNE, IN
1962-63	CECIL C. FLOWERS	LAPEL, IN
1963-64	JAMES O. CAIN	MYERS BEACH, FL
1964-65	ALBERT C. MONTGOMERY	NEW CASTLE, IN
1965-66	PATRICK L. GRADY	INDIANAPOLIS, IN
1966-67	WILLIAM J. BIRD	
1967-68	HERBERT L. BUNCH	NEW CASTLE, IN
1968-69	JOHN C. FAIGH	
1969-70*	LOUIS E. MOSCHELL	
1970-71	WILLIS G. HAGEN	
1971-72	WILLIAM B. SCOTT	
1972-73*	CLARENCE O. EYER	
1973-74	CHARLES L. HOBARTY	
1974-75	N. EDWARD BAKER	
1975-76	DANIEL M. KISSEL	
1976-77*	PETER W. RISLEY	
1977-78	ROBERT A. SHARP	LAFAYETTE, IN
1978-79	JERRY L. MARTIN	
1979-80	DONALD L. POLLARD	VENICE, FL
1980-81	KENNETH L. BRAMMER	ANDERSON, IN
1981-82	JOHN REEL	PLAINFIELD, IN
1982-83	MARK J. MILES	
1983-84*	HOWARD A. LUEDTKE	
1984-85	JAMES P. CROWE	AVON, IN
1985-86	LEWIS F. GRAVIS	RALEIGH, NC

*Deceased

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INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT

I.

ZONE ALIGNMENT

ZONE 1

Hammond	04260
Merrillville-Southlake	04579

ZONE 2

Elkhart Breakfast	04050
Elkhart Evening	04195
Elkhart Luncheon	04180
Elkhart Noon	04170
Goshen	04585
Middlebury	04372
Mishawaka	04375

ZONE 3

Grant County	04586
Plymouth	04446
Rochester	04474
Wabash	04550
Warsaw Breakfast	04555
Warsaw Noon	04556

ZONE 4

Columbia City	04045
Ft. Wayne Downtown	04215
Ft. Wayne Northside	04220
Ft. Wayne Southside	04500
Ft. Wayne Time Corners	04521
Huntington	04275

ZONE 5

Albany	04587
Berne	04035
Bluffton	04020
Decatur	04155
Portland Breakfast	04444
Portland Evening	04430
Union City	04540
West Jay	04581

ZONE 6

Dayton	04153
Frankfort	04225
Lafayette Breakfast	04075
Lafayette Noon	04310

ZONE 7

Anderson Noon	04005
Chesterfield	04125
Elwood	04173
Fortville	04212
Lapel	04317
Muncie Noon	04390

ZONE 8

Brookville	04584
Connersville	04047
Knightstown	04303
Liberty	04325
Richmond Eastside	04167
Richmond Evening	04202
Richmond Noon	04450
Rushville	04087

ZONE 9

Hagerstown	04255
Middletown	04374
Mt. Summit/Blue River	04017
New Castle Breakfast	04085
New Castle Evening	04200
New Castle Noon	04400
South Henry	04483

ZONE 10

Greenfield	04248
Indianapolis Castleton	04116
Indianapolis Eastside	04166
Indianapolis N. Keystone	04420
Mount Comfort	04388
Zionsville	04570

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J. ZONE ALIGNMENT

1986-1987

ZONE 1		ZONE 6	
GARY DUNES	04160	ANDERSON BFT	04030
HAMMOND	04260	ANDERSON EVE	04185
HOBART-SOUTHLAKE	04240	ANDERSON NOON	04005
MERRILLVILLE	04365	CHESTERFIELD	04125
		ELWOOD	04173
ZONE 2		LAPEL	04317
BRISTOL	04095		
ELKHART BFT	04050	ZONE 7	
ELKHART EVE	04195	MT. SUMMIT	04017
ELKHART NOON	04170	MUNCIE BFT	04076
GOSHEN	04243	MUNCIE EVE	04392
MIDDLEBURY	04372	MUNCIE NOON	04390
MISHAWAKA	04375	NEW CASTLE BFT	04085
SOUTH BEND	04492	NEW CASTLE EVE	04200
	04480	NEW CASTLE NOON	04400
ZONE 3			
BREMEN	04093		
COLUMBIA CITY	04045	ZONE 8	
LAKES	04554	HAGERSTOWN	04255
NAPPANEE	04394	LIBERTY BFT	04325
NO. MANCHESTER	04348	PORTLAND	04444
PLYMOUTH	04446	RICHMOND EA. SIDE	04167
ROCHESTER	04474	RICHMOND EVE	04202
WABASH	04550	RICHMOND NOON	04450
WARSAW BFT	04555	UNION CITY	04540
WARSAW NOON	04556		
ZONE 4		ZONE 9	
AUBURN	04007	CONNORSVILLE	04047
BLUFFTON	04020	FORTVILLE	04212
DECATUR	04155	GREENFIELD	04248
FT. WAYNE DNTWN	04215	KNIGHTSTOWN	04303
FT. WAYNE SO. SIDE	04500	MT. COMFORT	04388
FT. WAYNE TIM. COR.	04521	PENDLETON	04426
HUNTINGTON	04275	RUSHVILLE	04087
NEW HAVEN	04405		
ZONE 5		ZONE 10	
BROOKSTON	04100	CARMEL	04115
DAYTON	04153	INDPLS. CASTLETON	04116
FRANKFORT	04225	INDPLS. EASTSIDE	04166
KOKOMO BFT	04071	INDPLS. NORTHEAST	04424
LAFAYETTE BFT	04075	INDPLS. N. KEYSTONE	04420
LAFAYETTE NOON	04310	LAWRENCELE	04320
LEBANON	04199	ZIONSVILLE	04570

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K. ZONE ALIGNMENT
1985-86

ZONE 01	ZONE 06	ZONE 11	ZONE 16
GARY-DUNES HAMMOND NORTH-SOUTHLAKE MERRILLVILLE MICHIGAN CITY	ANDERSON-Breakfast ANDERSON-Evening ANDERSON-Noon CHESTERFIELD ELWOOD LAPEL	INDY-Breakfast INDY-Irvington INDY-Northside INDY-Rippledale INDY-Twilight	COLUMBUS-Brkfst COLUMBUS- Noon GREENSBURG HOPE SHELBYVILLE
ZONE 02	ZONE 07	ZONE 12	ZONE 17
BRISTOL ELKHART-Breakfast ELKHART-Evening ELKHART-Noon GOSHEN MIDDLEBURY MISHAWAKA	Mt. Summit-Blue River MUNCIE-Breakfast MUNCIE-Evening MUNCIE-Noon NEW CASTLE Brkfst NEW CASTLE Evening NEW CASTLE Noon	INDY-Downtown INDY-"500" INDY-Monument Circle INDY-Southwest INDY-Westside	CHARLESTON HANOVER JEFFERSONV-Brk JEFFERSONV-Eve MADISON SCOTTSBURG
ZONE 03	ZONE 08	ZONE 13	ZONE 18
NAPPANEE NORTH MANCHESTER PLYMOUTH ROCHESTER WABASH WARSAW-Breakfast WARSAW-Noon	HAGERSTOWN LIBERTY PORTLAND RICHMOND-East Side RICHMOND-Evening RICHMOND-Noon UNION CITY	AVON DANVILLE INDY-Suburban West PLAINFIELD ROACHDALE	CLARKSVILLE CORYDON GEORGETOWN GREENVILLE NEW ALBANY
ZONE 04	ZONE 09	ZONE 14	ZONE 19
AUBURN-Breakfast BLUFFTON-Breakfast DECATUR-Breakfast Downtown FT. WAYNE FT. WAYNE Southside FT. WAYNE Time Corner HUNTINGTON	FORTVILLE GREENFIELD KNIGHTSTOWN MOUNT COMFORT PENDLETON RUSHVILLE-Breakfast	CENTER GROVE-Barg GREENWOOD-Evening INDY-Decatur INDY-Southside MARTINSVILLE MOORESVILLE	BEDFORD-Breakfast HUNTINGBURG JASPER SANTA CLAUS TELL CITY WASHINGTON
ZONE 05	ZONE 10	ZONE 15	ZONE 20
BROOKSTON DAYTON FRANKFORT-Noon KOKOMO-Breakfast LAFAYETTE-Breakfast LAFAYETTE-Noon LEBANON	CARMEL INDY-Castleton INDY-Eastside INDY-Northeast LAWRENCE NOBLESVILLE ZIONSVILLE	TERRE HAUTE-Brkfst TERRE HAUTE-S. Side TERRE HAUTE-Noon	EVANSVILLE-Brkfst EVANSVILLE-Dwntown EVANSVILLE-Eastside EVANSVILLE-Lakeview EVANSVILLE-Westside FORT BRANCH PRINCETON

L. INDIANA DISTRICT OPTIMIST CONVENTIONS

- 1970-71 Willis Hagan, Clarksville Marriott
- 1971-72 William Scott, Elkhart Holiday Inn
- 1972-73 Clarence Eyer, Merrillville Holiday Inn
- 1973-74 Charles Hoberty, Evansville Executive Inn
- 1974-75 Ed Baker, Merrillville Holiday Inn
- 1975-76 Daniel Kissel, Lafayette Hilton
- 1976-77 Pete Risley, Richmond
- 1977-78 Robert Sharp, Clarksville Marriott
- 1978-79 Jerry Martin, Indianapolis Marriott
- 1979-80 Donald Pollard, Merrillville Holiday Inn
- 1980-81 Kenneth L. Brammer, Evansville Executive Inn
- 1981-82 John Reel, Nashville Ramada Inn
- 1982-83 Mark Miles, Lafayette Sheraton
- 1983-84 Howard Luedtke, Clarksville Marriott
- 1984-85 James Crowe, Terre Haute Holiday Inn
- 1985-86 Lewis Gravis, Nashville Ramada Inn

INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT OPTIMIST CONVENTIONS

- 1986-87 Marion Wilson, Ft. Wayne Holiday Inn
- 1987-88 Ray Shaw, Anderson Sheraton
- 1988-89 Frank Erdosy, Merrillville Holiday Inn
- 1989-90 Jules Elzey, Elkhart Midway
- 1990-91 Vern Skinner, Indianapolis Sheraton East
- 1991-92 Herb Horton, Muncie, Roberts Hotel
- 1992-93 Leland LeMaster, Lafayette Howard Johnson
- 1993-94 Gary Addison, Ft. Wayne Marriott
- 1994-95 John Taylor, South Bend Holiday Inn Downtown
- 1995-96 Pamela Hutton, Indianapolis Ramada Inn East
- 1996-97 Randall Robinson, Bear Creek Farms Resort
- 1997-98 William Glove, Bear Creek Farms Resort
- 1998-99 Dr. William Conner, Goshen Inn
- 1999-00 Robert Hunt, Bear Creek Farms Resort
- 2000-01 Melvin Belis, Bear Creek Farms Resort
- 2001-02 Juanita Sheward, Warsaw Ramada
- 2002-03 Edwin Finn, Bear Creek Farms Resort

November 12, 2001

M. DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP HISTORY DATING FROM 1976/77 THRU 2000/01

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*Charter Members are included in TOTAL ADDS

	BEGIN TOTAL	CHR	PERCENT	TOTAL	PERCENT	ENDING	
	<u>MBSHP</u>	<u>ADD*</u>	<u>MBSR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>ADD*</u>	<u>MBSHP</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
05 INDIANA	5901	793	71	13.44	1011	5683	76/77
05 INDIANA	5683	1189	158	20.92	986	5886	77/78
05 INDIANA	5886	782	63	13.29	921	5747	78/79
05 INDIANA	5747	989	196	17.21	941	5795	79/80
05 INDIANA	5795	915	133	15.79	1006	5704	80/81
05 INDIANA	5704	1105	257	19.37	830	5979	81/82
05 INDIANA	5979	793	121	13.26	1042	5730	82/83
05 INDIANA	5703	876	85	15.36	813	5766	83/84
05 INDIANA	5766	829	122	14.38	912	5683	84/85
04 INDIANA	5683	1124	352	19.78	755	6052	85/86
04 INDIANA NORTH	3432	552	118	16.08	601	3383	86/87
04 INDIANA NORTH	3383	845	252	24.98	545	3683	87/88
04 INDIANA NORTH	3656	774	190	21.17	545	3885	88/89
04 INDIANA NORTH	3885	529	85	13.62	848	3566	89/90
04 INDIANA NORTH	3543	486	26	13.72	452	3583	90/91
04 INDIANA NORTH	3518	435	25	12.36	622	3389	91/92
04 INDIANA NORTH	3389	471	70	13.90	494	3317	92/93
04 INDIANA NORTH	3296	741	109	22.48	430	3607	93/94
04 INDIANA NORTH	3570	392	81	10.98	595	3367	94/95
04 INDIANA NORTH	3299	549	137	16.64	382	3466	95/96
04 INDIANA NORTH	3477	345	25	9.92	667	3155	96/97
04 INDIANA NORTH	3155	384	70	12.17	490	3049	97/98
04 INDIANA NORTH	3055	284	21	9.30	537	2803	98/99
04 INDIANA NORTH	2820	426	62	15.11	406	2838	99/00
04 INDIANA NORTH	2840	263	0	9.26	471	2632	00/01

INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT-OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

N. COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

ACHIEVEMENT/AWARDS - Promotes Honor and Distinguished Clubs, receives Club Achievement reports and maintains status of all clubs in the District. Compiles the information for recognition at the District awards ceremony.

ACTIVITIES – Promotes participation in all youth and community serving activities and is responsible for the Community Project Award (CPA) competition. Promotes club achievement of awards for International Friend of Youth, Community Service Involvement and Partner in Education.

ARRANGEMENTS -DISTRICT CONVENTION – Plans all arrangements, programs, entertainment, promotion, convention budgets, financing and fees. Arranges lodging, meals and facilitates for the District Board meeting.

BULLETIN EDITOR – publishes the District bulletin, promotes club bulletins, publicizes District meetings and visitations by the District Governor and Optimist International dignitaries and judges the District bulletin contest.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS – screens and approves all candidates for District office. Approves all nominations for Lt. Governor and Governor-Elect. Has charge of all District elections.

CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN – Responsible for encouraging clubs to become involved in providing services and assistance to children with cancer, their families and their caregivers. Promote a District-wide fund raising effort for cancer research and to develop or help support a Childhood Cancer camp within the District.

CREDENTIALS – Determines voting eligibility of clubs for all District elections and distributes ballots to proper voting delegates.

CLUB SERVICES – Promotes strong club administration, long-term follow-up for new clubs, and assists Optimist clubs needing administrative assistance.

DISTRICT ARTIST – Designs new District logo and roster cover.

ESSAY CONTEST – CLUB SCRAPBOOKS – Promotes club essay contests and conducts the District Essay contest. Receives all entries to the District scrapbook competition. Appoints the committee to judge scrapbook entries and properly displays the winning entry for viewing by the general membership.

FINANCE- Prepares proposed annual District budget, ensures adherence to fiscal policies, and exercises supervisory care of District financial transactions.

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL – Active Past Governors not currently serving as a district officer, chairperson or committee person and having the responsibility as official greeters at District Meeting and mentors to “first timers” at those meetings. Also serve as an advisory resource for the current District team.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - Promotes attendance and involvement at the Optimist International Convention.

LEADESHIP DEVELOPMENT- responsible for training club, zone and District leaders in areas of growth, administration and motivation at zone, District and convention meetings.

MEMBERSHIP- Responsible for implementing a club membership retention program, and developing and executing a vigorous new member campaign. Gives administrative assistance to clubs as they work to achieve their membership goals.

NEW CLUB BUILDING - Responsible for implementing the International New Club Building program. Directly assists the Lt. Governors and clubs in meeting their new club building goals.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION - Promotes support of the Foundation by updating members on its purpose and achievements. Seeks donations, collects all funds, and gives receipts upon request.

ORATORICAL CONTEST - Promotes and supervises club, zone, regional, and District oratorical contests. Promotes and supervises club, zone, regional, and District CCDHH contests.

RESPECT FOR LAW – Promotes and coordinates attendance of youth campers to the Indiana State Police camps sponsored by Optimist clubs of the Indiana North District.

YOUTH CLUBS – Responsible for implementing the International Junior Optimist and Octagon Club building programs. Plans and conducts a youth District conference.

YOUTH SPORTS – Promotes participation in and gives administrative assistance to clubs in sponsoring the International Tri Star Basketball, Tri Star Baseball and Tri Star Football/Soccer programs. Conducts the District Tri Star basketball, baseball and football/soccer competitions.

O . . WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED OPTIMISM?

There have been many definitions of optimism by wise and articulate men and women. In its essence, though, optimism is that inherent and unquenchable faith within a person that leaves no room for doubt about the future. True optimism demands an eager willingness to work hard and effectively toward an ultimate goal. Optimism means a way of life in every personal endeavor during a lifetime. One with an optimistic view of life situations is most likely one who gains much self satisfaction from every day living.

One will not find on record in which a man, woman or a nation advanced socially, culturally, politically, economically, morally or scientifically, without the vital ingredient of optimism. There is great self satisfaction in knowing that one's optimism has benefited others. The attitude of optimism can be extended to family and friends as well as to youth. The "lighting up a life attitude" in youth when youth are awarded a personal compliment, certificate of appreciation, plaque or award brings much self satisfaction. Optimism not only brings character to youth but it brings additional personal drive to adults.

The Optimist organization provides the opportunity for men and women above the age of eighteen to become members of an Optimist Club and develop optimism as a way of life through participation in youth and community service activities. Optimist members with an attitude of service and optimism make a better and more enjoyable life for themselves, their families and friends.



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The Optimist Creed



Promise Yourself—

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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With this History of the Indiana North District of Optimist International as the forerunner, each club secretary or historian should develop his/her own club history. Suggestions are valuable organized club records of Charter President and Secretary-Treasurer; Past Presidents, Secretary-Treasurers, other Officers, and Optimists of the Years. Also, a record of youth and community service programs, awardees, celebrations and fun times would provide valuable historical information for the present and future club members.

Kenneth L. Brammer
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