



The Indiana North District



OPTIMIST

OPTIMIST YEAR FOCUS
MARK WEINSCOFF
PRESIDENT OI 2020-2021

Activities This Month

Our Optimist International Convention is in the planning stage.

We will be meeting in Atlanta on Tuesday June 29 through July 3rd. Here is the link to register: (copy & past)

<https://www.optimist.org/reg/?e=CONV&m=2021>

A draft of the agenda is on page 3-4.

Please note: IF we must meet via ZOOM, all fees & hotel reservations are fully refundable.

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Second Quarter Focus

International Day of Happiness (March 20-21)

Third Quarter Focus

Rally your friends and make an Optimistic difference in our communities

Fourth Quarter Focus

We are successful...Nothing is Impossible

Why should I go to the Atlanta Convention?

- ◊ Sharing ideas with other Optimists
- ◊ Interaction with Optimists from all over the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean, and maybe other countries.
- ◊ See old Friends
- ◊ Workshops
- ◊ A new city to visit
- ◊ Sight seeing
- ◊ Motivational Speakers
- ◊ Leadership training
- ◊ FUN-FUN-FUN



SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 29-JULY 3

Sharing My Heart by Gov. Becky

Sharing my Heart Gov Becky

Health and wellness. Heart healthy. Covid-19. Our culture is filled with thoughts of wellness, of being in good health now more than ever. We are inundated with staying well. Protecting ourselves as well as those around us. Masks. Vaccines.

What is health? Is it simply being disease-free? Do we need to be concerned about little things (our fingers, toes, skin) or focus only the major items (heart, lungs, kidneys, liver)?

Huge questions, right? We care after our bodies because we want them to last! To be strong, to be vibrant, to be free of dis-ease. That is correct. Hyphenate that word; it will help define it. To be healthy is more about being At Ease. What about the status of our Clubs? What is a 'healthy' Club and why should we be concerned about that? Of all times! In the middle of a pandemic! Because: We Want Them To Last. We want them to be strong, to be vibrant, and yes, to be At Ease.

Let's relate our Clubs to our bodies in another sense. If you care only for the major parts of the body, you may keep it alive, but will it be At Ease? If you ignore that ingrown toenail can you easily swagger down the sidewalk and enjoy nature? Surely not. You would be favoring that foot and cursing the tight shoes. What about when there is a disconnect between your brain and your hand? Can you safely hold that hot cup of coffee? Ouch!

The same will hold true if you do not stay connected with the members of your Club. If there is a sore spot that is repeatedly ignored, infection may set in and members 'amputated'.

We have in place a checklist for Club Health, it is called the Honor Club Tracking Form. The items on that list are good indicators, pointers if you will, of a Healthy Club. What are they?

- 3 service projects during the year – EXER-

CISE!!

- Conduct a NOW (New Optimists Welcome!) program – NUTRITION!!
- Grow your Club (Net +3) – GROWTH!!
- Appoint a CFR (Club Foundation Representative) and make a \$100 unrestricted donation to OI Foundation – GIVE BACK TO THE PARENTS!!
- Be current on Dues – FINANCIAL STABILITY!!
- Recognize a Club Member or Community Member – PATS ON BACKS!!
- Two reports by due dates: Club Officer and Club Pride – CONNECTIONS!!
- Attend District gatherings/Convention (Club Pres or appointees) – INVOLVEMENT with the Larger Body!!
- Officers complete training on the Learning Management System (LMS) – LEADERSHIP and CONTINUITY!!
- Send copies of the Honor Tracking Form to your Lt Gov and Club Fitness Chair – WELLNESS CHECKS!!



When we provide excellent nutrition, exercise, make growth possible, and stay involved in the larger picture, we have our best chances at being healthy, at being At Ease.

Covid has certainly done a number on us and on our organization.

BUT: We Are Optimists! We see Opportunities, not roadblocks. We think Outside the Box and don't let challenges Box Us In.

NOW is the time to share our Optimism with the communities around us. To show the world another way to see life. To bring joy to the children and healing to our communities.

Let's grow our Clubs! Let's share our Hearts! And let us all be At Ease.

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<https://www.optimist.org/member/membership4.cfm>)

Club Happenings

From: **Beth**
Baasia <wbalasia@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Jan 21, 2021

Subject: help needed



We're going to draw the winning ticket for the quilt raffle on March 1st. We haven't made our goal, so I'm asking if we can ask the other clubs in the area to buy/sell some raffle. We have only sold \$350 WORTH OF TICKETS.

Any help will greatly be appreciated

Bill Balasia

Downtown Fort Wayne Optimist

This year we are going out for new members. \$350 won't go very far. Just call me at (608) 897-6134 or email at wbalasia@gmail.com.

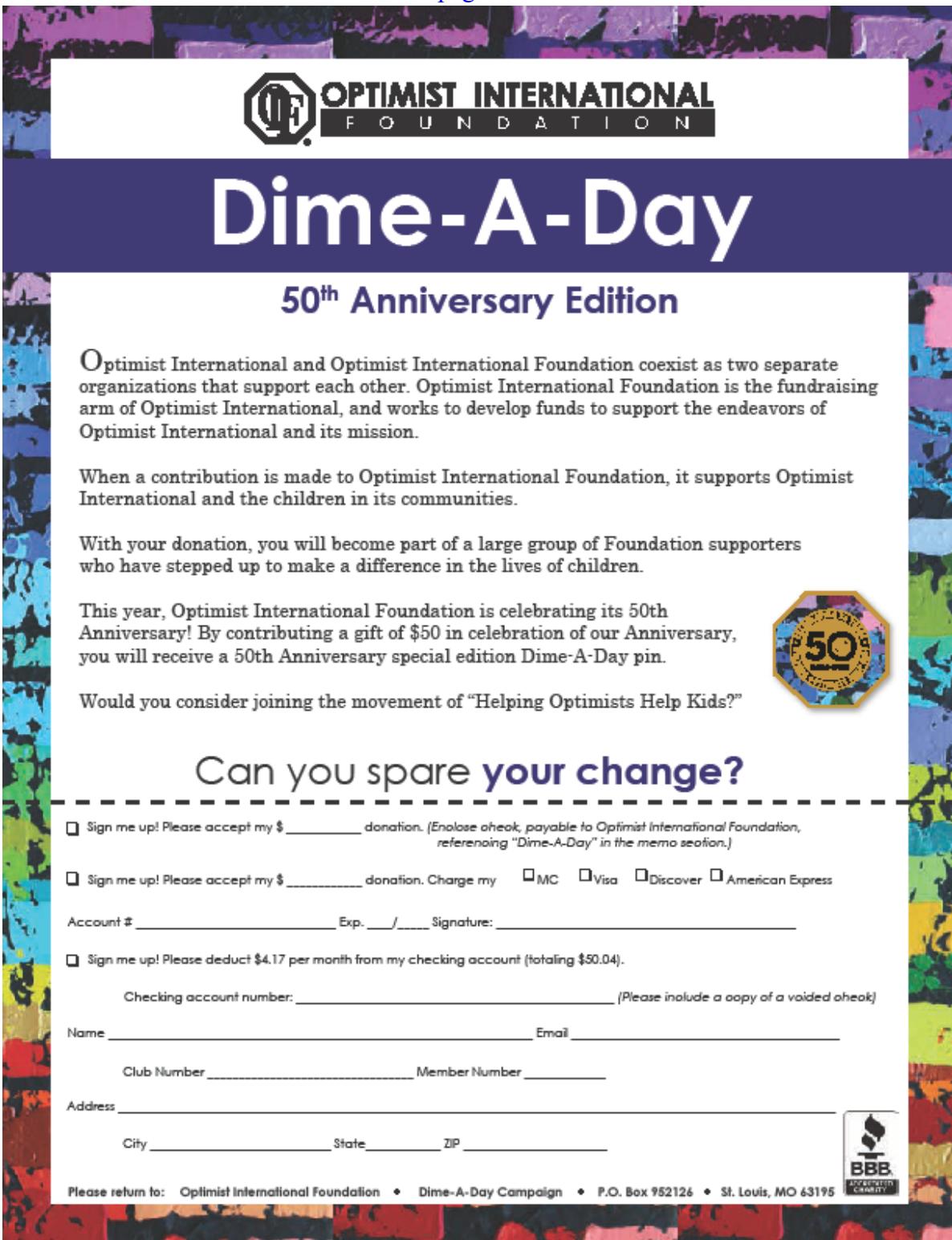
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Two Optimist Foundation Fund Raisers

- This beautiful pin is an absolutely gorgeous keepsake
- *Optimist Foundation on line auction. The District has obligated Indiana North to provide a "Gift Card" Tree. Members and Clubs can send gift cards to Indiana North District Foundation Chair:

Ailesia Franklin, DFR, Indiana North District,
c/o 6621 E. Piccadilly Rd
Muncie, IN 47303

* See page 9 for more details



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Dime-A-Day

50th Anniversary Edition

Optimist International and Optimist International Foundation coexist as two separate organizations that support each other. Optimist International Foundation is the fundraising arm of Optimist International, and works to develop funds to support the endeavors of Optimist International and its mission.

When a contribution is made to Optimist International Foundation, it supports Optimist International and the children in its communities.

With your donation, you will become part of a large group of Foundation supporters who have stepped up to make a difference in the lives of children.

This year, Optimist International Foundation is celebrating its 50th Anniversary! By contributing a gift of \$50 in celebration of our Anniversary, you will receive a 50th Anniversary special edition Dime-A-Day pin.

Would you consider joining the movement of "Helping Optimists Help Kids?"



Can you spare your change?

Sign me up! Please accept my \$ _____ donation. (Enclose a check, payable to Optimist International Foundation, referencing "Dime-A-Day" in the memo section.)

Sign me up! Please accept my \$ _____ donation. Charge my MC Visa Discover American Express

Account # _____ Exp. ____/____ Signature: _____

Sign me up! Please deduct \$4.17 per month from my checking account (totaling \$50.04).

Checking account number: _____ (Please include a copy of a voided check)

Name _____ Email _____

Club Number _____ Member Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Please return to: Optimist International Foundation • Dime-A-Day Campaign • P.O. Box 952126 • St. Louis, MO 63195



This Form can be downloaded from the Optimist International web site. It can also be filled out on line.

103rd Optimist International Convention Agenda (DRAFT)

Atlanta, Georgia * Tuesday, June 29 – July 3, 2021



Monday, June 28

Club Trainer Class
OI Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 29

Convention Volunteer Training-contact convention@optimist.org if you would like to help! Setup Community Involvement Expo including credentials and registration

~ Club Project Displays 2:00-6:30pm

Vice Presidents-Elect and Governors-Elect Teambuilding

District Trainer Class

US District Foundation Rep Training

Free time activity options will be available

Sergeants / Convention Committee Meeting

~ If you are interested in being a sergeant contact convention@optimist.org

First Timers Orientation

Ribbon Cutting

Optimist International Foundation VIP Area in the Expo

Expo Opening (Registration, Credentials, and Foundation Kiosk Open)

Wednesday, June 30

Community Involvement Expo: Registration; Credentials; Foundation Kiosk

Vice Presidents / Governors Training

Free time activity options will be available

District Chair Training (current, incoming and future)

~ Activities ~ Club Fitness ~ Membership

~ New Club Building ~ Leadership Development ~ Marketing

Vice Presidents, Governors and District Chair Teambuilding

VPs-Elect; GOVs-Elect; District Chairs Designate; Club Presidents, Club Secretary-Treasurer, District Secretary-Treasurer, and Lt. GOVs Designate Training

Free time activity options will be available

Workshops Foundations William H Harrison Society Recognition Dinner (by invitation)

Opening Ceremony

*Updates to the above schedule visit www.optimist.org/convention

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Atlanta, Georgia * Tuesday, June 29 – July 3, 2021

Thursday, July 1

Town Hall
 Community Involvement Expo: Registration; Foundation Kiosk
 Workshops
 Credentials Desk
 1st Business Session including keynote speaker
 District Dinners
 Trivia Night (purchase ticket in advance)



Friday, July 2

Community Involvement Expo; Registration; Foundation Kiosk
 Heritage of Optimism Brunch (purchase ticket in advance)
 ~ Celebrate the Optimist Family and Fun while honoring Optimist International's Past International Presidents and their VIPs (Very Important Partners).
 Credentials Desk
 2nd Business Session
 Foundations President's Club Members Reception (by invitation)
 JOI President's Banquet (fyi)
 Baseball Outing: BRAVES VS MARLINS (TIME TBD) (purchase ticket in advance)

Saturday, July 3

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS (purchase ticket in advance)
 ~ All Current, Incoming, and future Club Presidents & Lt. Governors are welcome!
 ~ Hosted by President Mark Weinsoff and President Designate Patsy Garner
 Credentials Desk
 3rd / Closing Business Session
 2022-2023 Vice Presidents Orientation
 Reception: Pre-President's Celebration
 President's Celebration (purchase ticket in advance)
 ~ Join President Mark Weinsoff and First Lady Connie and celebrate!

Sunday, July 4

Stay an extra day or two and enjoy ATLANTA!

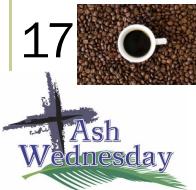
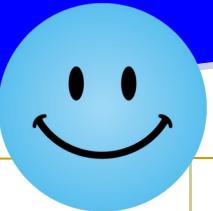
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District Events



February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Many Optimist Coffee Café Opportunities Check OI Website for times. 	1	2 	3 	4 Optimist Day	5	6
7	8	9	10 	11	12 	13
14 	15 	16	17 	18	19	20 
21	22	23	24 	25	26	27 
28	<p>Optimist day is the day that we all wear Optimist Logo gear.</p> 					<p>This Session will be a tech talk for the <i>WAVE accounting system</i>.</p>

TWO NEW YOUTH CONTESTS

COMING FROM OPTIMIST

INTERNATIONAL FOR ALL CLUBS



Music - Either voice or instrumental

and



The spoken word

This is so new that OI does not have all the details worked out yet. Here is what we know so far (and this is subject to change).

- The musical part can be either instrumental or singing.
- Age requirements: must be at least 11 and under 19 years of age as of Oct. 1st and still be in school.
- The topic for both is to be: “Choose Happiness”.
- Any performance must be original material or in the public domain.
- Students will make a 3-minute video.
- Submission to OI is open from February 5th to March 5th. (I’m not sure how or where this is to be done yet.)
- This will be two separate contests.
- The winners will be chosen by all Optimists voting online between March 10 through March 15, 2021
- OI will award a \$250 first prize, \$150 second prize, and a \$100 third prize for each contest. Clubs are free to give prizes locally.
- Search www.optimists.org for more information. There is a power point there that was submitted by Sandy Doyle under “Happiness Day”.

CLUB OFFICERS:

If you need help getting on LMS please contact:

Sandy Rogers (skbpuzzles@yahoo.com)

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or

Chris Whitehead (crw1@protonmail.com)

Check out the District Website!

<https://indiananorthdistrict.org/>

**BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN YOUTH, OUR COMMUNITIES, AND
OURSELVES**



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**INDIANA
NORTH
DISTRICT
OPTIMISTS**

Optimist International Foundation Auction

Ailesia Franklin

January 26,
2021

Hello Club Foundation Representatives and Club Members,

One of the unique and exciting efforts this year by the OI Foundation will be a special online auction in February 2021. Per Craig Boring, this is a chance to raise significant funds, while having fun. This online auction will support the many programs that OIF assist Optimist International with to help communities and kids.

At our 2nd Quarter District Meeting I relayed information about this auction during our Zoom meeting. Indiana North District would like to give a "Gift Tree" with gift cards to various stores, restaurants, fuel, etc. attached to be auctioned off. Thus far I have not received any gift cards for the tree. Please check with your clubs and let me know if you will be sending funds to purchase a card or two, or sending cards if participating. The deadline for us to submit our auction item details to OIF is February 1st, which is fast approaching.

I apologize for the delay in contacting all of you, I have been dealing with some health issues. I would greatly appreciate your assistance in pulling this together. The address to send the cards to is:

Ailesia Franklin, DFR
Indiana North District
c/o 6621 E. Piccadilly Rd.
Muncie, IN 47303

Please respond back to this email by January 30th. if your club plans on participating. If your club wishes to just make a donation to the District to purchase the gift cards, let me know and we will arrange for that. If your club decides to send cards, please email me the details so I can plan the arrangement of the tree.

Thank you again for your understanding and assistance,

Optimistically yours,
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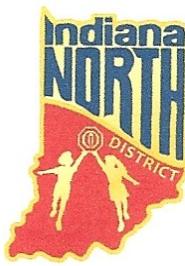
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The Friend of Youth**

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**Every Day is an Optimist Day
Supporting the Youth of Our Community**



Optimist Mission

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.

Optimist Vision

Optimist International will be recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps them develop to their full potential.

“Like us” on Face Book

*“I am an optimist.
It does not seem to
much use being
anything else”*

—Winston Churchill

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 to 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.

Optimism is positive thinking lighted up.
Norman Vincent Peale