



**SPECIAL
POINTS
OF INTEREST**

Activities This Month

Our 2nd Qtr. Meeting will be another ZOOM meeting on January 15th & 16th. The Executive meeting is on Friday at 7 pm. The district meeting starts at 8:30am Saturday. See pg. 4 for details.

Preparation for our Essay and Oratorical Contests should be well underway. Schools and other interested groups should have been notified by now.. All of this information is available on the OI Website:

<https://www.optimist.org/ember/scholarships1.cfm>

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The Indiana North District



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**OPTIMIST YEAR FOCUS
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Second Quarter Focus

International Day of Happiness (March 20-21)

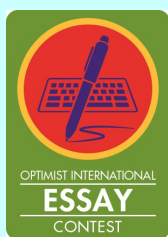
Third Quarter Focus

Rally your friends and make an Optimistic difference in our communities

Fourth Quarter Focus

We are successful...Nothing is Impossible

Scholarship Contests



It is that time of the year again to promote our Scholarship Contests.

The Essay Contest must be completed and into the District Chair no later than February 28th.

The theme for the Essay Contest is:

"Reaching your Dreams by

The Oratorical Contest must be completed by late March.

The Oratorical Theme this year is:

"Healing the World with Optimism"



LET'S LIVE OUR CREED EVERY DAY!

Sharing My Heart by Gov. Becky

Sharing my Heart
Gov Becky
January 2021

We are at the start of a New Year and many make new goals. Cultivating or improving skills in leadership is one such possibility. What are the qualities to which we should aspire to be a good leader? How do we guide the group we are involved with in order to reach goals, to strive toward a vision for the future? Growing up in 4-H and FFA, I had many opportunities to study and then practice leadership skills at both the local and district levels that fostered active participation throughout life. As an adult, I have served in leadership roles in diverse groups ranging from college, church elder, college ministry board, parenting and homeschooling groups, community activism and local/district Optimist organizations. All these experiences molded and shaped me as I assimilated valuable attributes of leadership. While many qualities assist in leading a group, here are five basic elements of leadership that I believe should be cultivated.

A leader of substance will have a vision and goals to impart to their community. It is important that a leader provides direction, sets priorities, and motivates others to reach a common goal. A strong leader inspires others to see their vision, guides, leads by example, and does so with integrity and sincerity. A group, be it an Optimist Club, a church elder board, a family, or a corporation needs a leader that 'keeps the flock together' by providing a roadmap and a destination.

A good leader will have strong communication skills, be proactive in problem solving, and will be looking ahead, being aware of how things are working within the community they serve. By having skill in communication, a leader is better able to impart their ideas, their vision, their direction, and will be better able to motivate others. Poor commu-

nication skills foster confusion.

A strong leader is a servant to those they lead. By being willing to work hard, putting other's interests above their own, even doing the less pleasant tasks, a servant-minded leader draws others to himself and in doing so, inspires a passion for serving.

A good leader endeavors to build relationships. By practicing kindness, giving encouragement, lending a helping hand, offering sincere gratitude, and listening to concerns, a leader encourages walls to come down and the group to become more cohesive.

By keeping a positive outlook, a good leader sets an example for others and encourages optimism within the community. A positive attitude coupled with a healthy sense of humor helps us handle the frustrations of life both as an individual and a community. Setting an example of positivity in all circumstances

allows others to feel secure and keep an upbeat mindset, which in turn fuels a passion for reaching the goal.

The qualities of a good leader are of great importance to the success of an organization, regardless of size. Inspiring a vision, communicating well, being a servant to others, building relationships within the community while maintaining a positive outlook

all serve to make the organization stronger. Jesus calls me to love, to serve, to care about the people around me. His example of leadership guides me in my daily life and in the way I relate to those around me.

Strive to cultivate leadership skills not only in yourself, but in those around you.

Seize the day! What are you waiting for?



Club Happenings



The Decatur Optimist Club again sponsored 20 kids from Love Inc's Emmanuel program. There were 234 kids in the program this year. The club went Christmas shopping at the Decatur Wal-Mart store for clothing and toys that were wrapped by United Way. A special thanks goes out to Thrivent, Wal-Mart, and club members for their generous donations. Those that participated in the shopping spree were from left to right: Betty and Cash McCardwell, Jerry Selking, Kenny Ketzler, Bruce Voshell, Ruth Bracey, Mya Zimmerman, Jim Burk, Karen Voshell, Dave Bracey and Dianne Burk taking the picture.

Governors choice for A & A--- 2020-2021

1st quarter- LMS officer training done by Dec.1, 2020 - 100 points per officer

2nd quarter- Conduct Tri-Star Basketball contest- 500 points

- LMS office training completed *and not claimed 1st qrt 50 points per officer*

4th quarter- Conduct Tri-Star Soccer contest- 500 points

Whole year- NOW meeting- just for conducting one -500 points

Clubs can also claim line 3 of A & A if they get 3 new members from this meeting

New Projects - 250 points per project, no limit (they have to be new to your club)

Sponsor a Special Needs club- 10,000 points

Commit to 2 years affiliation fee for that Special Needs club- 2000 points

Fri, Jan 15th
Executive Committee
 Zoom 7pm-9pm EST
Register in advance—see email for link
 7pm Zoom opens
 Executive Committee Meeting Call to Order
 Invocation
 Pledge
 Welcome and Introductions
 Approve Minutes
 Finance Report
 Lt Gov Reports
 Committee Chair Reports
 Motion to Adjourn

Fri Jan 15th Executive Committee:
Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUof-Cypz8iGNwzCXxDeE08wM9RiAUz0N>

Sat, Jan 16th Second Quarter Board and District meeting:
Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZUucOqhQD4oG-df8GUwPVvAH9hg8ZlUXQqpQ>

Guests and prospective members are also very welcome!

What a DEAL!!

Sat, Jan 16th:
District Wide Gathering and Board Meeting
 Zoom 8:30am-2pm
 8:30am Zoom opens for coffee chat

9am	Opening Invocation Pledge The 2020-2021 Team Welcome and Introductions of Special Guests Welcome from Peru! Optimist Creed Group Think The HEART of the Matter
Break	
10am	Business Session—Call to Order Reading of the Q1 minutes Finance Report Old Business New Business Committee Reports
11am	If You're Happy and You Know It... Internet Safety Keeping kids active OI Foundation Website— The Grand Opening! New Club Building (Garret, Valpo, Virtual) Special Needs and Jr Optimists
Break	Surprise!
12pm	Breaking Bread Guest Speakers Clubs Visual Arts Contest \$250 Attendees drawing. Must be present.
2pm	Closing Remarks Motion to Adjourn

District Events

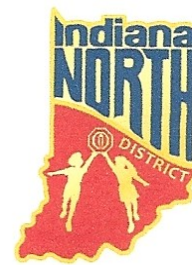


January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>Note: all times for the Optimist café are EST</div>	<div>None scheduled as of this writing.</div>				1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					<div>District 2nd Quarter Gathering via ZOOM. See page 4 for details.</div>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Optimist are:
The Friend of Youth

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