



**SPECIAL  
POINTS  
OF INTEREST**

**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 5-6.

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

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# The Indiana North District



# OPTIMIST

**OPTIMIST YEAR FOCUS  
MARK WEINSCOFF  
PRESIDENT OI 2020-2021**

## **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

March 1, 2021

Gov Becky

Many of our Clubs have long histories of simple and fun games played in the Club meetings or with family and friends to raise funds for Club projects. In the Clubs that do attendance drawings, 50/50 drawings or raffles of any kind, I would venture a guess that the Club officers and members were not aware that these 'games' are regulated and to offer them without the proper documentation is against the law in Indiana.

In helping our newest Club get prepared to hold some fundraising raffles, I learned some important facts about games of chance in Indiana.

In order for a charitable organization to legally offer games of chance (raffle, drawings, pull tabs, 50/50, cards, dice, wheels, guessing games) you must apply to the Indiana Gaming Commission for either a gaming license or an Exempt Notification. To hold a raffle (even a small Club's 50/50) without going through the process, is breaking the letter of the law.

I understand these statutes change frequently and perhaps years ago our little 50/50's were not an issue. But Now We Know, and in knowing, it is our responsibility to do the right thing.

Would your Club just want to 'fly under the radar'? Hope that no one complains? 'Eh, we won't get caught' or 'it's not a big deal'. I disagree.

This would potentially taint our reputation as an organization, put a black mark on our Clubs. This is not what any Optimist Club would want to do. This could hurt our ability to help the youth.

So what do we do?

The IN North District is committed to helping Clubs get through the process so that we are all above reproach.

Some of our Clubs do large fundraisers and are already set up with the Gaming Commission.

If you are *not*, please follow these steps. Start your application process at least 30 days in advance:

Go to: <https://www.in.gov/igc/>

Click on Charity Gaming in the left panel.

Scroll to the bottom third of page and click on

Charity Gaming Forms.

The form you will need is CG-EN Exempt Activity Notification.

Copies that will need to go in with your form are:  
Your Club Bylaws

Meeting minutes that show Officers 501© status  
Membership roster (from OI website) EIN  
List of dates/times/events

You can apply for 3 separate events for the year in which the total prize value (donated or purchased) cannot be more than \$2500 per event. OR you can attach an annual plan, have unlimited events, but the total prize value for the year cannot exceed \$7500, again, note that no single event can exceed \$2,500 prize value.

There is no cost to this. It is an annual application. There are no extra reports to file or separate bank account to keep.

Optimists, this is a no brainer! For a little time and no financial cost our Clubs can Be Above Reproach in this matter.



If your Club intends to offer prizes in excess of \$7500 for the year, or more than \$2500 for one event, then a Gaming License is required. This has more parameters. We have good connections with the Gaming Commission. They want to help us be compliant. Important Notes:

Tickets cannot be sold or collected online. You cannot collect using an online service.

Gaming cannot be sold/paid for with a credit card. (Player must use Debit card, business or personal check or cash).

Gaming items to be used must be purchased through a licensed distributor (raffle tickets are exempt).

Gaming items cannot be 'reused'.

Small things make a difference.

Please join me in making IN North Optimists the Best- and above reproach!

Bringing out the BEST in our youth, our communities, ourselves, AND our Clubs!

# Club Happenings



The Bluffton Optimist Club sold pizzas as a fund raiser. We made over 330 pizzas in less than 4 hours. Our best year yet. We're already looking forward to next year and making it an even better year!



The Warsaw Breakfast Optimist Club made a nice donation to **Caitlin Yoder, Lilly Center for Lakes and Streams**

Send your Club's photos & happenings to the District News Editor.

Jim Burk

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# 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](http://www.optimist.org/convention)

# 103rd Optimist International Convention Agenda (DRAFT)

## 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



## March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Many Optimist Coffee Café Opportunities Check OI Website for times. 	1 IN North BOARD meeting 7:00 PM (East) 	2	3	4	5	Regional ZOOM about new WOW program (Welcoming Optimists Worldwide. 11 AM East 
7  7 PM Central	8	9	10	11	12  12N Eastern	13 11 AM Eastern Tech talk Canuna & Material 
14	15	16	17  8 PM Central	18	19	20  12 Noon Central
21	22  8 PM Central	23	24	25	26	27
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### Links: Copy & Paste

#### Board ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84958189592?pwd=bXk5Wnc5ZkNNNEtKZFIBWHl6eHdhdz09>

#### Regional ZOOM: Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdqvrjsqHtd3MQn2UwwQX48Bzw3V3mpB>

#### Visual Arts & Musical:

[https://www.optimist.org/documents/Optimist\\_Visual\\_Arts\\_Competition.pdf](https://www.optimist.org/documents/Optimist_Visual_Arts_Competition.pdf)

[https://www.optimist.org/documents/optimist\\_musical\\_happiness\\_competition.pdf](https://www.optimist.org/documents/optimist_musical_happiness_competition.pdf)

# Optimist International Learning Management System



## LMS Training Deadline

Hello Optimists:

My name is Megan Pellock and I am the new LMS Administrator for Optimist International. I am happy to be on board and work with each of you on LMS!

As we are approaching March, this means that trainings for Club President's, Club Secretary/Treasurers, Club Foundation Reps (CFR), and Lt. Governors are due **March 31st**

Clubs are entitled five licenses. Club Presidents, Secretary/Treasurers, and CFRs must enter a promo code during LMS registration. Lt. Governor's and District Foundation Representatives do not have to enter a promo code to register.

On the next page are some commonly asked questions that one may have about LMS. If you have any other questions, comments, or concerns about the LMS that is not mentioned below, please email [LMS@optimist.org](mailto:LMS@optimist.org). Please allow 24-48 hours for a response. If an email is sent over the weekend, expect a response on Monday.

If you have not received instructions on how to sign up for LMS or received a promo code, please email [LMS@optimist.org](mailto:LMS@optimist.org) and we will provide that to you.

**Question:** I have completed all of my training but my name has not shown up on the report. What happened?

**Answer:** Depending on when you completed it and when we did the report last, you will be recorded on the next report run. However, if it has been more than 2 months since you have completed your training, please send us an email. Sometimes our reports don't always pick up names especially after the new calendar year. Please send us an email and we will check on that.

**Question:** I completed all of the courses but my progress bar is not at 100%. Can you help?

**Answer:** We understand how frustrating this situation can be. Some solutions making sure all questions (fill-in-the-blank, True/False, etc.) are answered and submitted. Another solution is making sure the video is watched to its full length. Clicking to the next lesson even three seconds before it ends won't record on the LMS.

**Question:** When can the 2021-2022 Officer get their free license for the LMS?

**Answer:** The Officers that are going to be for the year of 2020-2021 can register right now. Any officers for the 2021-2022 year will need to wait until April 2021 to register as their training will not be ready until then. They can pay for a login, but the training they would take in their area of expertise would not count for their year on the ICD-135.

**Question:** What if my Club splits the role of the Secretary Treasurer? Do we get 2 free licenses for them

**Answer:** No, the Club can purchase an additional license, or they can share one.

**Question:** I am having trouble logging in, who do I contact?

**Answer:** If you are having trouble logging in, it is probably because your username or password is incorrect. Please keep in mind that you need to make these something you can remember.

If you cannot remember them, contact [lms@optimist.org](mailto:lms@optimist.org) for assistance.



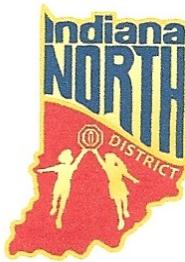
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**Every Day is an Optimist Day  
Supporting the Youth of Our Community**

### 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