



**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



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**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**

LET'S LIVE OUR CREED EVERY DAY!

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

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

Board ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84958189592?pwd=bXk5Wnc5ZkNNNEtKZFIBWHI6eHdhZD09>

Regional ZOOM: Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtd-qvrjsqHtd3MQn2UwwQX48Bzw3V3mpB>

Visual Arts & Musical:

https://www.optimist.org/documents/Optimist_Visual_Arts_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. 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 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.

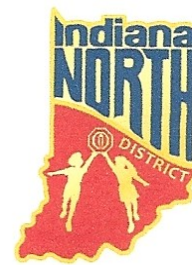
Question: I am having trouble logging in, who do I contact?

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 for assistance.



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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