



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>

As of March 31st, we have 4 Indiana North members registered for the Convention.

FYI: Airline prices are low right now!

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# The Indiana North District



# OPTIMIST

OPTIMIST YEAR FOCUS  
MARK WEINSCOFF  
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**Third Quarter Focus**

Rally your friends and make an Optimistic difference in our communities

**Fourth Quarter Focus**

We are successful...Nothing is Impossible

Registration > Member Info

Registration Deadlines for the 2021 Optimist International Convention:

103rd Annual  
Atlanta, Georgia

June 30-July 3, 2021



**Have you  
registered  
yet?**

Early Bird Registration **deadline** is midnight of Saturday, May 1, 2021 (CT)  
Advanced Registration **deadline** is midnight of Saturday, June 19, 2021 (CT)  
On-site Registration rates begin Tuesday, June 1, 2021 @ 12:00 AM (CT).  
On-site Registration open on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 @ 6:00 PM (CT).  
Online Registration **deadline** is midnight of Saturday, June 19, 2021 (CT)

## Sharing My Heart by Gov. Becky

Sharing My Heart  
April 1, 2021  
Gov Becky

Deadwood can harm the strength, integrity, beauty, and usefulness of a fruit tree. The unproductive branches not only hamper the sunlight from reaching the center (resulting in a lack of needed photosynthesis) but can damage other branches or even fall, injuring property or persons below.

By pruning, redirection of growth is more easily attainable, and the full beauty and shape of the tree can be seen. The tree can give its energy to producing the fruit it was meant to produce.

Our Clubs are very much like a wonderful fruit tree – proving shade, nourishment, support, and protection to the youth of our communities. The trimming of the rosters that many Clubs did in the last several months have made room, both financially and figuratively, for new members, new energy, new ideas.

Instead of paying out hard earned finances for non-paying members, Clubs are able to redirect those funds back to projects, benefiting the youth and community. Instead of being frustrated by non-participating members, Clubs can redirect their thoughts to welcoming new members and the energy and ideas that accompany them.

I liken falling branches to Naysayers, those people who squash new ideas ("That's not how the Club does it", "That doesn't work here", "We tried it \_\_\_\_ years ago and it didn't work"), they grumble instead of 'Being

just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own' or criticize and complain instead of giving 'so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others'.

This pruning in our Clubs will encourage new growth in so many ways, just as pruning a tree encourages the new growth.

The Indiana North District has seen less expenditures this year because of COVID-19 less traveling, less expense for District meetings. We want to redirect those saved funds to help our Clubs, to encourage them, and to stimulate new growth.

During Third Quarter, from April 1 until June 30, the District will pay a Club \$30 for each new member they bring into their Club (capped at 100 total new members).



PLEASE note this is NOT a 'fill the blank, add a name, bump up the numbers' endeavor but an effort to add productive and engaged members. Do not add someone unless you genuinely believe they have a heart for youth and are intending to participate in your Club in some tangible way. Use this District Stimulus to improve your Club and the outreach into your community.

Protect your Club and membership by encouraging each other.

Reach out with Optimism. Choose to think positively and you will attract the honeybees to your fruit tree blossoms. Your Club will grow, and the children will be the benefactors.

We are Optimists. Promise yourself!

# Club Happenings



Warsaw Breakfast Club Honors Students of the Week.

Tri-Star Basketball Hagerstown Optimist Club March 27, 2021





## West Jay Optimist Happiness Day project

We provided a poster board, sticky notes, and a smiley sun symbol to each classroom at Westlawn Elementary (Dunkirk) and Redkey Elementary (Redkey). We ask that they have their students write or draw what makes them happy, send us a picture and then display in the hallways for others to read. Our hope was to make them smile and bring Optimism to their hearts. We received lots of positive comments back from the teachers. Here are just a few of the pictures we received.



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

Jim Burk

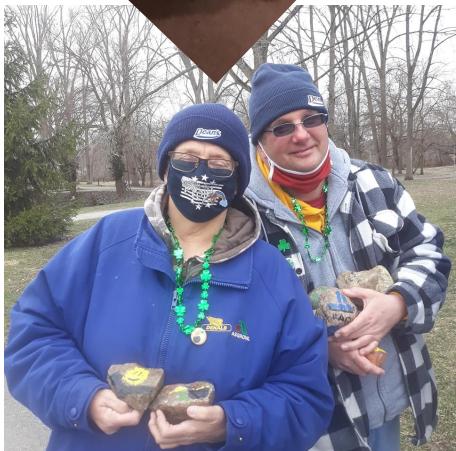
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**To celebrate, the  
Marvel-Us Optimist  
Club of Rochester  
painted**

Happiness Rocks then disbursed them along the walking trail near the hospital.

We had a Happy time, picked up some trash, and left beautiful treasures for others to find and brighten their day!



## Governor Becky's 3rd Quarter Stimulus Plan

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# District Events

# April

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# April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Many Optimist Coffee Café Opportunities Check OI Website for times & Links 				1 	2 <b>Good Friday</b> 	3
4 <b>Easter</b>	5	6 	7 	8	9 	10 Gov. Becky's 2nd Sat. Zoom Meeting 1 PM 
11	12	13	14 	15	16	17 
18	19	20  Get to know the Board of Directors Candidates	21 	22	23	24
25	26	27  Get to know the Presidents-Elect Candidates	28	29	30	



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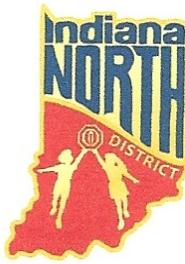
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The Friend of Youth**

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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.

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**“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**