

**MAY**

**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 & paste)

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

As of April 26th, we have 7 people from Indiana North registered for the Convention.

FYI: Airline prices are low right now!

**Don't forget: COER** (club officer elect report) is Due May 20th.

**And, LMS (Learning Management System)** has excellent on line training. See OI website

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# The Indiana North District



# PTIMIST

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

## 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?**

**Note: Early Bird  
Registration ends  
at midnight May 1**

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)

**LET'S LIVE OUR CREED EVERY DAY!**

## *Sharing My Heart by Gov. Becky*

### Sharing My Heart Gov Becky May 2021

We, like thoroughbreds running a great race, are rounding the far turn, and heading for the homestretch!

The past 14 months have been the equivalent of a muddy track, a stalled starting gate, skittish horses, and slipping saddles!

Some Clubs have had difficulty meeting in person; many have embraced online meetings, others have not. Some lost their favorite location and had to find alternatives. Many Clubs lost a significant number of members. Some Clubs and officers have been disheartened, frustrated and even have been quite worried about their Club's ability to survive.

This is true, not just for our IN North District; many Districts across OI have had losses of members and Clubs.

Is not this the reality of life: frustrations, disappointments, thwarted plans, and even despair?

Yet, it is how we, as Optimists, choose to see the challenges that we face, that make us different. Instead of roadblocks we CHOOSE to see opportunity for change, instead of despairing over a project detour we CHOOSE to come up with new ideas, retry old ones, and forge ahead. Instead of seeing a fundraiser as sidelined we rethink, replan, and CHOOSE to remain positive. Even in this pandemic, Club's fundraisers have seen amazing success. We have learned novel skills, made new friends, supported different projects, and helped more kids. We have new members and original ideas. We have been reminded that we don't want to take our members, our Clubs, or our traditions for granted. Neither do we want to staunchly hold on to that method that no longer works.

We are on the downslope of this fiscal year. What does it mean to Finish Strong and how do we accomplish this?

First, believe you can! Pull out all the stops on optimistic thinking. Recite the Creed, live the Creed,

share the Creed.

Foster determination and see the challenges as opportunities, not obstacles.

Have courage to try, to rebuild, and to try again. Don't give up!!

Work on relationships. Within the Club. Within the communities. Within the Optimist Organization. Make your meetings FUN, exciting, refreshing, and uplifting.

Have Club social events to encourage the relationships within and to have a FUN place to invite potential members. Spend time together at more than a 'Club meeting'.

Hold a WOW event- a great time for members and guests to enjoy each other's company and learn about Optimism.

Think of fresh ways to impact the youth and community.

Encourage your officers to complete their Learning Management System training for their office.

Remember that Every Member has impact on 35 MORE kids in the community. More members = more kids helped.



Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter District meeting is coming up May 8<sup>th</sup> and will be in person (Marion IN) and by Zoom.

Come dressed for the Kentucky Derby – big hats, fascinators, bright plaids and spring dresses. Bring your smiles, your joy, your enthusiasm. This will be Oratorical Finals so come cheer on the contestants!

Remember that the District is rewarding Clubs with a \$30 Stimulus for each new member April 1-June 30.

We are striving to build new Clubs, even in the pandemic. People need what we have to offer!

The challenges of the last year have made us stronger.

We persevere, the race continues, and we keep aiming for the finish line.

Stay in the race and keep your eye on the goal – Bringing out the Best in Youth, our Communities, and Ourselves.

IN PERSON and BY ZOOM!  
Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Holiday Inn Express & Suites : Marion  
1000 North Baldwin Ave., Marion, Indiana 46952

*To Register for Zoom* (must be in advance)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpdOyupzIqHtH\\_7AmU0d7Z2G33vpwwhz2J](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpdOyupzIqHtH_7AmU0d7Z2G33vpwwhz2J)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

***Special Hotel Rates held only until April 29<sup>th</sup>.***

Click this link to make your reservations:

<https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=MZZNB&checkInDate=07&checkInMonthYear=042021&checkOutDate=08&checkOutMonthYear=042021&PMID=99801505&GPC=CFC&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

Or call 765-573-6656 (Block Code: CFC, Group name: Optimist International)

***Lunch*** will be catered BBQ with 3 meats and 2 sides.  
\$16/ person and must be paid in advance by ***April 29<sup>th</sup>***.

***Mail lunch form to Kris Dohrman, 1870 W 300 N, Bluffton, IN 46714***

Club Name: _____	Club Number _____	ZONE _____	
NAME (print clearly)	Office 2020-2021	first timer?	Lunch \$16
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***Meals are only available if purchased in advance.***

# Third Quarter Indiana North District Conference

IN PERSON and BY ZOOM!

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Executive Committee (Dinner at 5pm Dutch Treat)

**Note: Executive and Board meetings are open to all Optimist members**

May 8<sup>th</sup>, Conference starts at 9am. Come early to visit! Zoom will open at 8:30am.

*Abbreviated Agenda for May 8th:*

9am Call to Order

10am Oratorical Contest (Zoom)

Essays read (Zoom)

12noon Lunch, Zone meetings

1pm Board Meeting

2pm Adjourn

## 2 Proposed Policy Changes:

1.

**DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS AND NOTICE A quorum of any District meeting shall be established by the District Board of Directors and stated in the District's policies.** (OI Bylaws Article VII, Section 3, Paragraph F)

Section 6. Quorum. STRIKE **[A majority of the]** Add: **Eleven** members of the Indiana North District Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those present and voting shall be necessary to give effect to any action of the board.

2.

**H. NEW CLUB BUILDING POLICIES The District will promote the building of New Clubs in accordance with the Bylaws, Policies, and Guidelines developed by the International Board of Directors**

1. NEW CLUB CHARTER PRESENTATIONS Dates and programs for the charter presentation events of new Clubs shall be established by joint action of the new Club, the new Club's sponsor Club, and the Governor or the Lieutenant Governor of the Zone on the Governor's behalf. Charters shall be presented by the Governor or his appointee. In the event of a charter presentation occurring after the end of the administrative year in which the new Club was established, the then immediate past Governor shall have the prerogative of presenting the charter.

ADD:

2. The Indiana North District will provide traditional New Clubs with a Creed Banner, gavel, and \$200 seed monies for projects.

Non-traditional New Clubs (Special Needs, Virtual, College, and JOI) will be provided \$200 seed monies for projects.





# Postings from Facebook

## 10 ways to stay OPTIMISTIC

- 1 Decide to be happy
- 2 expect the best
- 3 TRUST the Universe
- 4 look for the Silver Lining
- 5 Celebrate Life
- 6 Take a POSITIVE view
- 7 Don't forget to have some FUN!
- 8 make each day count
- 9 Be an ENCOURAGER
- 10 Appreciate Yourself



Rally for Optimism

**Popcorn is prepared in the same pot, in the same heat, and in the same oil, yet the kernels do not all pop at the same time. Do not compare yourself to others. Your turn to pop is coming.**

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

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## *Welcome Optimists Worldwide (W.O.W.)*



W.O.W. is a fresh way to increase participation and membership in your Optimist Club. With a focus on the social side of membership, W.O.W. will help your Optimist Club turn every activity, virtual or live, into a recruiting opportunity and have fun doing it!

The keys to success are:

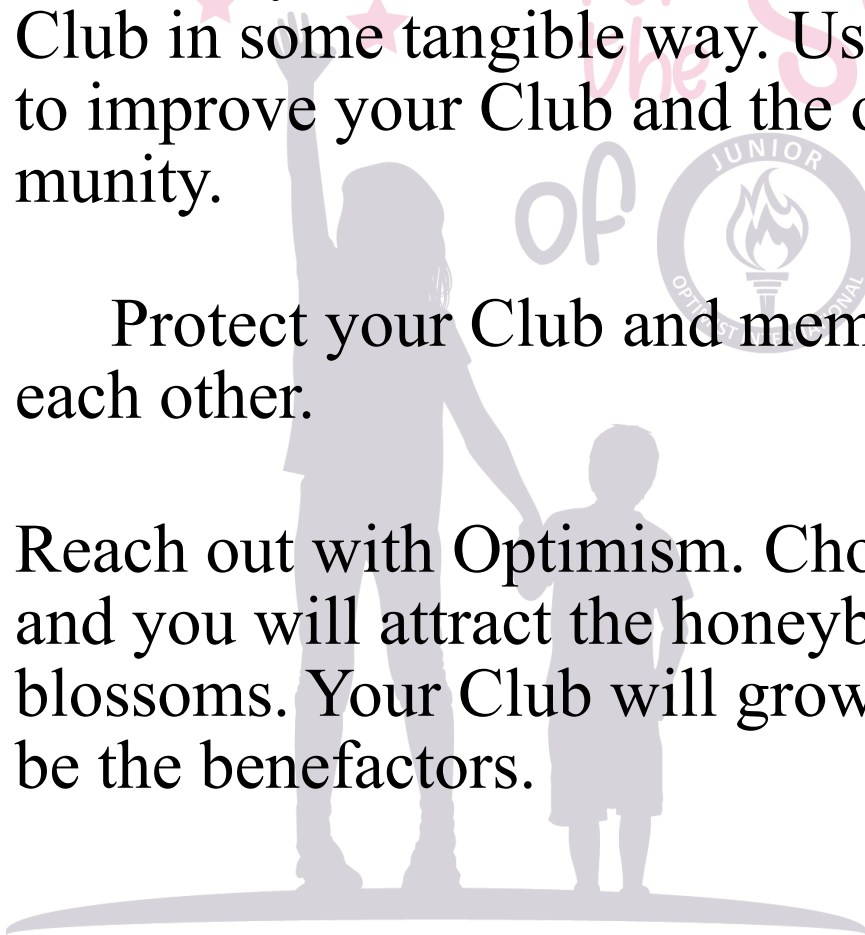
- Create opportunities for fun, social interaction.
- Create opportunities for all ages, all types of volunteers, existing members, and potential members.
- Invite your circle of friends and reach outside your circle to the larger community.
- Be welcoming at the event.
- Take five to ten minutes to talk about your Optimist Club projects.
- At the end, ask attendees to join, right here, right now.
- Follow up with those who need a little time to make the decision to join.

## Governor Becky's 3rd Quarter Stimulus Plan

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.





# District Events



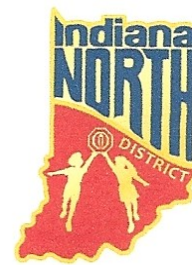
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## May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> <p>Many Optimist Coffee Café Opportunities Check OI Website for times &amp; Links</p> </div>						1
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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**