



The Indiana North District



PTIMIST

**SPECIAL
POINTS
OF INTEREST**

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

Fourth Quarter Focus

We are successful...Nothing is Impossible

District News

The District Convention had a decent turnout this year. We were honored with the presence of OI President, Mark Weinsoff. Our meeting was actually his first “in person” meeting that he attended this year. All others were virtual. He gave us some pertinent points to ponder:

- “Service Club” organizations need to change to “Optimistic” organizations.
- Ask potential member what they think that the community needs.
- Why am I a member? “I’m a better person today because I belong to an organization that works for the betterment of our community”.
- Know this: Optimism is contagious.

Activities This Month

- ♦ Plan a WOW or NOW meeting
- ♦ Complete a Presidents Pride Report
- ♦ Send out Dues Statements
- ♦ Work on Retention of inactive members

Upcoming Next Month

- ♦ Plan a Halloween event for our kids
- ♦ Purchase candy treats early—supplies may be limited.
- ♦ District Conference on Oct. 8th & 9th in Lafayette

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**CHOOSE
OPTIMISM**

LET'S LIVE OUR CREED EVERY DAY!

Our District Convention

August 13,14 2021



OI President, Mark Weinsoff



2021-2022 Governor Elect, Max Soliday



2021-2022 District Secretary Shelly Manthey



The Warsaw Club's own choir entertained us.



Past Governor, Chuck Kemker, lead a beautiful eulogy for our District members who passed away this past year.



Members of a local Boy Scout troop presented the Flag in a color guard ceremony.



Several individuals tried their hand in a Pumpkin Toss Contest. Above, Sandy Rogers, below left, OI President, Mark Weinsoff, and below right, Gov. Becky Mahoney



Sharing My Heart by Gov. Becky

Sharing My Heart Gov Becky September, 2021

At the very beginning of this Optimist Year, I participated with the Zionsville Optimist Club in their renowned fundraiser called Hit the Bricks, a 5K run held in Zionsville.

I was a Sentry, one who was posted at a certain location along the race route to help point the runners in the right direction and to cheer them on.

There are many ways we can look at the last year and relate it to the process of Running a Race. Hurdles (facing challenges), cross country (much travel!), relay (passing the baton), long distance (to pace yourself), sprint (giving it your all)...

Of all the terms and analogies, I could use,

"Sentry" fits the best for my view of my year as Governor. Although the other terms also apply as to the challenges we faced due to Covid-19, the travel to visit Clubs and activities, to pace myself to have time for family, and passing the baton of leadership

to the next team, it is being in that position to point our Clubs in the right direction to success and to cheer them on, having conversations to inform, to encourage, to cajole, and to inspire that have driven my desire to Bring Out the Best in all

of us.

We have run well, my friends, and it is that time of our Optimist Year to complete the year-end reports.

Lt Governors will be contacting the Clubs in their Zones to complete the **Annual Club Review** (<https://www.optimist.org/Forms/AnnualClubReview.pdf>) and to review the **Honor Club Tracking** (<https://www.optimist.org/leaders/LeadershipInformation/SummerMailing/HonorClubTrackingForm.pdf>).

Club officers need to complete and submit the **Club Pride Report** (https://www.optimist.org/forms/club_pride_report-e.pdf) which is used by Optimist International to determine grants and sponsorships and also helps determine what programs will receive emphasis in the future. It is also a key re-



quirement in attaining Honor or Distinguished Club. The deadline is Sept 30.

The District continues to offer the District Stimulus: \$30 paid to a Club for Every New Member added to the OI Roster between April 1st and September 30th. Fifteen Clubs to date have added new members within this time frame earning a cumulative amount of \$1,140 to use as the Club sees fit, whether for projects, programs or assisting a member with dues.

We still have over \$1800 set aside for this Stimulus. Will your Club claim some of that? Challenge your members to invite optimistic people to join us as we Bring out the Best!

September 11th is the final Second Saturday Chat with the Gov that I will be conducting. I hope you will find time to join me.

Presidents, 8:30am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82296600447?pwd=VjNCSWhRNmwxVZ2citBUEQxQnBUUT09>

Secretary/Treasurers, 10am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89002403066?pwd=N1dOYWZWM3cUEwZFRNY3BXTDdiZ0NMUT09>

Lt. Govs, 11:30am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88244724593?pwd=MVR2YjIKc1VOMlFmOTYyT3phVIYxZz09>

District Chairs, 1pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88198912288?pwd=NXZnQkt0c3RYczdGem9YL1BEOHdsZz09>

A tradition of IN North is welcoming in a New Club at their Charter Banquet. This is a time of celebration and fundraising to help the new Club get off to a great start.

Sept 30, 2020, the Miami Co IN Club chartered (yes, during Covid) and was unable to have a Charter Banquet.

Now we can SAVE THE DATE and help them Celebrate!! **The Charter Plus 1 Year Banquet** is scheduled for Oct 1, 2021, 6:30pm at the North Miami High School, 394 E 900 N, Denver, IN 46926. Register to come for dinner, donate a goodie basket for the Silent Auction, or send a note of Welcome with a 'help you get started' donation.

Watch for a special email in the next few days.

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The First Quarter District Gathering is scheduled for Oct 9th. All Club Presidents are voting members of the District Board of Directors and help make decisions and direct policy for the District.

The question has been asked "Do I *have to* attend?"

The answer is you **GET to** attend! It is an honor and privilege be a member of the Board.

Plan on being there! Details are coming very soon.

I have enjoyed the honor to serve as your Sentry this year. It is YOU, the members, who have run the race, who have held the fundraisers and the countless meetings, who have touched the lives of the children.

The Finish Line is in sight. We are in the final sprint of 2020-2021, striving to be the best we can be and to Bring Out the Best in not only the youth and communities we serve, but in Ourselves.

*My thanks and gratitude to a most fabulous Team. Each one of you has a place in my **HEART**.*

Club Happenings



The Warsaw Club Check Presentation to Dan Rumble for Hire Park BMX park \$1,200



The Bluffton Club teamed up with the local Chamber of Commerce for an early morning Meet & Greet WOW meeting.

CONFERENCE DATES FOR OPTIMIST YEAR 2021-2022

IN North Dates

2021-2011 Year

First Quarter Conference

October 8th & 9th at the
Courtyard by Marriott
Lafayette
765-4549-4800

Second Quarter Conference

January 28th & 29th-Virtual

Third Quarter Conference

April 29th & 30th at Portland
Holiday Inn
Jaylo Events Center
Oratorical Finals

Fourth Quarter Convention

August 5th and 6th
Middlebury



Sandy Rogers
Governor for 2021-2022

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

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W e l c o m e O p t i m i s t s W o r l d w i d e (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.

NOTE!

The Bluffton Club held a WOW meeting and have 3-4 potential new members

AND

Found one person who is interested in building a Club in another town!

Optimist International Elections



2021-2022 International Officer Election: Results

The results are in! Congratulations to the following 2021-2022 Optimist International officers:

2021-2022 President-Elect:

[Bob McFadyen](#)

2021-2022 Board Directors at Large:

[Carol Haynes](#)

[Russ Thomas](#)

2021-2022 Vice Presidents-Elect:

Region 1 Northeast & Great Lakes – [Marlene Phillips](#)

Region 2 Southeast – [Gwen L. Gable](#)

Region 3 Mid-Atlantic – [Donna M. Aker](#)

Region 4 Middle America – [Julie Robison](#)

Region 5 Great Plains – [Rod McKendrick](#)

Region 6 Southwest – [Linda McDonald](#)



(our own Julie)

District Events



September 2021

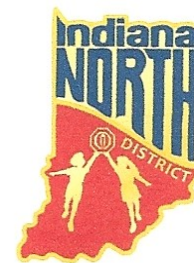
Many Optimist Coffee
Café Opportunities
Check OI Website for
times &
Links



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>NOTE: All Coffee Café times are <u>CST</u></p>			1	2 7 PM 	3	4
5	6	7 11 AM 	8	9	10 11 AM 	11 Gov. Becky's 2nd Saturday Chats
12	13	14 7 PM 	15 8 PM 	16	17	18 12 PM 
19	20	21	22	23 7 PM 	24	25
26	27 7 PM 	28 8 PM 	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