



**SPECIAL
POINTS
OF INTEREST**

Activities This Month
Upcoming Events

Indiana North Conference
Schedule for 2022-2023 so
you can mark your calendars
now.

- 2st Qtr: October 28-29 at Courtyard Marriot, Lafayette.
- 2nd Qtr: January 27-28 Virtual at this time.
- 3rd Qtr: April 21-22 Ivy Tech campus, New Castle at the Steve Alford Inn.
- 4th Qtr: August 11-12 at the Tippe River Downs Fairfield Inn

More details as we approach these dates.

The Indiana North District



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District News

We had a successful 4th quarter District convention in Middlebury at the Essenhause. There was a lot of good information, entertainment and fun, and of course, their really outstanding food!

One thing of importance to all of us was the notice from O/I that our dues will be going up starting October first. All Clubs now are studying the announcement and deciding how they want to handle it at the Club level. The last dues increase was 13 years ago. Optimist International has done an excellent job of holding the line for all of these years, but inflation, the cost of insurance, the Pandemic and declining membership has necessitated the need to increase dues.

Your Board of Directors will need to decide how your Club will handle this increase. Some have raised dues, some may decide to have a fund raiser to cover the cost and some may offer a split billing of some sort.

Nobody is happy with the need to raise our dues, but wherever we go, we are all paying more money for services.

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**IF
OPPORTUNITY
DOESN'T
KNOCK,
BUILD A DOOR
FOR OPTIMISM**

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OPTIMISM**



Gov Chats reminder for 2021-2022

Sandy Rogers is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Muster Drill

Time: (EST)

Every month on the Third Sat, until Sep 17, 2022

~~Jan 15, 2022 01:00 PM~~

~~Feb 19, 2022 01:00 PM~~

~~Mar 19, 2022 01:00 PM~~

~~Apr 16, 2022 01:00 PM~~

~~May 21, 2022 01:00 PM~~

~~Jun 18, 2022 01:00 PM~~

~~Jul 16, 2022 01:00 PM~~

~~Aug 20, 2022 01:00 PM~~

Sep 17, 2022 01:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZcudO6orjsvHdWmmb5rPx5BH44QoNceqSIE/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGrrTgtGtSVtR6GRpwqA4jCKPTziGJYgqdqkRLnVjJjelbUHrYWA71RE93B>

Sandy's Communique'

September has arrived and with it comes my final month as Governor of the great Indiana North District, it has been a great experience and lots of fun getting to visit with clubs and seeing all the super fun things you do for the kids in your communities.

I had a goal of building 12 new clubs; 4 traditional, 2 virtual, 2 special needs and 4 JOI clubs, plus a total of 105 new members (3 new members per 35 clubs, so they can be honor clubs). We have not built any new clubs, we added 111 new members but deleted 133, so we are currently at a minus 22 and it is with great sadness I announce we have 3 clubs in our district that are disbanding, it is my hope that most, if not all, of those members stay on as Optimist in other clubs in their area, or as a Friend of Optimist. I am a little disappointed that this happened during my term, but I feel that we are still a strong district and we will regroup and "Be Better Together" for the future. We need to have strong, healthy clubs, not just a club for numbers sake.

I would like to remind everyone that the District Point system I put out there in October is still in play until the 1st quarter meeting in October 2022, that is when the prizes will be awarded, so keep working on your PGI/PDP levels, sponsoring new members, Dime-a-Day donations, etc. A copy of this form has been sent to each current club President or email me if you need a copy. Bring the completed form with you in October, signed by club officer.



Optimist International "Celebrate Community" is scheduled for Sept. 11-17, 2022. So, get with other service organizations in your area and plan an activity together, wear your club or district shirts and make sure your community sees you doing things together, "Be Better Together". Send pictures, club name and number and description of event to pro-grams@optimist.org and to Julie Robison for our Facebook page.

We have made our way to the last tenet of the creed: ***Promise Yourself to be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.*** I think the whole creed can be summed up in this tenet alone, it really makes you think about working on your own attitude of approaching things that life throws at you

and controlling how you react to them. I strive to live the creed every day, sometimes I fail because I am human, but I pick myself up and try again because I AM AN OPTIMIST, and I always will be!

Thank you again for your support of me this year, I appreciate the friendships and mentoring I received from the Past Governors and members of Indiana North and I look forward to working with and being a mentor to Governor Designate Max and Governor Elect Chris and many more to come. We have a great district, let's keep it strong and viable for the kids in our communities.

Club Happenings



The Warsaw Breakfast Club presented a \$3,000 check to Teen Parents



The Decatur Optimist Club held a Fishing Derby along with the Eagle's Lodge. There were 46 entrants. One entrant was not real thrilled with her catch of a turtle.



Cornhole contest held by the Lafayette Noon Club.

The Optimist Creed Expanded

Excerpts from: "Power of the Creed" by James M. Rankin

Promise Yourself:

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

Everyone has a purpose and talent that can be shared with the world.

Send your Club's photos & happenings to the District News Editor,
Jim Burk, at:
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Indiana North District Point System

You as a member can accumulate points by completing the specified categories on the chart below, to be used at District meeting on October 22, 2022 in Lafayette for items that will be displayed with point values. Points should be verified by your club President or Secretary at time of completion.

Category	Points		Club Pres. or Sec. Signature
Name:			
Sponsor a new member	5000		
Member attending District meet	5000		
Member attending Zone meeting	2500		
1st timer at District meeting	7500		
Bring a 1st timer to District meeting	5000		
Complete Learning Management System training (each lesson)	10000		
Attending Gov Chats on 3rd Sat of each month (per session)	5000		
OIF - Optimist International Foundation			
Dime-a-day donation	2500		
President's club donation	5000		
Women's Philanthropy donation	5000		
PGI - Personal Growth & Involvement			
Complete level 1 of Personal Growth & Involvement program	1000		
Complete level 2 of Personal Growth & Involvement program	2000		
Complete level 3 of Personal Growth & Involvement program	3000		
Complete level 4 of Personal Growth & Involvement program	4000		
Complete level 5 of Personal Growth & Involvement program	5000		
Complete level 6 of Personal Growth & Involvement program	6000		
Complete level 7 of Personal Growth & Involvement program	7000		
Complete level 8 of Personal Growth & Involvement program	8000		
Complete level 9 of Personal Growth & Involvement program	9000		
Complete level 10 of Personal Growth & Involvement program	10000		
PDP- Professional Development Program			
Complete level 1 of Professional Development Program	1000		
Complete level 2 of Professional Development Program	2000		
Complete level 3 of Professional Development Program	3000		
Complete level 4 of Professional Development Program	4000		
Complete level 5 of Professional Development Program	5000		
Complete level 6 of Professional Development Program	6000		
Complete level 7 of Professional Development Program	7000		
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Celebrate Community 2022

Celebrate Community, an annual joint initiative from the service organizations Kiwanis International, Lions International, Optimist International and Rotary International, will take place the week of September 11-17, 2022.

We encourage clubs and youth programs around the world to work together on projects during September 11-17.

Share photos on your social channels with the hashtag [#CelebrateCommunity](#)

Together, we can do more good!

Resources

- Read the [Press Release](#)
- Join the [Facebook Event](#) page
- Watch the [Celebrate Community video](#)

To get started, find a club in your area:



District Events

September 2022



There are many Optimist Coffee Café Opportunities. Check OI Website for times & Links



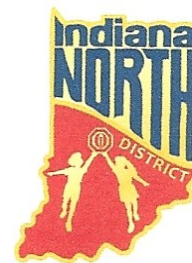
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

The Gov's.
Muster Drills 3rd
Sat. of Month

**Plan now for the upcoming
District Convention on Friday,**



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**"Like us"
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***"I am an optimist.
It does not seem to
much use being
anything else"***

—Winston Churchill

**Optimists 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.

Purposes of an Optimist Club

- To Develop optimism as a philosophy of life, utilizing the tenets of the of the Optimist Creed;
- To promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs;
- To inspire respect for the law;
- To promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people;
- To aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of human kind, community life and the world.

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