



# The Indiana North District PTIMIST



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## SPECIAL POINTS

## OF INTEREST

## *District News*

### Activities This Month

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

- 1st 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 about the first  
quarter meeting on page 8-9.*



**Meet our new Indiana North Governor,  
Max Soliday from the Hagerstown Club**

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

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OPTIMISM**

# First Quarter District Meeting

**The first quarter meeting will be held in Lafayette at the Courtyard by Marriot on October 28-29th.**

**The address is: 150 Fairington Ave.**

**Lafayette, IN 47905. The phone number is:  
765-449-4800**



There will also be a Halloween Costume contest with prizes for the best costume, so do your best to “out goulash” Gov. Max!

The new Optimist year has arrived, and it is going to be busy. We are starting with the 1st quarter conference in Boiler-maker country. Lafayette at the Courtyard Marriot on October 28-29th. OI President Bob McFadyen will be speaking via zoom. Bob wants to share his thoughts and goals for the 2022-23 year. he will be talking about some of the new programs OI is introducing.

We will be talking about ways to help offset the dues to our clubs and membership growth.

We still desperately need Lt. Govs for zone 2,4 and 6. Step-up and get involved Lt. Gov is one of the most rewarding positions in the district.

Presidents schedule a NOW or WOW meeting soon, don't wait, get one in before the first of the year.

Make sure that the district and OI have current contact info for the members and officers. Hard to keep members informed if we have bad info.

Use the WEBSITE! [indiananorthdistrict.org](http://indiananorthdistrict.org) to look for information. There will be a down load-able registration form for the district conferences there.

We need more and current pictures for the newsletter and the website. Submit those to either Jim Burk or Max Soliday at [max.jeep@comcast](mailto:max.jeep@comcast) to get them published.

Let's make our Optimism come true!

Gov. Max



## Gov. Max's Musings

Hey Optimist, this is Max Soliday your Governor for the 2022-2023 Optimist year. My theme for my year is "***Over the Top with Optimism***". I have been a jeep enthusiast for well over 40 years so I have learned that following a good trail guide on a well-planned trail will make the trip more enjoyable and get you to your destination safely.

In our case the Trail guide is the President of your club and the trail is the one to being Honor club. If you follow the honor club trail, your club will have the chance of being successful and grow. Those that commit to taking the high trail of Distinguished and go Over the top will get the best benefit of Optimism. If you deviate from this path, you will very likely get stuck in a mudhole and never reach the end of the trail.

Folks we have to look around and do some trail maintenance in our clubs. There is a lot of dead wood to be attended to in the way of non-

participating members. Look at possibly getting those that only pay dues and do not participate in meetings or functions to become friends of Optimist. This way your club will get 40% of the dues back to your club and they are still considered a no voting member and cannot hold office.



Make your club more attractive to your members and possible new members. Some clubs already do this by having very active meetings and being more social. After all, we need to be as much a social club as we are a service club.

I will be introducing new options for club growth throughout the year so be looking for new ideas. Some are already in place some are new.

My goals are simple. Save our existing clubs, add new clubs, grow our membership and provide new resources for our clubs let's make this a year Over the Top with Optimism.

Gov. Max



# Club Happenings

**BEGINNING OCTOBER 5th, 2022**

Meetings are at new location:

**The Warsaw Breakfast Club Announces a New Meeting Location:**  
**Creighton's Crazy Egg Cafe & Coffee Bar**  
 4221 W Old Rd 30, Warsaw, IN 46580



The Bluffton Club held their annual Street Fair Kiddie Tractor Pull. They had around 30 kids in the different weight classes. A good sized crowd was present to watch and encourage the participants on.

## **The Optimist Creed Expanded**

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

### **Promise Yourself:**

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

*The biggest project that you will ever work on is yourself.*

Send your Club's photos & happenings to the District News Editor,  
 Jim Burk, at:  
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## **Letter from Middle America Regional Vice President**

Hello Middle America Region,

I am grateful and honored to represent the Middle America Region as your Vice President of Optimist International. An organization whose focus is to not only promote optimism, but to offer opportunities to develop ourselves, bring out the best in our youth, and better our communities.

This past year Optimist International and I spent time working with your District Governors to prepare for the 2022 - 2023 Optimist year. Our dedication and close collaboration with leaders and their teams will continue throughout the year.

Innovating new ideas will be essential towards the success of our organization. I'm excited to be introducing new programs such as, "Partners in Optimism" and the "Just Invite Program". Both are geared at helping our clubs expand and thrive.

I will help further the mission and spirit of Optimist International, by expanding marketing and communication. Together we can increase our unified goals of increasing and promoting optimism, emphasize the benefits of being an optimist, and share the opportunities offered to our future optimists.

I look forward to meeting each of you at your upcoming District Conferences. Please reach out to me, if you have any questions or concerns. I am here to assist wherever needed.


**Believe, Inspire, Impact**

Julie Robison, Vice President  
Middle America Region  
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# District Events

## October 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31				1st quarter District Meeting In Lafayette.	
						

**Save the date...our 1st quarter district meeting** will be on October 28 & 29th, 2022 in Lafayette, IN with your host Governor, Max Soliday (max.jeep@comcast.net) This quarter we will be having the Executive Board meeting on October 28th at 6:30pm for the District Board of Directors (Governor, Governor-Elect, Club Presidents, and Lieutenant Governors). The Execu-

tive Committee officers listed Immediate and nors. Everyone is for the new year ner at Christos New treat) just a short activities will take



shall consist of the above, and the most available Past Gover-welcome to join us festivities. 5:30p Din-City Grill (Dutch drive away. Weekend place at the Court-

yard By Marriott in Lafayette, located at 150 Fairington Avenue, Lafayette, IN 47905. Call for reservations at 1-765-449-4800, mention Indiana North Optimist when booking. Room Rate is \$129 plus tax and available until October 10, 2022

Please complete and return the registration form for Friday and Saturday meetings. The meal is \$18.00 per person by October 15, 2022 Reminder to all club Presidents, you are a voting member of the Indiana North District Board of Directors, so your presence is requested at these meetings. You can send a representative in your place, if you choose to do so, it requires written consent from you. The 1st Q meeting falls on Halloween weekend, so dress in your best costume!





Friday night dinner at 5:30 (Dutch treat) at Christos New City Grill located at 3291 Teal Road, Lafayette, IN just a short drive away.

(765) 474-6618 Friday eve # attending \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday lunch-Fiesta Festival (tacos/tortilla bowls) @ \$18.00 per person Saturday Lunch

#attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$18 Total Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

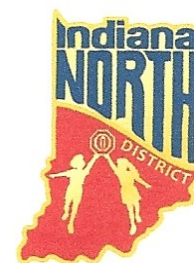
Club Office 2022-23

District Office 2022-23

\_\_\_\_ Please remit reservation and money to Jim Smith by October 15th  
jim.smith06@yahoo.com 1-317-697-2521 mail to: 30 Hickory Ct,  
New Castle, IN 47362



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Zone 2: None

Zone 3: Yvonne

Southall

Zone 4: Karyn Gilly

Zone 5: Kathy Nelson

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**"Like us" on  
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**Optimists are:  
The Friend of Youth**

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

—Winston Churchill

**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