

Hello
February

SPECIAL
POINTS
OF INTEREST

This Month's Activities

Feb. 2nd: Optimist Day
Wear your Optimist gear!

Upcoming Activities

OI President & wife Penny
will be at a multizone meet-
ing on March 10-11

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

- 3rd Qtr: April 21-22 Ivy
Tech campus, New
Castle at the Steve Al-
ford Inn.
- 4th Qtr: August 11-12 at
the Tippe River Downs
Fairfield Inn

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

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The Indiana North District

OPTIMIST

District News

We had a great 2nd quarter via ZOOM in January. We were joined by OI Membership Chair, Thomas Kendo. Mr. Kendo gave us several great points of finding new members and also ideas for retention of current members.

- ◊ Create an experience for members that make them want to stay involved.
- ◊ Give people a job/responsibility.
- ◊ Have fun!
- ◊ Invite someone to an event (ie: Essay/Oratorical contest when kids present their work or speech).

Partners in Optimist:

- ◊ Join with another Club for a special project. (It could be a NOW meeting)
- ◊ A joint "Happy Hour"

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**CHOOSE
OPTIMISM**

Gov. Max's Musings

Wow it is February already. I hope all of you have gone 'Over the Top With Optimism" on Feb. 2 Optimist day. Be loud and be proud optimist are the best people anywhere. This is a busy month for a lot of clubs. You should be ready for your essay contest. The essay must be in the hands of Susie Delay no later than Feb. 28th. Oratorical topic should be in the hands of students so they can have time to plan. These are both very important scholarship programs.

We are working on the 5th month of our Optimist trail ride. The trail is starting to get a little slippery and we are getting a little bogged down. When this starts to happen, it might be time to change tires to a more aggressive tread. It is time to look at your trail rig {club} to get aggressive on new membership. To many clubs are bogging down and letting membership slip away. Think outside of the box and try that new tire {membership incentives} to keep you club moving. Presidents and your BOD are the trail leaders. **Step up and lead.**



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The 3-quarter conference will be in New Castle at the Ivy tech college. April 21st and 22nd. Plan on coming Friday 21 to enjoy some great activities. Keep the trail of Optimism hot.
Max,

Governor, Indiana North District
2022-23
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Club Happenings



Warsaw Breakfast Club Check Presentation – \$1,000 to Wagon Wheel, to be used for scholarships for youth to participate in Wagon Wheel programs

From Past Governor Sandy Rogers

District awards for 21-22 year

Honor clubs: Rochester and Lafayette Noon

Distinguished clubs: Muncie and New castle Breakfast

We collected \$17,465.79. for the Optimist International Foundation
Oratorical regions

Region 1 is all clubs from Zone 2, Zone 3 and Hammond club.

Region 2 is all clubs from Zone 6 (except Hammond), Zone 7 and from Zone 9 (all 3 New Castle clubs)

Region 3 is all clubs from Zone 4, Zone 5 and Zone 9 (except all 3 New Castle clubs).

These regions may be adjusted depending on number of participating clubs.

"Be an Optimist"
 Sandy Rogers

Send your Club's photos & happenings to the District News Editor,
 Jim Burk at: Jburk63@gmail.com

Respect for Law Informative Meeting

Pam Galloway, Chairman of the IN North District Respect for Law Committee, along with Past-Governor Becky Mahoney, will be having a Zoom meeting for all Club Presidents on Thursday, February 16 from 7-8pm. Pam will be presenting suggestions for Respect for Law projects. If you are not a Club President but would like to participate, let Pam know so she can send you the link for the meeting. If you are a Club President but not able to participate, please find someone from your Club who is interested and can participate in your place.



OPTIMIST FRIENDS,

We wanted to update you on the aftermath of the Candidate Forum. We had an unfortunate incident during the Zoom call. We were hacked by an outside entity. It was disruptive and obscene. We apologize that this situation occurred. The recording was deleted.

Our candidates did a great job of presenting their reasons for running for the OIF Board. We want to make sure that those individual messages are shared. We will be recording a short video of each candidate in the next day or so. The recording will be posted on the website no later than Tuesday, January 31st. It can be shared from there.

Thank you for your patience in allowing OIF to get this information out to you and look for updates on this matter soon.

The OIF Board Election will start on Wednesday, February 1st and run through February 28th. Only 2021-22 Dime-A-Day donors and CFRs from Clubs that donated at least \$365 unrestricted during the 2021-22 Optimist Year are eligible to vote.

Best regards,

Craig Boring
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Optimist International Leadership Publication



Greetings Optimists,

What an amazing year we had celebrating Optimism in this 2021-2022 year. We laughed together, we worked hard together, we challenged each other to leave our campsite better than we inherited it.

Sixty years ago on May 25, President John F. Kennedy stood before a crowd in Houston, Texas, and declared to the world that the United States was going to put a man on the moon. This was 1962 and the Space Race between the U.S. and U.S.S.R was not going well for America. The Soviets had put the first satellite in orbit when they launched Sputnik in 1957, and then put the first human in space when Yuri Gagarin was sent up in 1961. There was a fear that the U.S. would forever be playing catchup in the race to the stars.

Yet in his celebrated speech, President Kennedy thrilled the nation with his determination to put an American on the moon. *"We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too."*

It was a stirring call to action — one that would ultimately help expand humanity's scientific knowledge and to pinpoint our place in the cosmos. Kennedy did not live to see Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walk on the surface of the moon, but when they did the astronauts brought a message of peace with them: The crew of Apollo 11 carried two medals commemorating Soviet astronauts who had lost their lives on missions to show that this really was *"one giant leap for mankind."*

This past Optimist year, I challenged us all to be concentrate on serving the community thru various avenues of Optimism – with the ultimate goal of a +212 in Membership. We did not meet that goal, however as President Kennedy reminds us that choosing Optimism and Being Optimistic – *is sometimes hard, but challenges us with a passionate intent to win.* I believe we will reach that goal in the near future, and when we do – it will be One Giant leap for Optimism.

Today...we recognize and celebrate the Members, Clubs, Zones, Districts, and Regions that reached a level of achievement in their communities. On behalf of Optimists, communities, and children throughout our world, I thank you for going One Degree More – and congratulate you in those accomplishments.

Thank you for Being Optimists!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patsy Garner".

Past International President, Patsy Garner

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION | 2023

Arlington, Virginia July 2-5 2023

#OICON2023



Plan to arrive July 1 and depart July 6

(International officers travel dates may vary)

A complete schedule will be available soon

Online registration will be available early February



Hotel Reservations

Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan International Airport
Group Code: G-RSUD

District Events



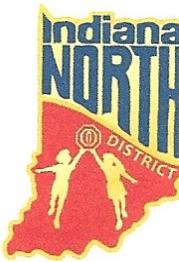
February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2  Happy Groundhog Day!	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14  Happy Valentine's Day!	15 Attn: Club Trea. form 990 Due!	16	17	18
19	20  Happy Presidents Day!	21	22 	23	24	25
26	27	28 Essays for District Contest must be in to Susie Delay by today!				



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Southall

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Zone 5: Kathy Nelson

Zone 6: Rob Upchurch

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Optimist Year 2022-2023

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Optimists are:
The Friend of Youth

Every Day is an Optimist Day
Supporting the Youth of Our Community

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

—Winston Churchill

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 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