

MARCH

SPECIAL
POINTS
OF INTEREST

This Month's Activities

OI President & wife Penny will be at a multizone meeting on March 11 at Camp Adventure (Owned by the Muncie Club). \$12 per person

Please RSVP to skbpuz-zles@yahoo.com

Upcoming Activities

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

- 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

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

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The Indiana North District

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District News

Save the date! OI president Bob McFayden and his wife Penny are coming to our district on March 11th. zone 5 will be hosting a multi zone meeting on March 11th at 1pm in Muncie at Camp Adventure. It is open to all optimist. \$12 per person.

The Indiana North District is busy judging the Essay contestants entries. The winning entries will be announced at the April District meeting in New Castle.

Also this month, the Club level Oratorical contests will conclude and the local winners will move on to a regional contest. The winners of the regional contests will then contest at the District meeting in April. This is always a great event, so mark your calendars for April 22 at the Steve Alford Inn in New Castle. The address is 3325 S St. Rd 3.



**CHOOSE
OPTIMISM**

Gov. Max's Musings

Hey optimist Spring is just around the corner. Its March and we are at the half-way point in the Optimist year. We are moving along the trail of optimism and it's getting lonely on the trail. Time to pick up a trail helper, someone who you can share your enthusiasm about the Optimist trail and the beautiful things you will see and do on the way. Some day you will need that helper to lead others and to assist you in the driving.

We need to bring new optimist to our clubs as we will always need to replenish our trail leaders. Ask a friend to be a part of what you have a passion for after all if you belong it has to be the best.

Mark your calendar the weekend of March 10-11 OI President Bob McFayden and his lovely wife Penny will be visiting our district. There will be fun galore on Friday night with the Middlebury club and Trivia Night. This will be a



great time with a lot of thinking so it might be a little painful for some. (me)

Saturday we will be in Muncie at Camp Adventure for a multi zone meeting and we want as many optimist to be there as possible. That will start at 1pm and we need an rsvp by March 8th for meals.

April is fast approaching and the oratorical finals in New Castle at the 3rd Quarter meeting at Ivy Tech campus. We will have a special speaker from Optimist International there to speak also. The New Castle clubs are planning some fun activities on Friday so come and enjoy the fun. Every club should send their officers to district meetings, there is so much to learn and so much to share. Look forward to seeing you all in the next few months.

Gov. Max



Club Happenings



Kosciusko County Sheriff Jim Smith and Dr. Sarah Master-son (both members of the Warsaw Breakfast Optimist Club) met to distribute Optimist creed cards to law enforcement officers, as part of the WBOC Respect for Law program."



Calling all Optimist SAVE THE DATE

OI President Bob & Penny McFadyen are going to be in our area, so we are hosting a joint zone meeting March 11th at 1pm at Camp Adventure located at 4881 South Proctor Road Muncie, Indiana. We are looking forward to having them and hearing Bobs vision for the future of Optimism.

Let's go OVER THE TOP! in welcoming them to our area.

The meal will cost \$12.00 per person. This includes entrée, side, dessert and drink.

Please RSVP to skbpuzzles@yahoo.com by March 7th.

Event hosted by Zone 5, Zone 6 and Zone 9 clubs.

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

JUST 3-THINGS



with President Bob McFadyen



Hello fellow Optimist,

It is hard to believe we are entering the 6th month of our Optimist year! That's almost half way through the year, with so much yet to accomplish.

But this month, I want to focus on our Optimist International Annual Convention, being held in Arlington, Virginia, this year.

Dates:

Friday, June 30 – Board Meeting

Saturday, July 1 – Governor-Elect and Governor Training

Sunday, July 2 to Tuesday, July 4 – Convention

Wednesday, July 5—Optional Tours of Washington and Arlington area

The Convention Committee and staff are working hard to make this event one of the best member experiences in years. You will be **inspired** by Amy Downs story of being the last person pulled out alive of the 1995 Oklahoma Bombing. You will be **entertained** by a show on Saturday evening, fireworks on July 4, and the large number of tours the day after the convention. Plus, your district dinner, the service project to support another non-profit organization, trivia night and the President's gala. You will be **informed** about what's happening within our organization, and from outside our organization as we explore living Optimism as a philosophy of life. And there will be **fellowship** as you see Optimist friends from outside your own boundaries – or make new friends!

Plan on attending your OI Convention for an inspirational, entertaining, informative and friend-filled time. Hotel rooms are limited, so book your room now so you are not disappointed.

"A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties." — Harry S. Truman

Join us in Arlington to explore all the opportunities in front of us!

Bob McFadyen
2022-2023 President

Spotlight

In February, First Lady Penny and I traveled to South Carolina to a club event and to the North Carolina Conference and we discovered two more fantastic projects that Optimist do.

Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas: This organization started with one Optimist Club in South Carolina helping one family dealing with a child with cancer. It is now supported by a number of Optimist clubs in both North and South Carolina, and they have helped more than 2,000 families overcome distance and cost barriers, so their child's care is timely and complete. Their help for children battling cancer is immediate, comprehensive and continuous until the child reaches age 21. Check them out online at www.childrenscancerpartners.org.

Boys and Girls Homes: This project is located on Lake Waccamaw in the North Carolina East District and consists of 6 cottages, each sponsored by a separate service organization (Optimists, Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Jaycees and Civitan). What a fantastic example of non-profit organizations working together! These cottages are used by children who must be separated from their families, and this becomes their new home. During the conference, one Optimist club announced they were committing \$10,000 plus labor to upgrade the Optimist cottage (painting, flooring, kitchen upgrades, etc.). You can learn more about this fantastic initiative at www.boysandgirlshomes.org.

Optimist International Updates

"Spreading JOI" webinar

March 13, 2023, 7-8 p.m. CDT

Only a small percentage of our Optimist Clubs sponsor youth clubs each year. It's time to spread JOI! Are you interested? Members of the JOI Committee and JOI Board of Directors will lead this session, which will cover the basics of building youth clubs, including creative ideas and innovative tips to take your sponsorship to next level. And if you have questions about keeping your existing JOI clubs active, this webinar is for you.

"Optimist International Foundation Helping Optimists Help Kids" webinar

April 10, 2023, 7-8 p.m. CDT

Did you know that the Optimist International Foundation (OIF) is the charitable arm of Optimist International, providing Club Matching Grants and Scholarships for the Oratorical, Essay, and Communication Contest for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing? The OIF also supports Optimist International programs including Junior Golf and Junior Optimist International (JOI). Come learn how the Foundation supports these programs and how it can support your

May 8, 2023, 7-8:15 p.m. CDT

How do you become a more knowledgeable, involved Optimist volunteer? The Personal Growth and Involvement and the Professional Development Programs are your answer. Both are designed to promote member engagement while providing opportunities to develop greater leadership and professional skills. During this session, the basics of each program will be discussed, as well as updates and changes.

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)

The most convenient airport to fly into is the Regan National Airport

It has a free shuttle across the street to the hotel.

If you are driving, the normal daily parking rate of \$45 is reduced for us to \$20.



Hotel Reservations

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

2799 Richmond Hwy,
Alexandria, VA 22301

703 418 1234

Be Inspired



Keynote Speaker: Amy Downs

Fifty-one degrees under a cloudless sky, a light breeze out of the northeast: April 19, 1995, was a beautiful spring morning in Oklahoma. It was a Wednesday, and 28-year-old Amy Downs had just started her day as a bank teller at the Federal Employees Credit Union in downtown Oklahoma City.

Downs remembers catching up with coworkers on the way to her desk, reassuring her friend Sonya – on the way to a supervisors meeting in a bright yellow power suit – that she didn’t look like a giant sunflower.

“I remember just hearing such an incredible roaring in my head, and feeling this powerful rushing sensation, like I was falling,” Downs told a TEDx audience in 2020.

She was falling, nearly three floors as the building collapsed around her

"I sat down at my desk ... and one of my coworkers, who was seven months pregnant, came in to talk to me. I turned to ask her what she needed, and I don't know if the words came out or not, because that's when it happened."

That's when a Ryder rental truck loaded with 5,000 pounds of fertilizer and fuel oil exploded in front of the building where she worked.

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Be Entertained

Situated directly across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C., Arlington, Virginia, offers visitors a mix of big-city excitement and small-town charm. It boasts dazzling high-rises and iconic landmarks, lush green spaces and lively streetscapes, global dining and hip nightlife — all just steps from the nation's capital.

A close-knit and welcoming community, Arlington's 26 square miles are home to an array of vibrant, walkable neighborhoods conveniently located on the region's Metro system, plus an incredible variety of things to do.

From shopping and dining to arts and culture to history and the great outdoors, Arlington boasts a bonanza for everyone!

[Click here](#) to order or browse your free 2022-2023 Arlington Visitors guide.



District Events



March 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | | | | |

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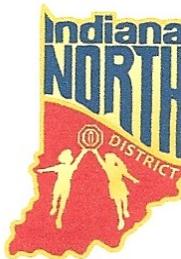
March 20: FIRST DAY OF Spring MARCH 20

March 24: St. Patrick's Day



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Southall

Zone 4: Karyn Gilly

Zone 5: Kathy Nelson

Zone 6: Rob Upchurch

Your Leadership Team for
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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