

MAY

SPECIAL
POINTS
OF INTEREST

This Month's Activities

This month, since there is no District activity, let's focus on building Club membership.

Optimist International has instituted a new member incentive program starting on April 1st through June 30th.

See page 4 for more details.

The Indiana North District OPTIMIST



District News



District Essay winners--all three are sophomores at New Castle High School

Left--Jasmine Windisch, 3rd place, New Castle Evening
Middle--Corinne Harvey, 2nd place, New Castle (Noon)
Right--Makenzie Foga, 1st place, New Castle Breakfast



District oratorical contest was held at our 3rd quarter conference in New Castle, we had 6 very talented individuals participate, representing 6 different clubs. This year's theme was "Discovering the Optimism Within Me", which the contestants explored by talking about personal goals and achievements, mental health issues, fun trips across this country and to foreign lands, some made us laugh and some made us cry.

They all did a great job, & walked away with a certificate and money to help further their education. Jacen Troxell sponsored by Mt. Vernon club, Gabby Gibson sponsored by Portland Evening club, & Lyla Shue sponsored by New Castle Breakfast club, all received a \$200 scholarship check from the District, 3rd place winner Keely Roe sponsored by Warsaw Breakfast club receives a plaque and \$1000 scholarship, 2nd place winner Maria Laux sponsored by Portland Breakfast receives a plaque and \$1500 scholarship, and 1st place winner Kaitlyn (Kae) Nielson sponsored by Zionsville Optimist club receives a plaque and \$2500 scholarship. 3 top scholarships are paid for by Past Governor Gary Addison in memory of his parents Grady & Dorothy Addison. Thank you, Gary

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

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OPTIMISM**

Gov. Max's Musings

Wow we just finished up our 3rd quarter Trail break and it was awesome. Thanks to Sandy Rogers for a well-run oratorical contest and Susie Delay for another great essay competition.

Hats off to our inspiring speakers from OI. Membership chair Tom Kendo and foundation rep Fatima Plater both brought great messages from Optimist International.

OI president Bob has put several membership incentives into place that will be good until June 30. One is a \$100 gift card to the member in each zone that brings in the most new members between April 1 and June 30 plus several other prizes. No matter what the prize, no incentive is greater than making

your club stronger and serving more youth.

Growth is key to a better future. On to our 2023 district convention! August 18-19th Warsaw Indiana Wyndham Garden hotel. Reservation 574-376-2842.



Entertainment for Friday evening Wag-on wheel theater tribute to Patsy Cline.

Tickets will be 25 dollars that is half price. (Thank you Amy Roe).

Registration forms will be coming out soon so plan to be there. Have a great day on the Optimist trail.

Gov. Max

Club Happenings



The Bluffton Club participated in a “Non-profit and service Club” Expo at the local Chamber of Commerce.



The Bluffton Club donated to the Wells County Public Library summer reading program. This year's theme is “All Together Now”

Send your Club's photos & happenings to the District News Editor,
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JUST
3-THINGS
with President Bob McFadyen

Hello fellow Optimist,

Let's talk about what new members mean to a Club. By new members, I mean people who are interested in our mission, in bringing out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves. I mean people like you.

Why did YOU decide to get involved? What is your Club doing that keeps you coming back? Have you invited someone to a Club event so they can find their own reason to get involved?

The youth in our communities need us more today than ever before! If you have any doubt about that, reach out to your local elementary school and ask about the number of students that attend school without the proper nutrition, supplies or winter clothing. Just imagine the difference we could make by supporting those students to be their best, setting the very foundation for their entire future!

As we continue to shrink in membership, so does our support and service to the youth in our communities. In the end, it is the children that are suffering from our inability (or unwillingness?) to *just invite* someone to share our love and passion for our organization.

Fellow Optimists, everything that happens in our organization happens at the Club level, through you, our Members. All we can do as your international leaders is provide you with information, motivation and, sometimes, a little incentive.

To that end, the Membership Committee has come up with a new incentive for the third quarter: "Lighting the Fuse on Your Optimist Rocket."

A New Member Incentive

Beginning April 1, 2023, recruiting new Optimists can earn you rewards!

The Member from each Region who recruits the most new Members between April 1 and June 30 will receive a \$100 gift card. The winners' names will also be placed in a drawing for free registration to the International Convention in Arlington, Virginia.

A second-place winner from each Region will receive a \$75 gift card and be entered into a drawing for a ticket to the President's Banquet at the Convention, while a third-place winner from each Region will receive a \$50 gift card and be entered into a drawing for a ticket to the Heritage Brunch.

Since the drawings will take place after everyone has registered for the convention, the winners will have their money refunded. The tickets are also transferable, so if you choose not to attend one of the best conventions in years, you may sell or donate them to someone else.

Members aren't the only ones up for rewards; Districts are also in the running. The District that adds the most new Members and the District with the largest percentage of new Members will each have their Governor and a partner seated at the head table during the President's Banquet.

But we don't just want to get numbers up to give out rewards. We want – we need – more people like YOU!

As a group of strong, committed individuals, we can control and create an organization to continue to serve children and our communities for another 100 years!



Bob McFadyen
2022-2023 President

"Instead of worrying about what you cannot control, shift your energy to what you can create."
– Roy T. Bennett

Spotlight

Optimist International Update

International Convention Keynote Speaker: In 1999, a drunk driver left Kelley Schaefer – then a cheerleader for the Indiana University Hoosiers – quadriplegic. Schaefer lost her athletic ability, but not her spirit, and her book, "Fractured not Broken," tells the true story of loss, faith and love that only happens in nonfiction. The Amazon bestseller has won the New Apple Spirit Award and the Inspirational Award, and Schaefer's story has been featured on ESPN and in Rosie Magazine.

Schaefer will speak at the Optimist International Convention in Arlington, Virginia, this July.

Learn more about [**YOUR International Convention!**](#)

[**Online registration**](#) is now open!



April 2023

Young people are reaping the benefits of recent Optimist Club programs in Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and the Middle East.

Ghana

A project four years in the making came full circle this spring for the Optimist Club Tema District in Ghana. In 2019, Club members partnered with the [National Readers Association](#) to create a mobile library for young people. The Club received approximately three thousand books for math, science and English that will benefit about 400 local students.



Jordan

Education is a key component for Optimist Clubs' community service initiatives. That's one of the reasons President Bob McFadyen encourages Optimist Clubs to adopt a primary or elementary school in their area. The [Hand in Hand Optimist Club](#) of Amman, Jordan, connected with young people this year during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The second annual event included music, dancing, characters in costume, face-painting, competitions, and the distribution of books to more than three dozen children.



Barbados

The connection between Optimists and education dates back several decades to the organization's Youth Appreciation program. Many Clubs, including the [Optimist Club of Barbados North](#), created programs to acknowledge middle- and high-school age people. Youth Appreciation is designed to encourage a greater exchange of ideas between young people and adults and to recognize students for being a positive influence among their peers.



Algeria and Belize

Young people from three countries joined an online discussion this month about community service and what it means to them. Students from Algeria, Canada and Belize shared their experiences via Zoom during the event organized by the Optimist Club of Algeria and the Optimist Club of Belize. The students and participating adults agreed they would continue the discussion on other topics in the



Bangladesh

Many Optimist Club projects focus on less fortunate young people in our society, but the Optimist Club of Dhaka, Bangladesh, recently went above and beyond. Dhaka Optimists doubled their membership and worked with the business community to obtain funding for a meal service at a local orphanage.

Japan

Optimist International's first Club in Japan wasted no time demonstrating its commitment to community service. The Optimist Club of Tokyo, in its [first quarterly newsletter](#), reported raising funds to provide food and clothing to a school in Laos, providing supplies and food to an orphanage in Cambodia, and donating goods and other items to two youth employment centers in Jakarta, Indonesia.



Nepal

To the west of Japan, many of the [Optimist Clubs in Nepal](#) participated in one of the oldest Optimist programs, the Essay Contest. Students were asked to write an essay on the topic, "Who is an Everyday Hero that brings out the Optimism in You?" We congratulate all the participants and those who received certificates and awards for their work.

New Club Development

South Korea

Optimist International would also like to extend a warm greeting to the newest Club in Asia. The Optimist Club of Seoul, South Korea, organized in mid-March with the initial mission of supporting a Junior Optimist Club formed at the same time. The new adult Club is sponsored by the Media-Rose Tree Optimist Club of the Atlantic Central District.

Administrative Corner



Optimist International seeks to stay up to date regarding the activity of our Clubs around the world. To let us know what your Club has been doing, or for more information about international sponsorship, email editor Jim Boyd at jim.boyd@optimist.org. Include a brief description of your project and some photos if you'd like to be featured.

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
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Be Inspired

"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.

"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.

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



May 2023

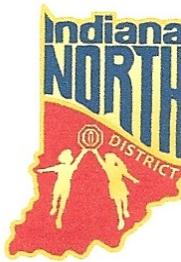
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30	A graphic for Memorial Day featuring the American flag, the text "MEMORIAL DAY", and the phrase "REMEMBERING & HONORING ALL WHO SERVED" with five stars at the bottom.					

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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