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OF INTEREST



The Indiana North District PTIMIST

District News

This Months Activities

See page five for the Governor's new incentive for increasing membership

See page 9-12 for information to nominate the Distinguished Optimist of the year and also for the Humanitarian of the year.

Our Indiana North District Convention will be held in Warsaw on August 18th and 19th at the Wyndham Garden 2519 E. Center St Warsaw, IN 46580.

This is always a great time, meeting old friends and making new acquaintances. There will be many opportunities to relax and enjoy the week-end.

Registrations must be in by August 1, 2023, so act now to secure your spot. Full registration forms are on page 2 and 3.

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

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OPTIMISM**

Gov. Max's Musings

Hey folks' summer is heating up and so is the Optimist trail. July is the start of the 4th quarter, and we are driving hard for a great finish to our optimist trail ride.

It is time to shift gears and make that big climb to the top of the hill. You are getting some great help to grow your club and for some recover the loss of members. OI president Bob has released some incentives that are some of the best ever presented and all you have to do is add members. Starting July 1st any member added will put your club into the program. All that needs to be done is your club must be registered for the program and it is a easy 4 question application that any member can do. your club could win \$1000, \$750, \$500 or even \$300. Go to Bob's email Just 3 things and click on the link. (Pg.4)

Great news is that Indiana North is having our own incentive for membership! From July 1st to September 30th any new member added, the sponsoring member will receive \$20. To go even further, I am going to give the club with the best positive growth over their October 1st, 2022 numbers,

a 2 sided flag with their club name. This is a nice 10ft tall flag that you can use to help promote your club.

Also, more exciting news. The 2023 Indiana north convention is just right around the corner August 18-19 at Warsaw in. The Noon and Breakfast club have planned a great event and you won't want to miss it. Registration forms have been sent out and you will be able to find it on the web site:

indiananorthdistrict.org.

Do not wait, get registered now. *I am going to give away a 6 ft tablecloth with the optimist logo and your club's name at the con-*



vention. Each club that is represented will get 1 entry in the drawing. It is a nice way to advertise your club. These are available on OI web site at the vista print pro shop. Good luck to all the clubs and make our clubs and district great again.

Gov. Max

P.S.

Hey folks can we spread the word on the district incentive? See page five. let me know if it needs more information or changed.

*Thanks,
Max*

Club Happenings



The Lafayette Breakfast Club held a fishing derby on Father's Day.

It was a successful event with 293 kids and their parents at the event.

The Decatur Optimist Club assisted the local bicycle Club with their annual "Flat 50" ride. With around 250 riders participating, slushies at the finish line were in high demand. Pictured at the right are the "Slushie Brothers", Jim & Dave producing the delicious drinks.



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



Hello fellow Optimist,

I am resending this message as there was a mistake in the details with regard to the 4th Quarter incentive. Please see revised content below and I apologize for the confusion.

As we enter the ninth month of our Optimist year, First Lady Penny and I want to thank all the Clubs and Districts that have made us feel welcome during our visits. It is so gratifying to meet the wonderful people working to make our communities a better place, for ourselves and our children.

Knowing how hard our Members work makes it all the more tragic that there are fewer of us every year. As our numbers dwindle, so does our impact. Because, while our Clubs are shrinking, the needs of our communities certainly aren't.

We *must* grow as well.

We hope our fourth quarter membership incentive will get us back on the right track. From July 1 to Sept. 30, we are offering cash prizes to the Clubs that recruit the most new Members, both in absolute terms and as a percentage of current membership.

Correction of June "Just 3 Things". The top three clubs in each category in all of Optimist International (NOT IN EACH DISTRICT – as stated in my June message) will get the monetary awards.

Here's a breakdown of the rewards (REVISED):

\$1,000 to one Club in all of Optimist International that adds the most new members (category 1).

\$1,000 to one Club in all of Optimist International that adds the highest percentage of new members (category 2).

\$750 to each of the second-place Clubs in both categories.

\$500 to each of the third-place Clubs in both categories.

\$300 to two Clubs drawn randomly from participating Clubs not in the top three in either category.

If you want to join the incentive program and compete for the cash prizes, just follow these two simple steps:

Register your Club to participate by July 15. You can do so by filling out this [registration form](#). Please note that this program is only open to regular Optimist clubs. Junior Optimist Clubs, college Clubs, and any Clubs built under a pilot project are **not** eligible.

Recruit as many new members as you can between July 1 and September 30. New members' dues must be paid by October 31, and they must still be on the Club roster in January 2024. The winning Clubs will be announced as soon as possible after Nov. 6.

Consult our [Member recruitment and retention webpage](#) for ideas to grow your membership, and please contact newclub@optimist.org if you have any questions.

Fellow Optimists, we must build an organization to serve children and our communities long into the future. If we work together, we can build that future. So, good luck and have fun!

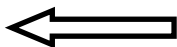
"The only way you can predict the future is to build it." ~ Alan Kay



Win this flag for your club. New district member incentives starting July 1st through September 30th .

1. Add a member and sponsoring member gets \$20 bucks!

2. The club that has the most growth over their October 1 st 2022 membership will get one of these 2 sided flags with their club's name on it. Let's end this Optimist year on a positive note.



Gov. Max

I am going to give away a 6 ft table-cloth with the optimist logo and your club's name at the DISTRICT convention. Each club that is represented will get 1 entry in the drawing.

See sample below



SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight

Our 105th International Convention is almost here. There will be something for everyone. You will be **entertained** on Saturday, July 1, by a children's choir and a fun DJ playing the music you love; and, on July 4, by fireworks from our nation's capital. You will be **inspired** by Amy Downs and Kelly Schaefer as they tell their personal stories of fortitude and optimism. You will be **educated** in our business sessions and our breakout forums. And you will **have fun** seeing old friends and meeting new ones at trivia night, the President's gala and the special tour on July 5.

This convention is yours, so enjoy it!

much more!

[Volunteers needed for Junior Golf Championships](#)

The Optimist Junior Golf Program relies on the support of dedicated volunteers. Volunteers receive discounted room rates, breakfast and lunch on days they work, complimentary parking, two tournament shirts (for working two days or more), discounted golf on certain days, and an opportunity to play a round of golf following the Parent-Child Classic.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, call Optimist Golf at 800-500-8130, ext. 207, or email golf@optimist.org.

[Oratorical World Championships](#)

Join us July 20-21 in St. Louis, Missouri, to see the impressive presentations in person!

Indiana North District Optimist District Convention

August 18 & 19, 2023 Wyndham Garden 2519 E. Center St Warsaw, IN 46580

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – August 1, 2023 Name _____
 Spouse/Guest _____ PH # _____ Club Name _____ Club Num-
 ber _____ Email _____ Club Office 2022-2023 _____ District Office
 2022-2023 _____ Club Office 2023-2024 _____ District Office 2023-
 2024 _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____
 Zip _____ Is Spouse/Guest attending also a
 Club Member? Y N (circle one) Club Name _____ office 22-23 _____ office 23-24 _____

Accommodations: Call the Wyndham Garden at phone: 1-574-376-2842 Room Reservation by August 1st (Identify with IN North Optimist) Daily Room Rate: (25 ODN Standard 2 Double beds) \$109 plus tax

Breakfast provided by the Warsaw Noon Optimist Club

Registration fee: Per Member \$10.00 Family \$15.00 Virtual Fee same as in-person Club Registration: 1-50 Members \$50; 51-75 Members \$75; 76+ Members \$100 Total Registration Fees \$ _____

“Trail Breaks” Friday morning Billy Sunday Museum-(meet in lobby prior) 10-11am which will lead into a tour of the Village of Winona from 11a-12p....will have lunch on the trail ...Attending: # _____

Friday afternoon Pottery Bayou-join fellow Optimists painting a piece of pottery from 1-4pm Friday (takes about 1 ½ hours to paint the pottery) Located at 806 Park Avenue, Winona Lake-owned by WBOC optimist member Gina Voelz. Finished items can be shipped to your home. Cost \$5.00 for studio fee plus cost of item to paint (\$5-70) to be paid at the Potter Bayou. Website: potterybayou.com ...Attending: # _____

Friday evening 6:00 pm Dinner “Over The Top With Optimism” dinner is \$28 per person # _____ X \$28 _____ Mandarin Orange Spinach Salad, baguette roll, twice baked potato, Italian herbed zucchini & squash, parmesan crusted chicken and lasagna buffet at the Wyndham

Friday evening

7:45 pm Wagon Wheel Show: Always...Patsy Cline is a tribute to the legendary country singer with down home country humor and true emotion. Half priced tickets for our group at \$25/person.

...Attending: # _____ \$ _____ Show time is 8pm. RSVP drop date is July 21st . All reservations must be made by this date to obtain the above rate.

FREE Concert at Central Park: "The 1985's" outdoor concert. Bring your own chairs. No Charge. We will only be able to catch part of the concert due to the dinner schedule. Gather in lobby ...Attending: # _____

Saturday 8:30am on the Convention Trail Saturday Lunch: BBQ pork sandwich or chicken salad wrap, vegetable soup, walnut spinach gorgonzola salad, drinks included (coffee, iced tea and lemonade) # _____ @ \$18.00 _____ Please let us know if you have any special dietary needs regarding meals

Registration:

_____ \$ _____

Trail Breaks: # Attending...Museum # _____ Pottery # _____ Concert # _____ Trail Show # _____
\$ _____ (Wagon Wheel next door) Meals: # _____ Fri Dinner # _____ Sat Lunch
...\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Don't forget to make a copy or take a picture of this registration form, for your reference. Mail Registration w/your Check made payable to "Indiana North District" by August 1st. Send to: Sheryl Harlan 99 Chestnut Street, Winona Lake, IN 46590 (member of the Warsaw Noon Optimist Club) sheryl.harlan@lakecitybank.com 574-268-8440 Questions: just ask Governor Max 765-960-5857 Email: max.jeep@comcast.net (Please also email a copy of your reservation to Governor Max)

INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT DISTINGUISHED OPTIMIST AWARD

This award was established to recognize the Optimist of the club who has made the greatest contribution to the cause of Optimism in his/her own club and to the Indiana North District during the year of competition.

AWARD NAME: This award shall be designated as

AWARD: A specially designed plaque will be presented to the selected Optimist at the October District Board meeting following his/her selections. The recipient shall be announced at the District Convention and shall have a place of honor at all District functions during the year of the award.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the award is to stimulate club interest in District activities by directing recognition to an individual for his/her outstanding contributions to the objectives of Optimism. The award is for unselfish devotion and enthusiastic activity in promoting the growth and success of his/her Optimist club and the Indiana North District.

QUALIFICATIONS: Nominees must have been a member of an Optimist club in good standing for at least one year. They have a record of perfect attendance and have sponsored at least one new member during the period of competition. Although emphasis will be place on current activities, a nominee's background of past activities, honors and accomplishments will be taken into consideration in making the selection. The dossier of all nominees shall include their past club histories and District activities in respect to offices held, year elected to club membership, attendance and honors and distinctions in other service fields. Nominees must not currently be a member of the Executive Committee.

PERIOD: The period of competition shall cover ten (10) months, October 1 through July 31.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations for the award shall originate with Optimist clubs in Nominations may also be submitted by District Officers. Only one nominee will be permitted from a club, and all nominations be submitted on the prescribed form which is included in the District Roster Book.

SUBMISSION: Nomination on the prescribed form must be submitted to the District Secretary-Treasurer on or before August 1 of the competition year.

SELECTION: The selection committee shall consider all nominations received and shall recommend not more than six (6) nominees to the Executive Committee for further consideration. The selection committee shall compile a complete dossier of nominees which shall be submitted to the Executive Committee. The name of the nominees not receiving the award shall not be made public.

NOMINATION FOR DISTINGUISHED OPTIMIST AWARD

CLUB: _____ DATE: _____ NOMINEE'S
 NAME: _____ YEAR AFFILIATED: _____ ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ CLUB ACTIVITIES (give dates)**

OFFICE: Pres: _____ VP: _____ Sec: _____ Treasurer: _____

Director: _____ Other: _____

COMMITTEE	YEAR	COMMITTEE	YEAR
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Number of Years Perfect Attendance: _____

Number of New Members Sponsored this Year: _____ Since a Member: _____

Club Distinctions: _____

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES (GIVE DATES) **

OFFICE: Governor: _____ Lt Gov: _____ Sec/Treas: _____

COMMITTEE	YEAR	COMMITTEE	YEAR
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_____	_____	_____	_____
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District Distinctions:

_____ CLUB SECRETARY MUST COMPLETE CERTIFICATION

Submitted by: _____

Title: _____ Date Certified and Approved by Club Board of Directors:

_____ Secretary Signature:

** Attach Separate Sheet for Additional Information if Needed.

Send to INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT SECRETARY-TREASURER BY July 31st

INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT HUMANITARIAN AWARD

This award was established to recognize the Optimist who has made the greatest contribution to the community, humanity, and Optimism in the Indiana North District during the year of completion.

AWARD NAME: This award shall be designated as the “INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT HUMANITARIAN AWARD”

AWARD: A specially designed plaque will be presented to the selected Optimist at the October Board meeting following his/her selection. The recipient will be announced at the District Convention and will have a place of honor at all District functions during the year of the award.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the award is to stimulate club interest in District activities by directing recognition to an individual for his/her outstanding contributions to humanity and Optimism. The award will be made for unselfish devotion and enthusiastic activity in promoting and / or participating in humanitarian activities within his/her community and the Indiana North District.

QUALIFICATIONS: Nominees must have been a member of an Optimist Club in good standing for at least one year. Although emphasis will be placed on current activities, a nominee’s background of past activities , honors and accomplishments will be taken into consideration in making the selection. These activities and honors shall primarily be other than club-related activities. HOWEVER, his/her community service and humanitarian activities be independent of the nominee’s affiliation. The dossier of all nominees shall include the year of their election to Optimist club membership and honors and distinctions in community and humanitarian activities. No member of the Executive Committee shall be eligible for nomination and /or selection during the year.

PERIOD: The period of competition will cover ten (10) months, from October 1 through the following July 31.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations for the award shall originate from Optimist Clubs in good standing or may be submitted by District officers. Nominations from clubs must be approved by the Club’s Board of directors. Only one nomination from each club will be permitted and all nominations be submitted on the prescribed form which is included in the District Roster Book.

SUBMISSIONS: Nominations on the prescribed form must be submitted to the District Secretary-Treasurer prior to August 1 of the competition year.

SELECTION: The selection committee will consider all nominations received and will recommend not more than six (6) nominees to the Executive Committee for further consideration and selection. The selection committee shall compile complete dossiers which shall be submitted to the Executive Committee. The names of nominees not receiving the award shall not be made public.

NOMINATION FOR INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT HUMANITARIAN AWARD

CLUB: _____ DATE: _____
 NOMINEE'S NAME: _____ YEAR AFFILIATED: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

COMMUNITY-CIVIC-HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES (give dates)**

Activity	Service Year(s)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

CLUB SECRETARY MUST COMPLETE CERTIFICATION

Submitted by: _____

Title: _____

Date Certified and Approved by Club Board of Directors: _____

Secretary Signature: _____

** Attach Separate Sheet for Additional Information if Needed.

Send to INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT SECRETARY TREASURE BY July 31st 2023

District Events

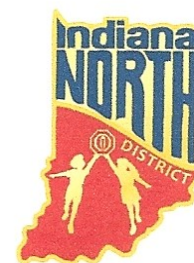
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Southall

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Zone 5: Kathy Nelson

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Optimist Year 2022-2023

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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**