



Past Governor Karyn Gilly: March 8, 1952—July 6, 2023

August

**SPECIAL
POINTS
OF INTEREST**

This Month's Activities

See page Seven and eight for the Governor's new incentive for increasing membership.

See pages four and five for the Convention agenda.

The Indiana North District



OPTIMIST

District News

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. Call Sheryl Harlan @ 574-268-8440 for last minute reservations.

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

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**CHOOSE
OPTIMISM**

Gov. Max's Musings

President elects, it is time to have your committees planned out and ready to go. An effective leader will use committees to be effective. Getting your members involved in club planning will pay off through the year.

Presidents and club board of directors, plan a *now or wow* meeting and take advantage of the new member incentives. My incentive is 20 dollars for any member who sponsors a new member, a 2- sided club flag for the club that has the most

growth over their October 1st. 2022 membership. Plus, the international incentives for clubs that signed up to participate. Growth is the best way to keep our clubs healthy.



You can still reserve a room at the Warsaw Wyndham Garden Inn until August 15th. The convention committee has a great time planned, so be there. See you August 17-18.

Governor Max

Convention Agenda

Indiana North District Convention August 18 & 19, 2023
Wyndham Garden, Warsaw, IN

Friday August 18, 2023

Optimist Trail Break Activities Everyone

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Billy Sunday Museum/Village of Winona Tour

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Pottery Bayou (make your own pottery)

4:00pm Registration/doors/Zoom open

4:30pm Governor-elect and Club President-elect Training Pam Galloway

5:00pm First Business Session Call to Order Gov. Max

Invocation PG Sandy

Pledge Gov. Elect Chris

Creed Chris Whitehead

Welcome/Introductions Gov. Max

Greetings from OI Rep

Convention Rules Parliamentarian/PG Gregg

Call for Nominations for Gov. Elect Gov. Max

Close business session Gov. Max

6:00pm “Over the Top With Optimism” Dinner Gov. Max

7:45pm Evening entertainment: Wagon Wheel or Park Concert Members Choice or hospitality room

Saturday August 19, 2023

8:00am -Registration/Doors open/ Zoom/Silent Auction open

8:30am -Welcome from Mayor of Warsaw

Call to order Gov. Max

Invocation Lt. Gov. Zone 3

Pledge All Optimist

Welcome & Introductions Gov. Max/Lt. Gov. Zone 3

Greetings OI VP Julie Robison Regional VP Julie Robison

Optimist Creed Lt. Gov. Zone 3

Saturday Cont.

9:00 am Memorial Service PG Chuck /PG Sandy GE Chris

9:25 am Fun/Break Warsaw Breakfast Optimist Singers

10:00am Leader Training: Leadership Development Team

Susie Delay/What is Your Club's Identity?

10:30 am Pam Galloway/Club Goals: Honor & Distinguished Clubs

11:00 am Chris Whitehead/Optimist Institute and CARE Program

11:30 am Round table discussions: Fundraising, Member retention, Secretary and Treasurer updates

12:00pm Lunch

12:35 pm Featured Speaker OI V.P. Julie Robison

1:00pm Second Business Session Gov. Max

Q3 minutes & Financial report Dist. Sec. Shelley/ Dist. Treas. Jim

Gov. Elect Nominations/Vote Candidate Qualifications

Gov. Elect remarks Governor Elect

Humanitarian of the Year Award Presentation

Distinguished Optimist of the Year Award Presentation

Governor Designate Remarks Governor Designate Chris

Close business session Gov. Max

1:30pm Installation of Executive Board/OI Rep remarks

1:45pm Final call for Silent Auction bids Gov. Max

Chair Reports Respective chairs

Achievements & Awards Everett Hampton

Club Videos Brian Mahoney

Historian Vivian Jackson

International Convention report Gary Addison

Jr. Golf Becky Mattair

New Club Building Becky Mahoney

Silent Auction winners/DFR report Nancy Barker

2:30pm Closing remarks Gov. Max/Gov. Designate Chris

2:45pm Close of Convention Gov. Max

Club Happenings



Warsaw Breakfast presented Erin Rowland, representing CASA accepted a \$1,500 check



Chesterfield Optimist Club 4th of July Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Pictured are twins, Leah Shay and Dixie Lynn in their 4th of July outfits with their parents Jimmy and Optimist Becca Roach.

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



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.

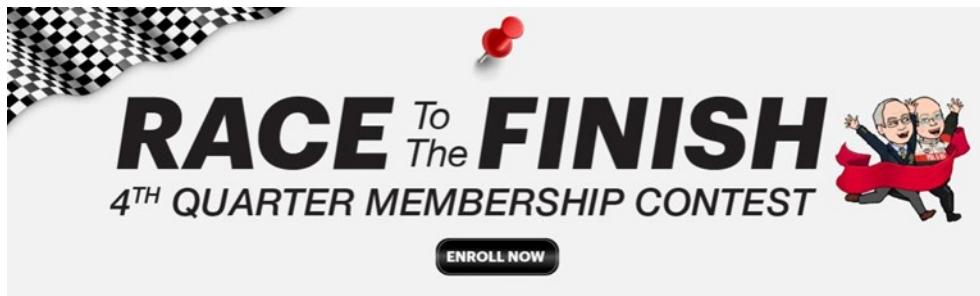


Gov. Max

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




 A promotional banner for the "Race To The Finish 4th Quarter Membership Contest". The banner features a checkered racing flag on the left, a red ribbon banner with a cartoon Optimist International character in the middle, and a "ENROLL NOW" button on the right. The text "RACE To The FINISH" is prominently displayed in large, bold, black letters, with "To The" in a smaller font. Below it, "4TH QUARTER MEMBERSHIP CONTEST" is written in a smaller, bold, black font.

After getting off to a fast start last week the pace of increasing membership slowed a bit....but maybe not this slow...

There were some bright spots and a new leader for the 4th quarter membership incentive program. The lead now belongs to the **Greensburg Optimist Club of Indiana South** which added six members this past week. This pushed last week's leader, **Duldalk of Maryland South Delaware**, into the second position after last week's fast start. The **Chilton Optimist Club in Wisconsin North, Upper Michigan** shifted their race entry into another gear, adding four members. **The B Ridder Optimist Club of Louisiana and the Woodstock Optimist Club in the Gateway District** used NASCAR drafting techniques to stay close this week, adding three members each.

Several other Clubs were able to add two members or one as the second week of Let's Go Racing ended. Only Clubs that have pre-registered for the race are eligible for the competition.

The top prize in the contest is \$1,000 for the Club adding the most members. The Club with the highest percentage of membership growth during the period will also collect \$1,000.

There will also be cash prizes for second and third place in for the number of members added as well as the percentage of new members added. The racing rules require that all new members added during the race be paid members through the start of the 2023-2024 second quarter (January-March 2024) Any club not falling into the top three positions of each category will be placed in a random draw for one of two cash prizes.

Questions about the 4th Quarter Incentive program can be sent to membership@optimist.org.

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 placed 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

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

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 from 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: _____

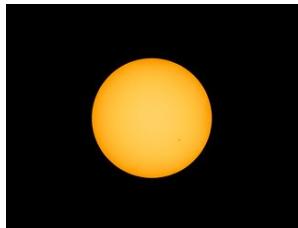
Date Certified and Approved by Club Board of Directors: _____

Secretary Signature:

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

District Events



August 2023

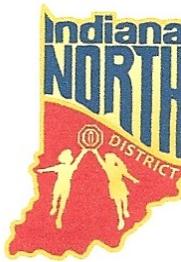
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IN North District Convention
Wyndham Garden, Warsaw



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Zone 3: Yvonne

Southall

Zone 4: Karyn Gilly

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