



# The Indiana North District PTIMIST

## *District News*

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

#### *This Months Activities*

2nd Quarter District Meeting. It will be a virtual Luau via ZOOM on February 3rd at 9:30 am.

#### Upcoming Events

## Second Quarter Meeting

The second quarter District Meeting will be held on February 3rd via ZOOM at 9:30 AM. See the link below to register for the Meeting .

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/tZcpf-2sqDstHtao25meE5-t1sffA0uDYM2B>

(Copy & paste the above link in your browser)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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OPPORTUNITY  
DOESN'T  
KNOCK,  
BUILD A DOOR  
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## A note from 2022-2023 International President Bob McFadyen

2022-2023  
Presidential  
Awards



Hello fellow Optimists –

As we look back on the 2022-2023 Optimist year, the Choose Optimism year, First Lady Penny and I have so many wonderful memories of visiting Clubs and Districts, meeting wonderful people working on fantastic projects for youth and their communities.

I tried to make it a year of communication – sending a monthly email to all Members, offering my phone number and email address to all Members for them to contact me with their questions and concerns (some did), and traveling to 25 Districts and 35 Clubs to meet and talk to our Members in person. My message was that the future of our organization is in the hands of our Members, and we need all Members to be part of the solution to ensure that the Optimist organization is here to serve youth for decades to come.

Through our programs (and our mission statement), Optimists offer HOPE to so many young people in our communities. And through our programs, such as the new O.W.L.S. program, we help create an environment where our youth can develop confidence and self-esteem.

Many of our Members heard the message and have reacted, resulting in 65 Honor Clubs, 37 Distinguished Clubs, one Honor District and five Distinguished Districts in the 2022-2023 Optimist year. Some Clubs and Districts are not on the Honor/Distinguished list because they may have fallen short on one or two of the requirements listed on the ICD-135 Awards Policy. But that does not mean they are not a successful Club making a huge impact on the youth in their communities.

And so, as we recognize those Clubs and Districts that did complete all of the requirements, I also want to acknowledge the contribution of all of our Members and Clubs to their communities.

Penny and I want to thank and acknowledge all of the Optimists who stepped forward to make a difference in their Club, their community and their District. Thank you for being an Optimist, and thank you for your commitment to make a difference in the lives of the youth in your community.

And congratulations to those reaching Honor/Distinguished status!

Yours in Optimism, Past International President **Bob McFadyen**

# Club Happenings



15 of **West Jay Optimist** members celebrated 23 students from West Jay Elementary and Redkey Elementary with 97 family members and a couple teachers. They heard what their teacher had to say about why they chose them and received a t-shirt indicating the award. All were served a meal, and got to chose a door prize.



**The Warsaw Breakfast Club Check Presentation – \$2000 to LaunchPad**

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



# Optimist International



## Optimist day is February 1, 2024

Optimist Day is a great chance to celebrate your Club's impact in your community and showcase the power of optimism.

We encourage Members to wear their Optimist apparel on Feb. 1 to help you stand out and invite questions from potential new members. But our Optimist Day efforts should go well beyond merchandise! We also urge you to plan a high-profile public service project for Optimist Day and let people know about it.

By sending a [news release \(click to view a template\)](#) to your local media outlets and posting photos of your project to social media with the hashtags #OptimistDay and #OptimistDay2024, you will generate good publicity for your Club and attract new members and supporters.

Also, reach out to your local officials and ask them to issue a [proclamation \(click to view a template\)](#) declaring the first Thursday in February as Optimist Day. This will raise awareness and recognition of our organization and our mission.

We hope you are as excited as we are for Optimist Day 2024. Let's make it memorable and meaningful for ourselves and our communities!

## Second Quarter Meeting Agenda

### Saturday, February 3, 2024

9:00 am – Zoom opens for chat	Gov. Chris
9:30 am General session -Call to Order	Gov. Chris
Invocation	Past Gov. Jim Burk
Pledge	Leadership Chair - Chris White head
Creed	Lt. Gov. Kris Mueller
Welcome	Lafayette representative.
Introductions / Fun activity (poll)	Gov. Chris
9:45 am Business session	Gov. Chris
Q1 minutes approval	Dist. Sec. - Shelley Manthey
Financial Report	Dist. Treas.- Jim Smith
Any old business	Gov. Chris
Convention bids	Past Gov. Sandy Rogers
Any other new business	Gov. Chris
Adjourn business session	Gov. Chris
10:10 am Break (5 minutes)	
10:15 am Membership Retention	OI President – Tracy Huxley
10:30 am Q&A – Feedback and Discussion	
10:45 am Break (5 minutes)	
10:50 am JOOI Clubs and Discussion	
11:15 am Group Discussion	
11:30 am Fun	
11:00 pm Chair reports ask for report request	
Achievements & Awards	A & A Chair – Sandy Rogers
Childhood Cancer	CCC - Ann Hughes
District Foundation Rep.	DFR – Nancy Barker
Respect For Law	Chair – Pam Galloway
11:25 am Closing remarks	Gov. Chris
11:30 am Meeting adjourned	Gov. Chris
Zoom will stay open until 12:00 pm for chatting	



# Optimist

## INTERNATIONAL

### Indiana North District

Aloha,

The time is almost here for our 2nd quarter district luau on Saturday, February 3, 2024. The 2nd quarter meeting will be done on Zoom, so all can stay safely home and not out on the Indiana roads in the winter.

The Saturday meeting will begin at 9:30 am at the following Zoom link, the link will be open at 9:00 am to chat.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85117079193?pwd=YmxkK1VYOHQ4V25VbEZEQXFvYW1mZz09>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Reminder to all club Presidents, you are a voting member of the Indiana North District Board of Directors. Your presence is requested at these meetings. You can send a representative in your place; if you choose to do so, it requires written consent from you via email to [crw1@protonmail.com](mailto:crw1@protonmail.com) prior to the meeting.

Attached you will find the agenda for both days, please join us for any or all of the activities planned. Registration is required for each session; they are separate Zoom links.

December 6, 2023

Club Presidents, Essay Chairs, and Other Interested Optimists:

It is time to plan for this year's essay contest if you have not already started. The topic for the 2023-2024 school year is: "Optimism: How It Connects Us."

Now is the time to get an article in the local newspaper promoting this. There are students all around the state looking to compete in this. We need all clubs in the district to offer the contest. It requires three judges which can be (but do not have to be) members of your club.

The winning essay needs to be in my hands along with a check for \$35 and the required paperwork by February 28, 2023.

The paperwork is at this link or copy and paste the link below to find it online.

[Club Planning Guide](#)

[https://optimist.org/Documents/2024/programs/23-24\\_Essay\\_Club\\_Planning\\_Guide.pdf](https://optimist.org/Documents/2024/programs/23-24_Essay_Club_Planning_Guide.pdf)

[Press Release Guide--](#)

<https://optimist.org/member/scholarships3.cfm>

See the bottom of the above page for PDF and .doc versions of a press release where you just essentially fill in the blanks.

All documents--the essay, signed entry form, student application, and birth certificate, as well as a check for \$35 made out to Indiana North need to be in my PHYSICAL possession by February 28. If you have the ability to share the essay with me as a Google doc through email in addition to the print copy, that would be helpful for doing the word count. My email is [sdelay@ncweb.me](mailto:sdelay@ncweb.me).

Mail or deliver materials to the following address:

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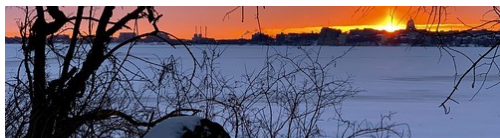
Louisville, IN 47353

I can also accept materials at New Castle High School. Just let me know if you plan to deliver them to the school so I know to look for them. Please call (765-465-0945) or email ([sdelay@ncweb.me](mailto:sdelay@ncweb.me)) me with any questions. I am happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,



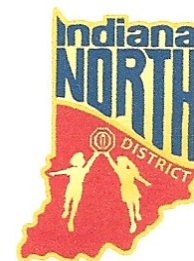
# District Events



## February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 	15	16	17
18	19 	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 		

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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

Your Leadership  
Team for 2023-  
2024

## Optimist Mission

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities, and ourselves.

## 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