



SPECIAL
POINTS

This Month's Activities

Let's think "NEW MEMBERS". Who would you like to join you in our meetings. Now is the time to invite them. OI has several good ideas on having a NOW (New Optimists Welcome) Meeting.

Upcoming Events

Optimist International convention
June 22-26th.

The Indiana North District



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District News

Condolences to immediate Past Governor, Max Soliday. His wife, Debra passed away at home on May 11th.

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

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Who Are Your Club's Future Leaders?

It's the time of year to stop, take a break, and enjoy summer. But don't rest on those laurels just yet.

Has your Optimist Club completed its Club Officer-Elect Report (COER) for next year? Often, with the summer months coming up, this will catch us by surprise, as evidenced by our District's 36% COER completion rate as of May 27th. OI's deadline for the COER is May 20. Congratulations to the following IN North Clubs who have selected their club's officers-elect, as well as completed their COER!

Elkhart Luncheon Optimist Club
 Portland Evening Optimist Club Warsaw
 Breakfast Optimist Club West Jay Optimist Club Warsaw
 Noon Optimist Club Hammond Optimist Club Bluffton Optimist Club
 New Castle Breakfast Optimist Club Decatur Optimist Club Hagerstown Optimist Club Fort Wayne Optimist Club New Castle Optimist Club Muncie – Delaware County Optimist Club

It's a good idea to look at the leaders in your club, not just at this time of year, but on an ongoing basis. If you're a club leader, how many years have you served in your current role? If the answer is more than three years, take a look at what is happening within your club. Experiencing different leadership roles can spark creativity and innovation. The process of selecting your club's slate of officers-elect can be a way to identify and groom future leaders within the club, and provide opportunities for emerging leaders to showcase their abilities, gain valuable experience, and prepare for higher-level leadership positions in the future. Organization-wide, we are slowly losing members. Rotating a club's leadership roles encourages col-

laboration and teamwork. As a new leader, the process of facing new challenges and responsibilities requires individuals to adapt quickly, learn from failures, and develop the resilience to persevere in the face of member losses. Wouldn't you want someone to help you, if you were suddenly unable to carry out your role? We hear of job changes, deaths, and untimely circumstances where someone is no longer able to serve their club. Rotating leadership roles allows for a more equitable distribution of responsibilities and prevents individuals from becoming overwhelmed. When members



Chris & Missy Whitehead

have experience in different areas of leadership, they are better equipped to work effectively with members and club partners from diverse backgrounds, leading to improved communication and cooperation.

In short – As Optimist Club leaders and caretakers, by rotating your club's leadership roles, you are promising yourself to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others, as you are about your own. You are pressing on to the greater achievements of the future!!

Finally – Please complete your COER online, on or before June 15!!! Enjoy your summer, and Mahalo!

Gov. Chris

Club Happenings



Lakeview Middle School Students of the Week were recognized by the Warsaw Breakfast Club

Send your Club's photos & happenings to the District News Editor,
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The checkered flag has waved, and we're thrilled to announce the winners of our fourth quarter membership incentive! Congratulations to all the Clubs that pushed hard and brought in new members.

The third quarter "Most New Members in Region" Drawing

First Place: Shannon Dederich 09 SWIS

Second Place: Dena Schoolcraft 13 AMS & NW

Third Place: Rickie Tharpe KYWV

Category 1 (Clubs that Added the Most New Members)

First Place (\$1,000): Optimist Club of Arlington Community Athletics, TX, +34 Members

Second Place (\$750): Optimist Club of Charlotte-Mallard Creek, NC, +30 Members

Third Place (\$500): Optimist Club of Lapel, IN, +17 Members

Category 2 (Highest Percentage of New Members)

First Place (\$1,000): Optimist Club of Jonesboro, AR, 100% Growth

Second Place (\$750): Optimist Club of Brew City Optimist Club, WI, 85% Growth

Third Place (\$500): Optimist Club of De Ridder, Inc., LA, 59% Growth

Category 3 (Two random draws for participating Clubs @ \$300 each)

Optimist Club of Chippewa Falls, WI

Optimist Club of Regina-High Noon, SK

A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated! Your dedication to growing our Optimist community is inspiring. Let's keep the momentum going!



106TH OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION **NIAGARA FALLS**

Sheraton Fallsview and Crowne Plaza, Niagara Falls, ON Canada

[REGISTER NOW](#)

JUNE 22-26, 2024



It is time to register for the International Convention in Niagara Falls!

The Early Bird Rates are still available to officers-elect, so there's still time, but they won't be there forever. **Early Bird Rates expire on June 14!**

Exceptional Training for Optimist Leaders

The Leadership Development team has assembled a remarkable group of trainers for the upcoming convention to present District Chair Seminars and Club and Lt. Governor Round Table Discussions. These educational events promise to be truly outstanding opportunities for Optimist leaders.

The selected trainers bring a wealth of expertise and experience to share with attendees. Their insights, strategies and guidance will be invaluable for those preparing to take on leadership roles within the organization.

Interactive Learning Experience

These seminars are designed to be highly interactive, fostering an engaging learning environment. Participants will have the opportunity to actively participate, share their perspectives, and learn from the experiences of their peers, creating a collaborative and enriching experience.

To view the list of these exceptional educational opportunities, please [click here](#). Don't miss out on this invaluable chance to enhance your leadership skills and prepare for success in your Optimist role.

During the convention, workshops are organized for all current and incoming officer positions in more complex topics about the organization, and **we encourage all members to participate**. You will see the list of workshops available when you register.

Don't miss out! The countdown is on for officers-elect to take advantage of the Early Bird Rates for the [International Convention](#), taking place from June 22-26 in picturesque Niagara Falls, Canada.

Activities & Achievements Report

For second quarter- 7 clubs reported

A total of 181 members worked 459 hours to complete 40 projects that served 6,985 youth.

These clubs made \$12,458.97 and spent \$20,811.38.

The winners are:

Zone 2 - No Reports

Zone 3 – Rochester

Zone 4 – Decatur

Zone 5 – Portland Evening

Zone 6 – Hammond

Zone 7 – Chesterfield

Zone 9 – No Report

District Events



June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 <small>7:00pm - 8:00pm Everything You Need Know Before Attending Convention</small>	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 <small>OI Convention</small>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	106th Optimist International Convention Jun 22, 2024					

2024 International Convention.

We are thrilled to introduce our third keynote speaker for the International Convention.

Joining former professional football player **Orlando Bowen** and entrepreneur **Sunjay Nath** is motivational speaker **Rhonda Scharf!**

Rhonda Scharf is not just a speaker; she is a catalyst for change, infusing her sessions with energy, humor and actionable insights. With a career spanning more than three decades, Scharf's speeches foster a participatory environment where every attendee is an active learner, with humor and real-world examples playing a pivotal role. You will visualize yourself in various scenarios and apply her insights with immediate effect.

Described as insightful, humorous, and educational, Scharf has a unique ability to observe the ordinary and perceive the extraordinary. Based in Ottawa, Ontario, and Fort Myers, Florida, Scharf's engaging style ensures that her message of innovation and self-improvement is not only heard but also embraced and applied.

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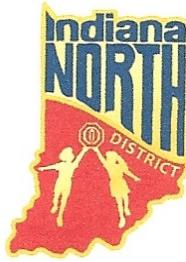


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**Optimists are:
The Friend of Youth**

**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 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 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