



**SPECIAL
POINTS**

Upcoming Activities

The IN North District Convention will start in Middlebury on Thursday evening, Sept. 5th.

- 4PM Car Show
- 6 PM Group Dinner

Friday:

- Middlebury Fall Festival
- Ted Bryan Mini Golf Outing
- Box dinner
- Outdoor Movie

Saturday:

- 8:30am-Memorial Service
- Meeting
- Hawaiian Luau Lunch & Silent auction.

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The Indiana North District OPTIMIST



District News

Our Indiana North annual District meeting plans are included as additional pages in this news letter. There are plenty of activities scheduled for both Optimists and guests on Thursday evening and on Friday.

Saturday will begin with a memorial service at 8:30 AM for members who have died this past year. There will also be a silent auction of baskets provided by Clubs plus an “Amish” Luau lunch! Lunch attire is Hawaiian.

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

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OPTIMISM**

Gov. Chris Connection

August – Three Things

Have you nominated a Distinguished Optimist of the Year, or a District Humanitarian?

Please nominate an outstanding member from your club!

Due August 31. Link to the nomination forms is here:
<https://indiananorthdistrict.wordpress.com/district-forms/>

Have you completed your Club Pride



Chris & Missy Whitehead

report for next year?

Due August 31 – Showcase your club's accomplishments. Link to report is here: <https://www.optimist.org/leaders/ClubPride/ClubPride.cfm>

Are you coming to the Convention? ALOHA! September 5-7, 2024 at Das Dutchman Essenhaus – *Island Attire Welcome*

Aloha / Welcome! We can't wait to see you in Middlebury!! **Please RSVP to District Treasurer Jim Smith, ASAP:**
jim.smith06@yahoo.com



Club Happenings



The Portland Evening Club celebrated their 35th birthday with a carry-in picnic. A great turn-out on a nice warm evening.

From the Lafayette Breakfast Optimist club

Wednesday brought an end to what many club members say are the most enjoyable programs of the year: hearing from our Teacher Grant winners. Our last teacher guests were multi-grant winners Joanne Sprunger and Julie Grubb, both veteran elementary school teachers; first year English teacher Alyssa Willis; and middle school P.E. teacher Joe Graupner. Joanne and Julie's grants were used to buy supplies for science projects in their classrooms, allowing their students, kindergarten and second grade, to have some "hands on" experiences with animal life cycles.

Joe purchased a "Nine Square in the Air" portable station for his P.E. classes. Alyssa, who works in McCutcheon's Maverick launched program, a curriculum designed to help at risk freshman students transition to high school, set up a special library to encourage her students to read more.

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



Warsaw Breakfast :

Check Presentation to Ashley Bruner & Courtney Whetstone, Junior Achievement received a \$2,000 check.



District Convention

September 5-7, 2024

Hawaiian Attire Welcome
and Encouraged*

**(You never know when that Grass Skirt or
Coconut bra will come in handy and win you a
prize....)*

Accommodations - Essenhaus Inn and Conference Center

290 US Hwy 20, Middlebury, IN 46540

(574) 825-9471, \$159 + Tax

Saturday Breakfast Included

Thursday - Classic Car Cruise In

5:30 Dinner @ Wedgewood Brewing Co.

Friday Fun - Middlebury Fall Festival w/ Local Artisans
and Crafters, Homemade Food

Ted Bryan Mini-Golf Outing

6:30 Outdoor Dinner and a Movie - Fireworks to Follow

Saturday - Gov. Chris' Luau Roast

Register: jim.smith06@yahoo.com

**INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT OPTIMIST
DISTRICT CONVENTION – SEPTEMBER 6 & 7, 2024
ESSENHAUS INN & CONFERENCE CENTER
240 US HWY 20 MIDDLEBURY, IN 46540**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – AUGUST 5, 2024

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____ Ph# () _____
 Club Name _____ Club # _____ Email _____
 Club Office 2023/24 _____ District Office 2023/24 _____
 Club Office 2024/25 _____ District Office 2024/25 _____
 Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Is your Spouse/Guest also a Club Member? Yes No (Please Circle One)

ACCOMODATIONS

Room Reservations need to be made by the individuals attending the convention

NO LATER THAN AUGUST 5, 2024. Phone # (574) 825-9471

You will need to mention that you are with the "INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT OPTIMIST".
All rooms are based on single or double occupancy. Each adult added will result in a \$10.00/pp/prnight fee.

The Room Rate:

\$159.00 +taxes

This Rate Includes A Full Breakfast Each Morning.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION & ACTIVITIES FEES

Registration Fee(s)

| | | Per Club | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Per Member | Per Family | 1-50 Mbrs | 51-75 Mbrs | 76+ Mbrs |
| \$10.00 | \$15.00 | \$50.00 | \$75.00 | \$100.00 |

Meal Cost Carried over from the Back of this form: _____

Total # Attending: _____

Total Amount of Fees: _____

Mail Registration and Check made payable to "Indiana North District" by August 5, 2024 to:

Jim Smith
30 Hickory Ct
New Castle, IN 47362
(317) 697-2521
email: jim.smith06@yahoo.com

*****If you are in need of any dietary requirements, please let us know.***

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact:

Kris Mueller
Julie Robison

(574) 536-0774
(574) 596-2282



**INDIANA NORTH DISTRICT OPTIMIST
DISTRICT CONVENTION – SEPTEMBER 6 & 7, 2024**

Activities

| | <u>Cost</u> | <u># Attending</u> |
|---|---|--------------------|
| *Thursday Afternoon (4pm-8pm)~“Classic Car Cruise In” Enjoy strolling through over 1500 vintage vehicles and comparing makes, models, and memories right on the grounds of the hotel! | <u>Free</u> | |
| *Thursday Evening (5:30pm)~Group Dinner~ Meet in the lobby of the hotel to carpool ~ Wedgewood Brewing ~ 21+, Music centered Local brewpub offering artisan Craft brews, Craft cocktails, and Craft food. Possible Live Entertainment~ TBD | <u>On Your Own</u> | |
| *Friday Morning (6:30am-7:30am)~Middlebury Optimist Club Mtg <u>On Your Own</u> All are Welcome to join us for our weekly Club meeting. This is a Group worth getting out of bed for! Business, Breakfast, Special Guests, and a few Shenanigans are a Great way of beginning the weekend. | | |
| *Friday Morning (10:00am-12:30pm)~Krider Garder, Middlebury Historical Museum (TBD) Middlebury Historic Self Tour, Middlebury Fall Festival <u>Free</u> Step back in time while exploring Middlebury's historic past with a visit to the Krider World's Fair Gardens, & enjoy one of the County's many themed quilt gardens, then on a self-guided tour of the many homes & businesses, all the while taking in the fun & excitement of the Middlebury Fall Festival. | | |
| *Friday (12pm-6pm)-Middlebury Fall Festival Middlebury will be all the Buzz with the Downtown Parks filled with Food Vendors and Entertainment. The Middlebury Fall Festival will be going on starting at Noon and ending at 6pm on Saturday. | <u>Free</u> | |
| *Friday Lunch (12:30pm-2:00pm)- West On Warren (Downtown Middlebury) Graciously features clean urban design with original artwork, being in perfect harmony with the cuisine. | <u>On Your Own</u> | |
| *Friday Afternoon (11am-9pm) “Ted Bryan Mini-Golf Outing” This is a chance to show us what you are made of. This is a relaxing activity going at your own pace, all the while trying to achieve the lowest score and all the bragging rights for 2024. Turn your Score Card in to Julie Robison, Convention Co-Chair and see if you qualify for a prize. | <u>On Your Own</u> <u>Seniors (55+)</u> \$6.00 <u>Adults</u> \$7.00 <u>(Pay at Mini-Golf Course)</u> | |
| *Friday Afternoon (12pm-8pm) ~Carriage Ride/Essenhaus Grounds** Adults \$8.00** **(Make arrangements at the Front Desk of the Hotel)** | | |
| *Friday Evening (6:30pm-Dark) “Picnic-Outdoor Movie-Fireworks” <u>\$20.00</u> Bring your blankets/camp chairs for an evening outdoors as we enjoy a Picnic Box dinner, an Outdoor Movie* (TBD) and an Amazing Fireworks Display* right on the hotel grounds. *Brought to you by the Middlebury Then & Now Committee **If you are in need of any dietary requirements, please let us know. | | |
| *Friday Evening (8pm-10pm) Hospitality Room Open | | |
| *Saturday Breakfast-(Included for those staying at the hotel) | | |
| *Saturday Lunch-Gov Chris’-Luau Roast Attire-Anything Hawaiian. Join us for an Amish Luau Dessert & Beverage included | <u>\$25.00</u> | |
| <i>**If you are in need of any dietary requirements, please let us know.</i> Hawaiian Attire Is Welcome The Whole Weekend, Especially During The Governor's Luau. You just never know when that Grass Skirt or Coconut Bra will come in handy or win you a prize! | | |

Get Paid for Having Fun



MEMBERSHIP DUES? GROUPER HELPS COVER 'EM!

Grouper + Optimist INTERNATIONAL

Last quarter, we let our members know about a new partnership we have launched with Grouper. This partnership allows members over 65 the opportunity to receive a check to help cover their Optimist International membership dues. Out of the members that signed up, over a third were eligible and will be receiving a check from Grouper to help reimburse their membership dues.

Will your current health plan be eligible as well?

This isn't too good to be true, it's an amazing opportunity to show appreciation to our members. If you have a qualifying Medicare Advantage or Supplement plan, you may be eligible to have your Optimist membership dues covered by your health plan through the Grouper Social Benefit.

The only way to check your eligibility is to sign up at www.hellogrouper.com/Optimist and enter your health plan ID.

Once your plan's eligibility is confirmed, Grouper will send you a reimbursement check to help cover your yearly Optimist membership. Plus, as long as you let us know you are active throughout the year, you'll receive yearly reimbursements.

For any inquiries or assistance, feel free to reach out to the dedicated Grouper team at 833-519-1072 or via email at optimist@hellogrouper.com.

Stay healthy and active with Optimist and Grouper!

The question has come up: "is this a scam?"

The answer: NO! This is for real. So, take advantage of it if you can.

President's Citation

RECOGNITION BY CLUBS

President's Citation to recognize outstanding Member achievement



Only the 2023-2024 Club President may make application, and it must be received in the International Office no later than August 31, 2023. Only one recipient per Club will be accepted. The citation will be shipped to the 2023-2024 President for presentation to Member.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Recipient's Name: _____ Club Number: _____

Club Name: _____ Member Number: _____

District Name: _____

Submitted by (Club President): _____

Street Address of Club President: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP: _____

() _____ (Residence)

() _____ (Business)

E-mail: _____

Submit to: *Recognition Department, Optimist International, 4494 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108 USA*
FAX: (314) 371-6006 E-mail: leadership@optimist.org

District Events



August 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Registration Deadline for Dis- trict Convention | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Presidential Cita- tion and Presi- dents Pride re- ports due. |
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OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL**

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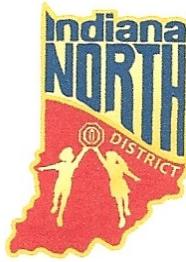


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**Optimists are:
The Friend of Youth**

**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