

The Indiana North District

November



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**SPECIAL
POINTS**

OF INTEREST

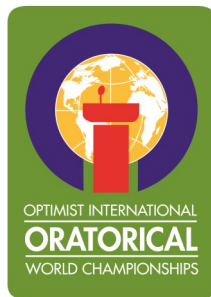
District News

Upcoming Activities

A new Optimist Year!

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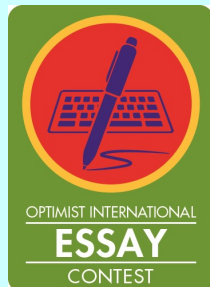
- 1st Qtr. Meeting in Decatur 11/23/24
- 2nd Qtr. Meeting in Chesterfield 2/1/25
- 3rd Qtr. meeting in Huntington 4/26/25 (Oratorical finals)
- Dist. Convention in Muncie 8/22-24/25
- Details will be available closer to the meeting dates.



The topic for the 2024-2025 Oratorical Contest is:

"How Optimism Has Guided Me Through Trying Times".

It's time to make school/teacher contacts for this years Scholarship Contests.



The Topic for the 2024-2025 Essay Contest is:

"How Optimism Has Paved My Road to Success"

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

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**CHOOSE
OPTIMISM**

Governor's Page



Co-Governor Kathy Nelson



Co-Governor Jennifer Kelsik

BELIEVE IN YOUR DREAMS...AND SOAR!

WELCOME TO THE 2024-2025 IN NORTH OPTIMIST YEAR !!

We hope you are excited about this year's projects, have plans in place to add a new event, and your club is working hard to add new members. We look forward to visiting each club, and would love to work beside you as you serve in the community.

What does being an Optimist mean to you? Do you believe the words of the Optimist Creed? If you do, then **SHARE IT** to everyone you care about..... **JUST ASK!** **Optimism** can only 'bring out the best' in our kids, if you let it 'bring out the best' in **YOU**. We challenge you to **DREAM BIG**, make a **PLAN**, **BELIEVE** you can **DO IT**, & watch your club **SOAR!**

FOOD, FUN, great FELLOWSHIP.

OPTIMISM ROCKS 🎵...so...wear '60's or 90's era ...win 'best style' awards! *Bring a favorite project idea to share (table display)

If you don't dream big, nothing big can

happen. Let's make it happen! 😊

1st QUARTER: COOL LEARNING is happening....something for EVERYONE.

DATE: NOVEMBER 23, 2024 TIME: 9:00 a.m. Registration 9:30 a.m. Gathering
Riverside Center, Decatur,

IN Meal: \$15 **Host:** Decatur Club

WORKSHOPS for: Club Officers, Lt. Governors, NOW/WOW, new members

ATTENDANCE AWARD- # members attend, # chances to win.....**\$100 for winning club!**

.....so bring a carload.....pack the room....enjoy

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Condolences to Ann Hughes on the passing of her husband, Steve, on October 19th

Club Happenings



Austin Donovan, Warsaw Breakfast, presents check- \$500 towards Spooktacular downtown Warsaw Chamber of Commerce – Scott Wiley and Nora Christiansen.

The Lafayette Breakfast Club is again selling poinsettias. If you are interested in the purchase of some for yourself, please contact Michelle Summers @ 765-412-3193. Orders are due in by November 13th.

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

**Indiana North District
1 st Quarter Conference
Saturday, November 23, 2024
Riverside Center- North Harvest Room
231 E. Monroe Street
Decatur, IN 46733**

**REGISTRATION FORM & REMIT-
TANCE**

Must be received by: Nov. 9, 2024

Indiana North District Treasurer
Attention: Shelley Manthey
1750 Rainbow Bend Blvd
Elkhart, IN 46512-2419

**“Believe
in Your
Dreams
and
Soar!”
Optimism
Rocks**



Hotel Reservations deadline is **Nov. 20, 2024**

Quality Inn & Suites

1201 S. 13th Street (Hwy 224 & 27)

Decatur, IN 46733

(260) 728- 4600 Code: **Indiana North Conference Optimist**

\$112.96 total including tax per room

Hotel offers a continental breakfast for guest

This 1st conference is being hosted by the Decatur Optimist Club. Friday evening will begin with an executive meeting at 5pm at the Quality Inn & Suites at 1201 S. 13th Street, then we will soar over to dinner at The Galley at 622 N. 13th Street in Decatur at 6pm. Saturday events will begin at 9:30am at Riverside Center, doors will open at 9am, come **Dream** about the future of our District and **Soar** to greater heights with us. There will be officer training as well as other trainings at this meeting, something for everyone. Zoom option is available, please email skbpuzzles@yahoo.com if interested in receiving the link by Nov. 16.

Plus, entries into a drawing for a gift card for number of members from your club at this meeting.

Complete form below and mail (address below) or email to smanthey42@gmail.com

Member name #1 _____ Name for badge: _____

Club name: _____ Zone _____

Club office held? _____ District office? _____

Member name #2 _____ Name for badge: _____

Club name: _____ Zone _____

Club office held? _____ District office? _____

Non-Member Name _____ Name for badge: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION *(person submitting registration)*

email address: _____ Phone: _____

Conference Functions Require a Reservation Price Number Amount. Friday Night Dinner (on your own) Menu _____

Lunch \$15.00 _____ (Decatur Optimist Club Famous Grilled Tenderloin, sides, dessert, drinks)

Continental breakfast at event location (hotel offers breakfast)

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (Must Accompany This Form) \$ _____

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Get Paid for Having Fun



**MEMBERSHIP
DUES? GROUPE
HELPS COVER 'EM!**



Dear Optimist Member,

We know you value a strong and engaged Optimist community, and we know you value a good deal, too, so Optimist wants to highlight our partnership with Grouper and get your annual membership dues covered!

Grouper provides benefits to Optimist members aged 65+ for participating in group activities. Maintaining social connections through group activities — like volunteering or mentoring, or having lunch with friends or fellow Optimists — is especially important for older adults, who have above-average risks of social isolation.

For Optimist members with an eligible Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement plan, annual dues are covered. Once you enroll and your eligibility is confirmed, Grouper will send you a check. [Check your eligibility and enroll here](#) — it only takes a few seconds!

From club meetings and events to supporting youth and community development, Optimist activities keep our members connected and promote a healthier, more fulfilling life. We know you value community and camaraderie. Let Grouper support those values.

Questions?

Visit our [FAQ page](#) for more information. For assistance, please call Grouper at (833) 519-1072 or email Grouper at optimist@hellogrouper.com.

The question has come up: “is this a scam?”

The answer: NO! This is for real. So, take advantage of this. I just signed up and they are sending me a \$100 check for my dues!!!

Newsday Tuesday



Get ready to embark on an exciting journey aboard the S.S. Optimism! This 365-day (metaphorical) cruise, captained by President Jan, promises a year of fun, growth, and rewards. As we “travel” to various ports, all Clubs will have the chance to win big – every new member a Club gains will earn them an entry into a \$250 quarterly drawing!

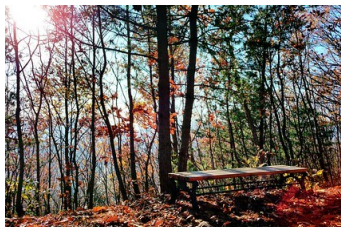
Terms and Conditions

- Clubs must “Opt-in” to participate. Clubs remain enrolled in the incentive for the full Optimist year once they have opted in. The Club can opt in to join the incentive cruise at any time.
- There will be a drawing at the end of each quarter.
- Club’s name is entered into drawing for every member past their NET Oct. 1, 2024, roster. *Example: Club starts Oct. 1 with 50 members. On December 31, the Club has 57 members. Club will have seven entries into the drawing for this quarter.*
- Clubs’ names can be drawn more than once. If Clubs are working hard to retain members and bring in new members, they should have more chances to win.
- Each Quarter starts new. The Club baseline remains at their Oct. 1, 2024, roster. This should encourage Clubs to retain members.
- The following, 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarter ports of call will be at the end of each quarter. *Example: Same Club Oct. 1 Roster was 50, March 31 roster is 53. Three entries into drawing.*
- 1st Quarter: One drawing for \$250.00
- 2nd Quarter: Two drawings for \$250.00 each
- 3rd Quarter: Three drawings for \$250.00 each
- 4th Quarter: Four drawings for \$250.00 each

Don't Miss Out!

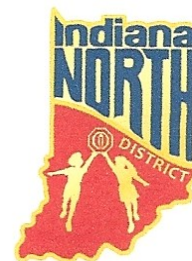
District Events

November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 	4	5 	6	7	8	9
10	11 	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Executive meeting at 5pm at the Quali- ty Inn at 1201 S 13th Street.	23 1st Qtr. Meeting @ Riverside Center in Decatur 9:30am
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30

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Zone 4: Gregg Palmer
Zone 5: Deb Imel
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Face Book**

**Optimists are:
The Friend of Youth**

*"I am an optimist.
It does not seem to
much use being
anything else"*

—Winston Churchill

Your Leadership
Team for 2023-
2024

**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 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