



**SPECIAL
POINTS
OF INTEREST**

Upcoming Activities

Save the dates:

- 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

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The Indiana North District OPTIMIST



District News

The next District meeting will be held in Chesterfield on February 1st. The deadline for hotel reservations is past.

Location:

Millcreek Civic Center, 403 W Main St., Chesterfield, IN

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

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OPTIMISM**

Governor's Corner



Co-Governor Kathy Nelson



Co-Governor Jennifer Kelsik

Happy New Year, from Co-Governor Kathy:

I hope your Christmas celebrations were blessed with beautiful family memories, your clubs were part of giving generously to community projects, and you made the time to have FUN with your Optimist family. I believe our organization has the greatest group of committed workers anywhere in the world! Never forget that our Optimist 'Promise Yourself' creed is how everyone should live!

- *We are in the relationship business & someone is just waiting for your invite. Are you recruiting the right leaders who will make your club 'rock'?*
- *Find out what makes you unique, then grow as yourself, not someone else.*
- *Leadership does not mean you have to be the best at everything. Choose team leaders that are strong in the areas you need. BELIEVE.*
- *Communicate, communicate....you can't communicate too much!*
- *Be a part of the bigger picture, and make a promise to help GROW these new members as you listen & learn from them. DREAM.*
- *Make sure club officers complete the OPTIMIST INSTITUTE for Optimist*

- *Celebrate the good things happening in your club! SOAR.*
 - *Keep up the great work....IN North is #6 with recruiting new members!!*
 - *Make sure your local schools know that Optimist International sponsors YOUTH CONTESTS in Speech, Essay, Art, & Golf, in Indiana, with \$2500 scholarships for college available. Deadlines are February & March.*
 - *Optimist Day is February 6th....what will you do to promote a line of the creed? We want to know....share facebook pictures or email us.*
- PLAN NOW to attend the next DISTRICT GATHERING on Feb. 1st at the Millcreek Center in Chesterfield. We will be 'Rockin the 70's' with Optimism, featured speakers, good food, fellowship, FUN, and warm hearts everywhere.*
- Each Quarter, a \$100 ATTENDANCE AWARD will be given, so pack the car!*
- Prizes for the best 70's outfits, and 'dance draws' throughout the day.*

****BELIEVE IN YOUR DREAMS & SOAR****
765-744-4092 or jkccjaj@gmail.com I would love to help with a project

Club Happenings



Warsaw Breakfast Optimist presents check to Boomerang BackPacks

Warsaw Breakfast having a little fun!

Twinning Bobs shine bright

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



The Lafayette Breakfast Club visited the Boys & Girls Club

For the Children: Christmas cheer was abundant at the Boys and Girls Clubs last Tuesday and Thursday afternoons as Mrs. Claus and several elves joined Santa for his annual visit. The kids sang carols, made a Christmas tree ornament, and wrote Christmas cards to nursing home residents in addition to sharing their Christmas wishes with the big guy and his helpers. Sir Winston made his traditional appearance on Tuesday, but, was snowed out on Thursday. It was hard to tell who enjoyed the experience more: the kids or Santa and the elves.

Second Quarter IN North District Meeting Information

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING (DECEMBER 31ST BY 3PM), SO PLEASE CALL AND RESERVE YOUR ROOM AND KEEP IN MIND YOU CAN CANCEL WITHIN 48 HOURS OF STAY IF ADVERSE WEATHER COMES.

Please note that Executive Committee (District officers, Lt. Governors and past Governors) will meet via Zoom on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 7pm, the link will be sent to Executive Committee a few days prior to the Zoom meeting along with Executive meeting agenda.

We look forward to seeing our friends at Q2 gathering.



Indiana North District Optimist Second Quarter gathering is going to be featuring the 70's, so come dressed in your best Disco outfit and Go Go Boots or platform shoes on Saturday Feb. 1, 2025 at Millcreek Civic Center located at 403 W. Main Street Chesterfield, Indiana 46017, there will be prizes for the best outfit! **Executive Committee will meet via Zoom on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 7pm.**

If you are coming In on Friday evening, we will meet at Montana Mike's Steakhouse at 6370 S. Scatterfield Road at 6pm for dinner, ordering off the menu at your own expense. The hotel we have reserved is the Holiday Inn Express at 6720 S. Scatterfield Road, Anderson and we have access to the conference room for fellowship and games after dinner. REMINDER- hotel reservations need to be made by DEC 31 at 3pm, using code: INDIANA NORTH OPTIMIST (you can cancel 48 hours in advance should plans change), the number for hotel is 765-779-0111. Room rate is \$115 plus taxes.

This meeting will have featured speakers, a question and answer session and much more, so bring your members, **these meetings are for everyone, not just officers.** Once again, every member present gets their club name in a drawing for \$100, so bring all the members you can. We are aware of the fact that this time of year could bring adverse weather, so we do have a Zoom option available (contact Sandy Rogers at 765-209-0226 or skbpuzzles@yahoo.com by Jan. 30 for link if needed).

There will be door prize drawing throughout the day, when you hear 70's music, give your best Disco pose and listen for your ticket number to win.

Our District Foundation Rep. Max will once again have a fun activity to raise money for the foundation, so bring cash or your checkbook with you, and of course our fellowship committee will have some FUN for us all to enjoy. You won't want to miss this one!!





Indiana North District 2nd Quarter Conference

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025

Millcreek Civic Center
403 W. Main Street
Chesterfield, In. 46017



“Believe in Your Dreams and Soar!” Optimism Rocks

This 2nd conference is being hosted by the Chesterfield Optimist Club. Friday evening we will soar over to dinner at Montana Mike's at 6pm. Saturday events will begin at 9:30am at Millcreek Civic Center, doors will open at 9:00am, come **Dream** about the future of our District and **Soar** to greater heights with us. There will be a question and answer round table, featured speakers and more, something for everyone. Zoom option is available, please email skbpuzzles@yahoo.com if interested in receiving the link by Jan. 30.

Plus, entries into a drawing for number of members from your club attending 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 at Montana Mike's (on your own, at menu pricing) _____

Lunch **\$18.00** _____

(potato bar, taco toppings and pulled pork, dessert, drinks)

Continental breakfast at event location (hotel offers breakfast) _____

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

*Deadline Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025

REGISTRATION FORM & REMITTANCE

Must be received by: Jan. 25, 2025

Indiana North District Treasurer

Attention: Shelley Manthey

Hotel Reservations deadline is Dec. 31, 2024 at 3:00pm

Holiday Inn Express

6720 S. Scatterfield Road

Anderson, IN 46013

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MEMBERSHIP DUES? GROUPER HELPS COVER 'EM!

Grouper + Optimist INTERNATIONAL

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



We're thrilled to announce the release of our new Membership Engagement - New Members Guide for Clubs designed to help you welcome new members to your Optimist Club.

This guide is packed with helpful information and resources:

- How to host a formal yet friendly new member induction, making new members feel special and welcomed from the start.
- How to provide a packet to educate new members about processes for distributing items such as pins and certificates.
- The importance of assigning a mentor – pair new members with experienced club members to jumpstart their Optimist journey.
- Ways to encourage immediate involvement in club activities and events.
- How to hold an annual C.A.R.E. program and incorporate new member feedback to improve their engagement.

We encourage you to download and review the guide to learn more about how to create a welcoming and engaging experience for your new members.

To further support Clubs in welcoming new members, we're hosting a webinar titled **"Engaging Someone New - New Tools for You to Use"** on Jan. 16, 2025, at 7 p.m. CST. This webinar will dive deeper into the strategies outlined in the guide and provide you with practical tips to engage new members.

Pre-registration is required, so please secure your spot today!

Go to the OI website for more detailed information including a link to the Webinar.

District Events



January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Deadline to register for 2nd qtr. Meeting.
26	27	28	29	30	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd Qtr. Meeting in Chesterfield 2/1/25• Registration info on pg. 6	

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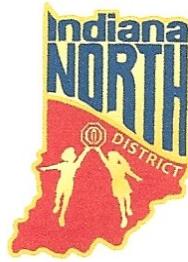


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**Optimists are:
The Friend of Youth**

**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