

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

### Activities This Month

Optimist International  
Convention..

### Upcoming Activities

Save the dates:

- Dist. Convention will be held in Muncie on Aug. 22-23, 2025
- Details will be available closer to the meeting dates.

# The Indiana North District PTIMIST



## *District News*

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

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## Governor's Corner



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## Indiana North District Optimist

District Convention - Aug 22-23, 2025

Courtyard by Marriott, 601 S. High Street, Muncie, IN. 47305

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE - July 22, 2025**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ PH # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Office 2024-2025 \_\_\_\_\_ District Office 2024-2025 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Office 2025-2026 \_\_\_\_\_ District Office 2025-2026 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Courtyard by Marriott** : <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1750097879266&key=GRP&app=resvlink> or call 765-287-8550 (Identify with INOO) **by July 22, 2025.**

Rate: King or 2 Queen Beds \$134.00 plus taxes. This does not include breakfast, but we will have continental breakfast items in the meeting area, as well as hot & cold drinks all day. Free covered parking garage directly behind the hotel, you can enter the hotel to register through the parking garage, doors say they are locked, but only after 11pm. (In Google maps put 601 S. High St. parking, for garage directions). The hotel offers an indoor pool and exercise room. Attached is a menu for the hotels Breakfast Bistro and Starbucks, if you choose to purchase items there.

**Registration fee:** *Per Member \$10.00 Family \$15.00*

*Club Registration: 1-50 Members \$50; 51-75 Members \$75; 76+ Members \$100*

**Total Registration Fees \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*Friday Morning Outing. Meet in Lobby @ 9:30am Number attending* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Ball State Planetarium (free admission) 10-10:45

\*BSU Dr. Joe & Alice Rinard Orchid Greenhouse (free admission) 11am-12pm, then lunch break

\* Minnetrista Museum & Gardens (\$7.20 per person, pay at Minnetrista) self guided, allow 3 hours.

\*Ted Bryan **Miniature Golf Outing** - *Friday 2pm-4pm @ Boulder Falls at 3507 Briarwood Lane, Muncie*  
 Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

(play on your own - Pay at Golf Facility \$7.50 (turn in score card at District registration table at hotel)

*Friday Evening "Governors' Dinner"* at hotel meeting space at 5:30pm

(Pasta Buffet: 2 types of pasta, 2 sauces, meatballs and grilled chicken, steamed veggies, dessert and drinks. # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday evening "Hairspray" the Musical ☐ # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday evening and/or Saturday wear your 50's clothing- you are encouraged to dress in costume to the Sock Hop and Muncie Civic Theatre**

# Marriott Bistro Menu, if you choose to purchase breakfast

MORNING

FRUITS & GRAINS

STEEL CUT OATMEAL | 350 CAL ☺ 9.50

Vermont maple syrup, fresh blueberries

THE CONTINENTAL | 650-820 CAL ☺ 11.00

Yogurt, blueberry muffin, banana and choice of tall brewed coffee, hot tea, milk or juice

FRUIT & YOGURT PARFAIT 240 CAL ☺ 9.00

Greek yogurt, fresh berries, granola, honey

FRUIT & BERRY CUP | 80 CAL ☺☺ 8.00

BREAKFAST BOARDS

BAGEL: PLAIN OR EVERYTHING 300-400 CAL ☺ 6.00

Choice of plain cream cheese and jelly or herbbed cream cheese

AVOCADO TOAST | 500 CAL 13.00

Multigrain toast with mashed tomatoes, hard-cooked egg, lemon-dressed arugula

MORNING FLATBREAD | 950 CAL 13.50

Scrambled eggs, herbbed cream cheese, cheddar cheese, green onions, bacon, avocado mash, salsa

GRIDDLED

FRENCH TOAST WITH STRAWBERRIES | 340 CAL 11.50

Dipped in cinnamon-vanilla custard and griddled, topped with powdered sugar, fresh strawberries, Vermont maple syrup

WE PROUDLY SERVE CAKE-FREE EGGS

☺ VEGETARIAN ☺ GLUTEN-FRIENDLY

\*Consuming raw or under-cooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness.

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MORNING

EGGS

EGGS YOUR WAY\* | 380-1050 CAL 14.50

Choice of whole eggs/whites, applewood-smoked bacon or pork sausage, with breakfast potatoes or tomatoes, and sourdough or multigrain toast

BREAKFAST BURRITO | 520 CAL 12.50

Scrambled eggs, applewood-smoked bacon, green onions, breakfast potatoes, jack and cheddar cheeses in a tortilla with tomato salsa and avocado mash

BISTRO BREAKFAST SANDWICH\* 660 CAL 11.50

Fried egg, applewood-smoked bacon, aged white cheddar, lemon-dressed arugula, avocado mash on a brioche bun

CRAFT YOUR OWN BOWL\* 280-600 CAL ☺ 13.00

Topped with green goddess dressing and topped with avocado mash and green onions and served with salsa

CHOOSE YOUR BASE

Breakfast potatoes, Quinoa & brown rice, Tater tots

EGGS YOUR WAY

Two eggs, any style, Egg whites

SELECT TWO

Chopped bacon, Cheddar cheese, Tomatoes, Kale

Located in Hotel Lobby

In consuming our gluten-friendly items, be aware that there still may be a chance of cross-contamination and cannot guarantee these products for those with celiac disease or a food allergy. Guests are advised to contact the restaurant as it relates to their individual dietary needs and requirements. If you have any concerns regarding allergies, please alert the staff prior to ordering.

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TALL | GRAMME | VENTI

CAFFE LATTE | 150-240 CAL 5.50 6.00 6.50

CAPPUCCINO | 90-150 CAL 5.5 6.0 6.5

CAFFE MOCHA | 300-400 CAL 5.5 6.5 7.0

CARAMEL MACCHIATO 190-310 CAL 6.00 6.50 7.00

CAFFE AMERICANO 19-25 CAL 4.00 4.50 5.00

WHITE CHOCOLATE MOCHA 320-500 CAL 6.00 6.50 7.00

COFFEE OF THE DAY 5-10 CAL 4.00 4.50 5.00

COLD BREW | 5 CAL Limited daily availability 4.50

TAZO® CHAI LATTE 100-230 CAL 5.00 5.50 6.00

TAZO® TEA | 80-120 CAL 3.00 3.50 4.00

ESPRESSO | 5-10 CAL 3.00 4.00

Solo | Doppio

Continental breakfast items will be available in the meeting room, including coffee, water and Pepsi products.

☺ NON-ALCOHOLIC

19% gratuity is automatically added to the final bill for groups of 8+

# Club Happenings

## From the Lafayette Breakfast Optimist Club

We just finished our second and third weeks of teacher grant presentations and if the upcoming presentations are like these, we are in for a real experience. There is so much the teachers have to share, so...

Teacher Grants 2: Co-District Governor Jennifer Kelsik, a former teacher herself, could not have chosen a better time to visit the LBOC. She got to hear about four of the 29 grants awarded this year. At least two of the presenters were repeat grant winners who were effusive in their praise of the program.

First up was Steve Elwood, whose first grant was for a hydroponic indoor garden and who's lab still carries a sign crediting the LBOC for the project. This time he won a grant for supplies for a microelectronics project. But he was also doing double duty. In tandem with Constance Painter, a kindergarten teacher at a nearby school, he developed a "science buddy" program where his eighth graders worked with those students with microelectronics, putting to use some of the concepts they had learned. "The eighth graders seem to love working with younger kids," said Elwood. "They want to share their knowledge and experience and be the 'adult.'"

Also presenting on that Wednesday was Hershey Elementary Teacher Kristina Strasser, who was awarded a grant for a project that would teach her first graders to "think outside the box", to look for multiple solutions to any problem; and Hayley Grisez, an instructor at the Greater Lafayette Career Academy in T.E.A.L. Manufacturing, who won one of the larger grants (\$4,642) to allow her students to design and run a neon sign business.

Teacher Grants 3: The third week of Teacher Grant Presentations brought

us another group of innovative teachers. Tonya Grimm, Transition Coordinator for Harrison and McCutchen High Schools and another familiar face to the Teacher Grant Program, began her presentation by presenting club members with special key chains that had been made by her students using a 3-D printer and materials purchased by her grant. The materials help teach special needs students skills needed to transition to adulthood and the working world. Katie Haygood, a fourth-grade teacher at Battleground, created a science project based on a book read by the class entitled *A Long Walk to Water* about the shortage of clean water in Sudan and how far family members had to carry it. Her students experimented with different ways to purify water and how to test it. They also tried carrying various amounts of water for certain distances to understand the difficulty of doing so. "They became a great deal more grateful for what they had," Haygood said.

Amy Sturgeon, an instructional coach for TSC and a winner of two grants, covers the 19 schools in the corporation and focuses on English learners. There are speakers of 54 languages in the TSC. She told the club that there is no funding for these students. With her first grant, she bought a set of dual language books for each of the eleven elementary schools. The books are also designed to have both parent and student read together. With her second grant, she focused on high school students, purchasing books that also taught practical skills like filling out applications and tax returns, how to set up a bank account, and how to navigate various daily routines. And inside each book brought with her grants was a label crediting the Lafayette Breakfast Optimist Club.

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





Lafayette Breakfast Optimist Club held a very successful fishing derby.



The Bluffton Optimist Club held it's annual fishing derby



This picture is of Luke Fugiett one of our \$500 Scholarship winners. Winners were announced in April at the Jay County Jr. Sr. High School Seniors' night. Luke will be attending Ball State University in the fall for Construction Management & a minor in Business Management. He hopes to eventually own his own construction company in the Jay County area. Congratulations Luke Fugiett!

# Newsday Tuesday



**Optimist International 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**  
St. Louis Union Station Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton



## **Sunday, June 29**

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Vice President-Elect and Governor-Elect Training
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Vice President and Governor Training
1 – 7 p.m.	House of Optimism/Expo and Registration
1 – 5:30 p.m.	Credentials Desk
3:30 – 5 p.m.	First Timers Program
5:30 – 6:45 p.m.	Taste of St. Louis Reception
7 – 7:05 p.m.	Ribbon Cutting
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Opening Ceremony

## **Monday, June 30 - Bringing Out the Best in Youth**

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.	Credentials Desk
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	House of Optimism/EXPO and Registration
9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	General Session w/ Keynote Speaker Morgan Carter-Christian
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Heritage of Optimism Brunch
1 – 5 p.m.	Credentials Desk
1:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Workshops and Trainings
4 – 5 p.m.	Member Feedback Session
5:15 – 6:45 p.m.	Foundations Donor Appreciation Reception ( <i>by invitation</i> )
8 – 10:30 p.m.	Trivia Night

## **Tuesday, July 1 - Bringing Out the Best in Community**

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.	Credentials Desk
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	House of Optimism/EXPO and Registration
9 – 11 a.m.	General Session
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Build-A-Bear Heart Ceremony
1 – 4:30 p.m.	Workshops and Trainings
5 – 6:30 p.m.	Foundations Harrison Reception ( <i>by invitation</i> )
7 p.m.	District Dinners
9 p.m.	Cornhole Tournament

## **Wednesday, July 2 - Bringing Out the Best in Ourselves**

7:30 – 9 a.m.	OIF Past President Breakfast ( <i>by invitation</i> )
7:45 – 8:45 a.m.	Credentials Desk
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	House of Optimism/EXPO and Registration
9 – 9:45 a.m.	Town Hall
10 – 11:30 a.m.	General Session with Keynote Speaker Bill Myers
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	Credentials Desk
1:30 p.m.	Annual Business Meeting
*3 p.m.	Closing Session
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Pre- Gala Reception
7:30 – 11:30 p.m.	Presidents Gala & Dance

## **Thursday, July 3**

8 – 9 a.m.	Club President-Elect & Lt. Governor-Elect Breakfast
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Visit [explorestlouis.org](http://explorestlouis.org) for a list of things to see and do in St. Louis

\*Start time is determined by the end time of the business meeting.

See you next year in Jacksonville!

# District Events



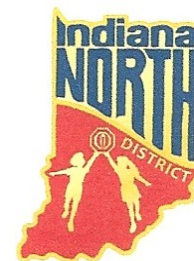
## July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Optimist International Convention



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**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 2024-  
2025

**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**