



The Indiana North District PTIMIST

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Activities This Month

- Dist. Convention will be held in Muncie on Aug. 22-23, 2025

Upcoming Activities

No District Activities in September

District News

Aug. 22-23, 2025 District Convention:

It will; be held at: Courtyard by Marriott, 601 S. High Street, Muncie, IN. 47305 There are several opportunities for special trips on Friday, including a visit to the Ball State Campus

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

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OPTIMISM**

Governor's Corner



Co-Governor Kathy Nelson

A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR SOME VERY IMPORTANT EVENTS, YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ZOOM - SUNDAY - AUGUST 17 @ 7 pm

IN NORTH DISTRICT Q4 CONVENTION - CELEBRATE 50's STYLE !!

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT HOTEL (next to Horizon Convention Center) 601 S. HIGH ST. MUNCIE, IN.

RESERVATIONS to the Hotel due by Tues. Aug. 22nd !

CALL 765-287-8550 ...ASK for special rate - IN North Opt. Conv.

****SEND Club REGISTRATION #s/\$s....**

asap to Shelley Manthey, IN North Treasurer We need to let the Hotel know our count for the drinks & meals.**



FRIDAY, AUGUST 229:30 am-

Noon...Free Tours - BSU Planetarium & Rindard Orchid House / Education Center & Christy Woods....LUNCH

FRIDAY... pm .. Ted Bryan Miniature Golf Tourna-

ment  **Registration**

5:00 Convention Opening...5:30 Governors Dinner ...



6-7 pm - 50's

'SOCK HOP' ! 'SOAR'



over the dance floor

7:15 pm - HAIRSPRAY the Musical @ Muncie Civic Theatre (close by)

BEST COSTUME AWARDS - for both Friday Eve. & Saturday

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 20258:30 a.m. Registration & Continental breakfast.



Co-Governor Jennifer Kelsik

9:30 a.m.....CONVENTION GATHERING.... BUSINESS sessions.....SPEAKERS FOUNDATION FUN w/ Max....Door Prize Draws throughout the day..... Opti-



mist FELLOWSHIP Club Activities AWARDS.... & Celebrate the 50 year Club.

LET'S PACK THE HOTEL ! Every Club member that attends, you get that number of entries in the drawing for the \$100! Which Club will it be???

NOMINATE - a member for HUMANITARIAN or OPTIMIST OF THE YEAR.... Send by AUGUST 1st ...to SANDY ROGERS, District Secretary.

KEEP 'RIGHT ON TRACK FOR THE KIDS'....FOR A STRONG FINISH of this year !! ADD 3 new members, earn a gift card at Convention. Better yet...help pay for your new members



to come enjoy the Convention.. MISS AN OPTIMIST GATHERING.....YOU MISS A LOT ! LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE. If you have any questions, contact information is below.

Believe In Your Dreams & Soar !

Kathy Nelson 765-744-4092

Jennifer Kelsik 765-524-2211

More convention information.

- . **CONVENTION AUCTION BASKET** of items - \$ goes to OI FOUNDATION projects
 - . Asking each Zone to provide one, so plan to bring/send to the Muncie Convention.
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- . **POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR** - Clubs can nominate an officer from your area - send NAME....City where they work....Reason for nomination, i.e. Outstanding service yrs., Community projects involving youth, veterans, homeless.....or act of bravery. Email your NOMINATION to: skbpuzzles@yahoo.com

Club Happenings

From Lafayette Breakfast Optimist Club

TEACHER GRANTS 6: Week six of Teacher Grant presentations brought us three teachers whose passion and excitement about their grant project outcomes were evident in their voices as they spoke.

Although the cash amounts awarded to them were smaller than many of the others, they affected a large number of students.

Jill Stanis, a fourth-grade teacher from Mintonye, and Tiffany Brann, who works with K-5 students at Mayflower Mills, received grants for projects that focused on improving reading ability. Jill's grant introduced her students to novel reading while Tiffany's grant purchased books of various levels for English learners, many of whom were just beginning to learn to read and spoke no English. Both spoke of the excitement of their students as they received the books. Rachel McGlothlin, an art teacher at Miami and Edgelea Elementaries and a repeat grant winner used her grant funds to purchase Model Magic Clay for her K-4 art class projects. She showed some amazing photos of the creative results, from clay lollipops made by her first graders to the detailed roses created by her fourth graders for Mother's Day gifts. Teacher Grant presentations will culminate this week (July 16) with four more teachers scheduled to speak. A special guest will attend this week's presentation: Tippecanoe Board Member Connie Harper will join us for the last of the presenta-



[Warsaw Breakfast presented:](#)

Captain Chad Larsh and Detective David Kewish with Indiana State Police/Indiana Troopers Youth Services, \$400 presented by Brittany Lyon.

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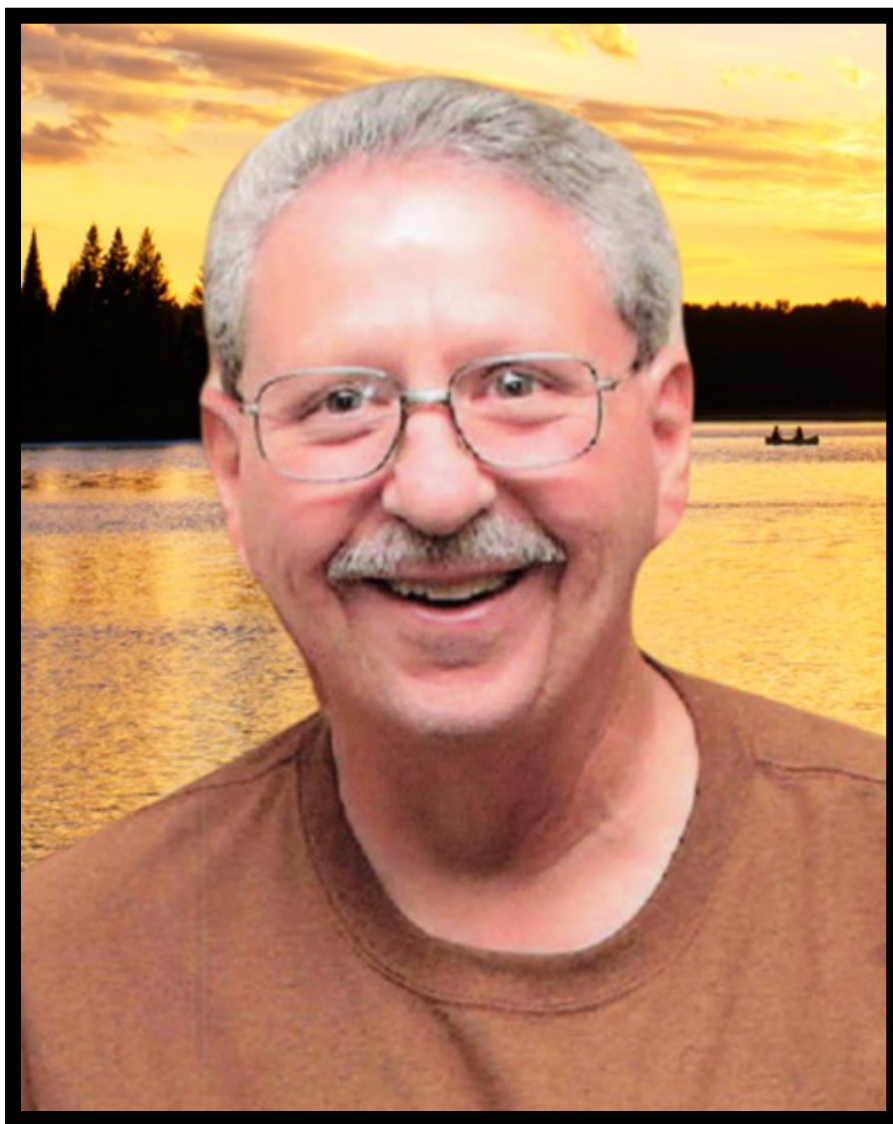
Send your Club's photos & happenings to the District News Editor,
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James K. Hayes

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WARSAW BREAKFAST OPTIMIST CLUB 1990 - 2025

Optimist of the Year - Life Member



Newsday Tuesday



2026 Visual Arts Contest Competition

Guidelines

- The contest will be held at the Club or school level and International level. The topic this year is Be Bold - Be The Change.
2. Club or school level judging may be by Club Members, teachers, professional artists/instructors, or by public voting. Clubs and schools should submit their best entries for judging at the international level.
3. The project for the Visual Arts Competition shall be the creation of a set of twelve note cards and envelopes.
4. Artist must be age eleven or lower as of October 1, 2025. There are two age divisions: up to 7 years of age and 8-11 years of age. Art for notecards will be selected from each age division, proportionate to number of entries. Limit one entry per artist.
5. Clubs or schools may provide awards to participants and winners at the local level.
6. Artwork must be created on 11" wide x 8.5" high paper or construction paper. The artist's name should be written lightly on the back of the artwork.
7. Actual, physical artwork of the Club winner(s) must be submitted to OI no later than March 1, 2026. Do not fold the art work, and be sure to protect the artwork by placing it between two pieces of thin cardboard before placing it inside of a large envelope. Mark the outside of the envelope with the words, "DO NOT BEND". Send to Optimist International, c/o Marketing, 4494 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108
8. At the International level, 12 winners will receive a \$150 monetary award; the winner of the cover will receive an additional \$100 monetary award.
9. The notecards will be available for sale as early as June 28, 2026, at the international convention in Jacksonville, Florida, and online.

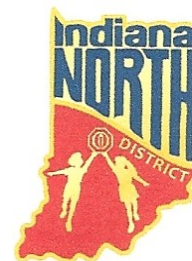


District Events

August 2025

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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**