

# The Southern Exposure



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## 2007-2008

**“I Believe in YOU”**

**Jerry Schue, Governor**

**Gary Burk, Secretary-Treasurer**

**Rich Slayton, Immediate Past  
Governor**

**Steve Arisman, Past Governor**

**Tony Trimble, Governor Elect**

### Lt. Governors

Zone 1: **Cheryl Curry**

Zone 2: **Hank Herpel**

Zone 3: **Jerry Martin**

Zone 4/5: **Mark Wilson**

Zone 6: **Doris Stone**

Zone 7: **Kent Reyling**

Zone 8: **Betty Strickland**

Zone 9: **Don Riggle**

### Club Presidents

Presidents of all Clubs in the District serve as members of the District Board of Directors.

## **Attention:**

### Committee Chairs & Lt. Governors

The deadline for submitting articles for the next District Bulletin is **October 5, 2008**. Send your articles to [p\\_grant@fastmail.fm](mailto:p_grant@fastmail.fm) if you have e-mail. If you prefer, send it snail-mail: 770 N CR 625 E, Avon, IN 46123.

**DON'T FORGET!**

From the Governor:

**Hello Optimists of Indiana South!**

At the District convention on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> we will meet in Terre Haute for a fun filled weekend. There will be the chance for Lt. Governor-elects, President-elects, Secretary-elects and Treasurer-elects to receive training needed for next year.

We will have the opportunity to pick a Governor-elect through an election, which has not happened in many years. We are so blest with talent in our district. This election should give you the opportunity to give thought to the possibility of what your goals are for active participation in Indiana South leadership someday. Take the time to ask people who are active in Indiana South leadership. Ask them what time, energy and training it takes to do their job and set your goals for the future.

We will have the opportunity for training. We will have Optimist Clubs from Indiana South available to tell you about the success of their “fund raising” projects in the pool area of the hotel.

We will have the memorial service at the convention for our Optimist friends whom we've lost in the past year.

Our Leadership Development team has planned lots of exciting events for the convention. You won't want to miss this weekend. **THERE IS STILL TIME TO TURN IN YOUR RESERVATION! Call Now!**

I thank you all for the tremendous work you are doing for our children in the Indiana South District. The New Club Building team is very

busy working to build new clubs in our district each week. There will be a report at the executive committee meeting on the growth of Indiana South and as members of this district you are most welcome to attend.

I ask that each of you find someone new and "ASK" them to join us in our efforts in helping our kids in our district. Tell them about all the exciting projects you have been involved in and the good it does for the kids in your town.

See you at the District Convention in August.

**"I Believe in YOU!"**

**Jerry Schue, Governor**

**Indiana South District**

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A Message from Governor Jerry ...

Greetings!

Optimists all over the world know of Indiana South. We are #2 in the Optimist world in growth! Because of your hard work and relentless energy, Indiana South is about to break the +100 mark in new membership.

We have an exciting weekend scheduled for you at the district convention. You won't want to miss the fun, training and networking with new members. We are going to have tables in the courtyard showing the "favorite projects and fund raisers from clubs in the Indiana South district. There will be lots of activities for you and your family.

We are scheduling tours of points of interest in Terre Haute and many activities on site at the hotel. If you have any questions give me a call at 812 686-0050. There will be specific training by Gov-elect Tony Trimble for Lt. Governors-elect, Presidents-elect and Secretaries and Treasurers-elect along with new training for the rest of the general membership. I expect to see you there.

"I Believe in You!" – Jerry



## **District Convention Information**

**THE FINAL CUTOFF FOR REGISTRATION IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 2nd - ANYTHING RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL BE PUT ON THE ON-SITE REGISTRATION. YOU WILL NOT HAVE PRE-PRINTED NAME BADGES. NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT ON-SITE REGISTRATION.**

**Thanks,  
Pat France, Arrangements Chair**

# Information from Optimist International

## THE RESULTS ARE IN

A number of important issues were put before delegates at this year's Convention. To read about the results, please go to the Optimist website at [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org) and click on "Members."

## SAVE THE DATE

If you had a great time at Convention this year, or if you missed out and want to make sure to attend next year, mark your calendars for July 8-11, 2009, in Kissimmee, Florida. Optimist International will once again be staying at a beautiful Gaylord property – this time the Gaylord Palms in the Orlando area!

## CONVENTION DELEGATES APPROVE SPECIAL \$1 PER MEMBER ASSESSMENT

Club delegates at the International Convention in Grapevine, Texas, approved a one-time \$1.00 per Member special assessment to balance Optimist International's 2008-2009 budget. This assessment will be included on the billing that goes to all Clubs at the beginning of the first quarter of the 2008-2009 year.

The International Board of Directors had proposed a suspension of the \$1.00 per Member that Optimist International allots to each District for the 2008-2009 fiscal year in order to balance the budget. But a substitute motion was offered from the floor that called for assessing each Member an additional \$1.00 in 2008-2009 only. This motion was approved by the delegates representing Clubs from throughout the organization and the dues allotment suspension was not considered.

Delegates also approved a one-year suspension of the so-called "4% Rule" in the Bylaws that requires the Board to budget for a 4% surplus each year.

Both actions were needed to balance the 2008-2009 Optimist International budget and avoid program, service and personnel cuts. The fiscal concerns are the result of a continuing loss of membership and Clubs, as well as new U.S. Government regulations mandating the full funding of defined benefit employee pension plans within seven years. Optimist International's plan, while suspended in 1997, is still required to be fully funded in order to meet future obligations. This unfunded amount requires an annual expenditure of \$225,000.

## NEW CLUBS IN NEW PLACES

As the final quarter of the 2008-2009 Optimist year gets under way, the organization must extend a big welcome to a number of New Clubs:

Aburi Optimist Club of Ghana  
Labone Optimist Club of Accra, Ghana  
Adom Apowa Optimist Club of Ghana  
Golden Age Optimist Club of Kumasi, Ghana  
Fellowship Chapel Optimist Club of Detroit, Michigan  
Club Optimiste l'Assomption 2008, Quebec  
Shining Stars Optimist Club of Detroit, Michigan

Welcome to Optimist International, and thank you for  
"Bringing Out the Best in Children"!

## SEE WHAT IT TAKES TO MARKET YOUR CLUB

You may have heard a lot about it by now. But just what exactly is in a Club Marketing/PR Kit? You can now go to the Optimist website and find out! With the exception of the "I am an Optimist" DVD, all kit materials are now available by going to the website at [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org). Look under "Members" and then "Marketing" and click on "Club Marketing/PR Kit."

There is plenty of information available to get your Club's marketing campaign off to a great start!

## **New Club Building Pilot Club Program**

At the 2008 International Convention earlier this month, Convention delegates passed a motion to allow 15-Member Clubs in approved targeted areas. The link below will provide Optimists with more details as well as a request form for the pilot club program.

[http://www.optimist.org/forms/15\\_member\\_request\\_form.pdf](http://www.optimist.org/forms/15_member_request_form.pdf)

### **DECEASED MEMBERS?**

The Indiana South District Convention will be here before we know, and I would like to remind officers of the clubs in the District to send me the information regarding members who have died since the last Convention. The District will honor the members who have passed with a Memorial Service on Sunday morning, the last day of the Convention. It would be a shame to not recognize a member, or members, because their name was not submitted. There have only been two deaths reports as of this newsletter, and they are both from my club in Evansville. Please send DECEASED MEMBER'S NAME, CLUB NAME, and DATE OF DEATH of the deceased member to:

**Gary Burk**, Indiana South District Secretary-Treasurer, gaburk05@att.net, or mail to 9629 Cayes Drive, Evansville, IN 47725-6739. Thank you!

**One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do.**

**Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.**

**He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, when the donkey realized what was happening it cried horribly.**

**Then, to everyone's amazement it quieted down.**

**A few shovel loads later, the farmer looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit it's back, the donkey was doing something amazing. The donkey would shake it off and take a step up.**

**As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, it would shake it off and take a step up.**

**Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!**

**Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! [Shake it off and take a step up.](#)**

## Optimist International Foundation

A "Silent Auction" for the Optimist International Foundation will take place during the convention on Saturday. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please contact **Stan Stewart** ([stan.stewart@kimball.com](mailto:stan.stewart@kimball.com))

We are getting closer to our goal of \$25,000 in unrestricted donations from Indiana South District Clubs and members! Every dime helps! Bring your personal and club contribution to be presented at the convention!

### Optimist International Foundation 2006-2007

*Helping Optimists Help Kids!*

**\$1,756,108 FY07 Total Gifts**

**1,611,960 FY07 Total Expenditures**

#### Expenditures:

**\$206,521 Scholarships**

**\$385,665 Club Grants via Pass Through**

**\$85,000 JOOI Program Grant**

**\$23,454 CCC**

**\$557,534 General OI grants**

**for *The Optimist*, accounting, growth, disaster relief, international development, staff time allocated to programs, training at international convention, endowment payouts**

**\$133,422 – 7.5% management and general**

**audit, legal, banking, investment expense, some convention expenses, currency transactions, state registrations**

**\$220,364 – 12.5% fundraising**

**recognition program, planned giving, brochures**

**20 Cents**

***That's what it costs to raise one Dollar. Your investment in kids through the Foundation helps thousands of kids each year.***

Indiana South Optimist District

## **Governor-Elect Candidates Biographies**

The Indiana South Optimist District is blessed to have **THREE (3)** candidates seeking your support for their candidacy for Governor-Elect of the Indiana South Optimist District for 2008-2009. The successful candidate would be our Governor during the 2009-2010 Optimist Year.

Be sure to come to the Terre Haute Convention, August 8, 9 and 10, 2008, to meet these candidates and show your support for the candidate of your Club's choice. (alphabetical listing)

### **Sandi Holstein**

The Breakfast Club of Indianapolis nominates Sandi Holstein as a candidate for Governor-Elect. Sandi joined in 1999 and has served her local Club as President (2004-2005), Board member, Secretary (2 years), Club Oratorical Chair, as well as many other positions. She served the Indiana South District at Lt. Governor (2005-2006), A&A Chair for 5 years, Awards Chair, Leadership Development Committee for 3 years and served as LDC Chair during 2007-2008. She has attended 4 OI Conventions.

### **Bob Thompson**

The Avon Optimist Club has nominated Bob Thompson as a candidate for Governor-Elect. Bob joined the Avon Club in 1988 and has served the Avon, Danville and Brownsburg Optimist Clubs in many local capacities, including Distinguished President. He is a Past Governor of the Indiana South District (1999-2000), Honor & Outstanding Lt. Governor (1995-1996), Builder of Excellence for the new North Salem Optimist Club, Arrangements Chair, District Foundation Rep, Activities Chair and Tri-Star Basketball Chair.

### **Kathy Underwood**

The Brownsburg Optimist Club has nominated Kathy Underwood as a candidate for Governor-Elect of the Indiana South Optimist District. Kathy was a Charter Member of the Brownsburg Optimist Club in 1997. She served as Honor Club President in 2001-2002. She went on to be an Honor Lt. Governor in 2002-2003. She has served on the District Oratorical Contest Committee since 2003, serving as Chair in 2005-2006 and 2007-2008. Kathy was the District Activities Chair in 2006-2007.

Candidate Qualification Committee  
Rich Slayton, Chair

# **Vote!!!**

# Candidate for Governor-Elect: Sandra L. Holstein (Sandi)

## **Personal Data**

Born: Terre Haute, Indiana  
Children: Tamara Sweeney  
Grandchildren: Michael Sweeney  
Mailing Address: 9145 Sea Oats Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46250

## **Occupation**

Accounts Receivables and Statistical Manager for RE/MAX Real Estate Groups since 1983. Prior to this employed at Topics Newspapers for 11 years as Vice President and Sales Manager

## **Professional, Civic Information**

East 91<sup>st</sup> Street Christian Church  
Sheriff/Clerk/Inspector for Marion County Election Board  
Absentee Ballot Voting Board  
Indiana State Legislature Secretarial Pool

## **Education**

Attended Indiana State and Butler Universities

## **Optimist International Service**

### **Club Level:**

*Breakfast Optimist Club of Indianapolis*  
Board Member  
Oratorical Chair  
State Special Olympics Bowling Results Captain  
Secretary  
President  
Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee

### **District Level**

A&A Chair – 5 years  
Lt. Governor  
LDC Committee/Chair

### **International Level**

OI Foundation President's Club  
OI Convention Attendee (4)

## Candidate for Governor-Elect: Bob Thompson

Hello,

I would appreciate your Club's vote for Governor-Elect. I have been involved with youth since I was sixteen years old. That is when I started coaching kids (even though I was a kid myself). I've coached girls kick ball and basketball, boys basketball, baseball, and football. I served as a leader of the Boy Scouts of America for over twenty-five years. I worked with the Indianapolis school 96 P.T.O. as parliamentarian.

I joined the Avon Optimist Club in 1988.

- 1989-1990 President Elect
- 1989-1990 Club's Optimist of the Year
- 1990 Life member
- 1990-1991 President, Honor Club and Distinguished President
- 1990-1991 Key builder of the North Salem Optimist Club
- 1990-1991 Club's Optimist of the Year
- 1991- ? Secretary/Treasurer, Club Foundation Representative, Board of Directors, and chair for several projects.

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- 1992-1993 Activities Chair
- 1993-1994 Tri-Star Basketball Chair
- 1994-1995 Lt. Governor, Zone # 3, Honor Lt. Governor
- 1995-1996 Lt. Governor, Zone # 3, Honor Lt. Governor and Outstanding Lt. Governor
- 1996-1997 District Foundation Representative
- 1996-1999 Co-Chair Arrangements Committee
- 1998-1999 Governor Elect
- 1999-2000 Governor

I served on the Indiana State Police Youth Council for the Respect for Law Camp 1999, Counselor, Respect for Law Camp, 2000, Counselor for Camp Care Free 2006. I have attended eleven International Conventions. I have attained "Benefactor" level with the Foundation, Level 7 of the P.G.I. program, and have sponsored 23 members into the Optimist Organization.

Thank you for your support.

Bob Thompson

## Candidate for Governor-Elect: Kathy Underwood

Hi, I'm Kathy Underwood and I'm running for Governor of Indiana South District for the 2009-2010 Optimist Year. I am a charter member of the Brownsburg Optimist Club and was honor-president in 2001-2002, and honor Lt. Governor in 2002-2003. As many in our district know, I've been involved with the district Oratorical Program since the 2003-2004 Optimist Year, serving as chair twice. Yes, public speaking is one of my passions, second only to my belief that it is our youth who are our future.

I believe that I can bring a new perspective to the office of Governor. It is no secret that all civic organizations are suffering challenges with growth and retention of members. Governor Jerry and his team are doing an awesome job in growing the district. But those hard-fought gains are meaningless if we don't retain our new members and reenergize our "old" members. As Governor, my plan is to couple my experience as a project and team leader with an "outsider's" perspective. I don't promise to have the answers, but I do have the leadership experience to know how to put a team together using individual strengths which complement each other, to share my concepts, and to trust that as a team, we can bring make that vision a reality.

For many years, friends have asked when I was going to run for Governor. And each time, I had a long list of excuses. So, what changed now? Probably the most significant reason is a young man who spoke in this year's Oratorical contest. Suddenly I realized that those reasons I'd given over the years were no more than empty excuses to keep from taking a chance. I finally realized that it is time to get off my personal launching pad.

Bob, Sandy and I each bring our own unique strengths to this year's election. For the first time in recent memory, our members have a choice (or rather, have to make a choice), and I'm honored to be part of this year's election process.

Optimistically Yours,  
Kathy

## A PREVIEW OF THE “STAND TALL” YEAR

Planning is well underway for 2008-2009. The theme is “Stand Tall For Kids.” The Arrangements Committee is completing plans for a special 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter meeting to be held at French Lick on Nov. 7 & 8. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarters are planned for Bloomington and the Convention will be at the Holiday Inn Lakeview in Clarksville which means a visit with everybody’s favorite Optimist—“Ol Bill” Scott.

In the meantime, Governor Jerry’s year isn’t over yet and he keeps raising the bar. He can do that because he still “Believes in You” in so do I. See you in Terre Haute.

Dr. Tony Trimble  
Governor Elect

### Date to remember

The Breakfast Optimist Club of Indianapolis will be celebrating their 50th year Sunday September 28th. Place the date on your calendar.

Elbert “Brad” Bradshaw

### A REQUEST FROM THE DISTRICT SECRETARY/TREASURER

If you are an Officer of the District, or a Chair, this is a request (PLEADING) for you to get your expenses in as soon as possible. The reports to the Finance Committee are distorted when expenses are held until the last minute. It becomes a guessing game when planning a budget for the new year if all the bills are not paid, so PLEASE, PLEASE get those expenses in now.

Thank You!

Gary Burk, District S/T

### Don’t Google Internet Searches

A new deal with Internet searches as a fundraiser for OI:

When searching the Internet, don’t Google, use this address for your search engine [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and enter optimist as your charity before searching and select Optimist International Foundation.

Note from editor: I’ve tried it and the searches work really well.

Camp CareFree Indiana (formerly Camp Quality Indiana) website:

[www.campcarefreeindiana.org](http://www.campcarefreeindiana.org) <<http://www.campcarefreeindiana.org/>>



"We try to cater to both optimists and pessimists."

## Optimist Television PSAs Distributed

A series of television public service announcements (PSAs) promoting the work of Optimist Clubs in "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" has been distributed to more than 1,100 TV and cable stations throughout North America. Three 30-second and two 15-second messages show Optimists interacting with children while the narration explains what Optimist Clubs do.

To find out which stations in your area have received the PSAs, click on the appropriate link.

To view the distribution list in .pdf format, click

[http://www.optimist.org/Publications/PSA\\_Distribution\\_List.pdf](http://www.optimist.org/Publications/PSA_Distribution_List.pdf).

To view the distribution list in .xls format, click

[http://www.optimist.org/Publications/PSA\\_Distribution\\_List.xls](http://www.optimist.org/Publications/PSA_Distribution_List.xls).

Distribution to Canada and Jamaica will be done as soon as the necessary government approval is received. Optimist Clubs that want to add local contact information to a PSA in their area can do so for \$85 through the company handling the distribution. To find out more or to order a customized PSA go to [www.tvaccessreports.com/optimistorder](http://www.tvaccessreports.com/optimistorder).

## **Law of the Garbage Truck**

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his breaks, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean he was really friendly.

So I asked. 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!' This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks! They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so....'Love the people who treat you right. Forgive the ones who don't.'

Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it.

## **Award Nominations are Due**

**Although nominations for Distinguished Optimist, Humanitarian, and Boo-Boo awards are due August 1, So I am sure the Chairs for these awards would love to have your club's submissions.**

**The Distinguished Optimist and Humanitarian nominations should be sent to Chuck Curry, Indianapolis Downtown.**

**BooBoo award nominations should be sent to Heather Williams, Georgetown.**

**The forms and instructions were included in your District Roster which club officers received at the beginning of the year. They are also included on the following three pages.**

**NOMINATION FOR INDIANA SOUTH DISTRICT DISTINGUISHED OPTIMIST AWARD**  
 (Please print or type)

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Affiliated: \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUB ACTIVITIES (Give Dates)\***

Offices: President \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-Pres. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ Treas. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Committees</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Committees</u>	<u>Year</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Does nominee attend club meetings regularly (Yes or No) ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How many new members has nominee sponsored this year? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How many new members has nominee sponsored since joining Club? \_\_\_\_\_

Club Distinctions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT ACTIVITIES (Give Dates)\***

Offices: Governor \_\_\_\_\_ Lt. Gov. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec.-Treas. \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Committees</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Committees</u>	<u>Year</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

District Distinctions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Club Secretary must complete certification. Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Certified and approved by the Board of Directors \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
 Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

(\*) ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND COMMENTS.

**NOMINATION FOR INDIANA SOUTH DISTRICT HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

**(Please print or type)**

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Affiliated: \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUB ACTIVITIES (Give Dates)\***

Offices: President \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-Pres. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ Treas. \_\_\_\_\_  
Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Committees</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Committees</u>	<u>Year</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Does nominee participate in club activities regularly (Yes or No) ? \_\_\_\_\_

Club Distinctions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT ACTIVITIES (Give Dates)\***

Offices: Governor \_\_\_\_\_ Lt. Gov. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec.-Treas. \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Committees</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Committees</u>	<u>Year</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

District Distinctions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNITY-CIVIC-HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES (Give Dates)\***

<u>Activity/Service</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Activity/Service</u>	<u>Year</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Community Recognition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Club Secretary must complete certification. Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Certified and approved by the Board of Directors \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

(\*) ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND COMMENTS.



## Ponder This

A bus station is where a bus stops.

A train station is where a train stops.

On my desk I have a work station ...



**Electile Dysfunction**: the inability to become aroused over any of the choices for President put forth by either party in the 2008 election year.

## How to Dance in the Rain

It was a busy morning, about 8:30, when an elderly gentleman in his 80's arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 am.

I took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. I saw him looking at his watch and decided, since I was not busy with another patient, I would evaluate his wound. On exam, it was well healed, so I talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound.

While taking care of his wound, I asked him if he had another doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry.

The gentleman told me no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. I inquired as to her health.

He told me that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer's disease.

As we talked, I asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late.

He replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now.

I was surprised, and asked him, 'And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?'

He smiled as he patted my hand and said, 'She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is.'

I had to hold back tears as he left, I had goose bumps on my arm, and thought,

'That is the kind of love I want in my life.' True love is neither physical, nor romantic.

True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be.

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have.

**'Life isn't about how to survive the storm,  
but how to dance in the rain.'**



■ 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.*

*By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.*

*-Optimist Mission Statement*



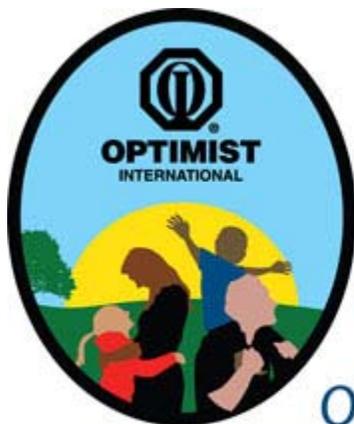
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**Club Presidents:** Please make copies of this Bulletin and distribute to the members of your club.



Optimists Bring Out the Best in Children

Les Optimistes inspirent le meilleur chez les jeunes • 2007-2008