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“Put the Pieces Together to Bring Out  
the Best in Kids”

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### **Attention:**

#### Committee Chairs & Lt.

#### Governors

The deadline for submitting articles for the next District Bulletin is **December 23, 2010**. 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 County Road 625 E, Avon, IN 46123.

#### From the Governor:

The time has come to “Put the Pieces Together” to “Bring Out the Best in Kids”. It will take every one of us, our time, and our talents to build that puzzle which provides the opportunities to touch kid's lives. And, our most valuable assets, our members, need the support of the district team and International to make those opportunities possible.

Over the past few weeks, I've had the privilege to attend many club meetings and dinners around the district and see first-hand the good work our clubs are doing. There are sooooo many great projects and fundraisers, and members who stand at the ready to share their experience to help other clubs to make a difference for the kids in their own communities. That is one of the reasons we host district conferences four times a year, not only to conduct district business, but to share ideas and experiences, and yes, to celebrate our successes and have some fun too. I've challenged each Lt. Governor to be the first to have every one of the clubs in their zone represented at the conference.

Our first conference is October 22 & 23, at the Greensburg Hampton Inn. We'll share our team's vision for this year, and

how we can help our clubs and members reach their goals. We're going to look at our foundation, and do a little home improvement. We're going to ask every member to "Please Get Involved", and we will help you get started.

The youth we serve are going to be a large part of our conferences, starting with the JOOI members in October. And, President Washington will visit with us to get all of us started on the new Optimist year. We've got lots of information to share, and successes to celebrate throughout the day, but you can't experience it if you're not there!!!

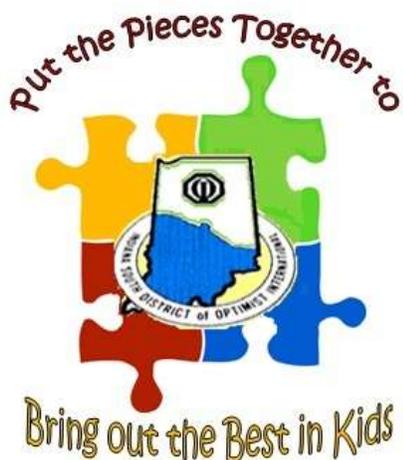
I am honored to be your governor for this Optimist year, and pledge to you that I will do all I can possibly do to support our clubs and our members to be successful. But, no one can do it alone. Every one of us is only one piece of the puzzle. When one piece is missing, it leaves a large hole, but when we work together, what great things can happen.

President Danny Rodgers shared a note from Seth Godin's blog recently. "The problem with putting it all on the line is that it might not work out. The problem with not putting it all on the line is that it will never (ever) change things for the better."

I am willing to put it all on the line. Are you???

Join me in Greensburg, and let's start building our puzzle!!!

Governor Kathy



**2010- 2011  
Indiana South District Meetings**

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter District Conference....October 22-23, 2010	Hampton Inn Suites	Greensburg
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter District Conference...January 21-22, 2011	Marriott Courtyard	Bloomington
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter District Conference....April 29-30, 2011	Airport Crowne Plaza	Indianapolis
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Convention.....Aug 4 - 7, 2011	Holiday Inn	Evansville

**Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.**

**TRAINING, OPTIMIST STYLE**

Don't forget that training materials are available to all Optimists in a password-protected area of [www.optimistleaders.org](http://www.optimistleaders.org). Just go to the website, click on Teaching Materials and enter the password: kids.

Club officers who are already logged in to the reports area of Optimist Leaders can access the materials without an additional password.

October 1st began Gov. Kathy's "Put the Pieces Together...to Bring Out the Best in Kids" year. As your past governor, I want to thank all of you for helping to make the "Give of Yourself...for the Kids" year one we can remember with pride. In addition to the many, many projects we provided for the young people of Indiana South, we built 3 clubs, which has helped to make our goal of serving more kids a reality.

Your determination and dedication have proven that you are a true "Friend of Youth". This has been a year I will always cherish and remember with pride as each of you worked to "Give of Yourself...for the Kids". Thank you, not just from me, but from all of the kids in Indiana South that you have helped.

Immediate Past Gov. Sandi

## **Club Presidents**

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

### Results of Interviews with Old People in the District

I interviewed several of the more experienced Optimists in the District and here are some of their quotes. Names of those I interviewed have been withheld to protect their identity. But you can probably guess who I talked to.

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped on. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener.

You know, I spent a fortune on deodorant before I realized that people didn't like me anyway.

I was thinking about old age and decided that it is 'when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it'.

I thought about making a fitness movie, for folks my age, and call it "Pumping Rust".

I have gotten that dreaded furniture disease. That's when your chest is falling into your drawers!

I know, when people see a cat's litter box, they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat"? Just once I want to say, "No, it's for company"!

Employment application blanks always ask 'who is to be notified in case of an emergency'? I think you should write, "A Good Doctor"!

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do -- write to these men? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen could look for them while they deliver the mail? Or better yet, arrest them while they are taking their pictures!

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then, it dawned on me, they were cramming for their finals. As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on the curve.

## TEN THINGS GOD WON'T ASK ON JUDGEMENT DAY.

- 1.... God won't ask what kind of car you drove. He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- 2.... God won't ask the square footage of your house, He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- 3.... God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- 4.... God won't ask what your highest salary was. He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- 5.... God won't ask what your job title was. He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- 6.... God won't ask how many friends you had. He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- 7.... God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
- 8.... God won't ask about the color of your skin, He'll ask about the content of your character.
- 9.... God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation. He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell.
- 10.... God won't have to ask how many people you forwarded this to, He already knows your decision.

Count your days by smiles, not tears.  
Count your life by deeds, not years.



Save the Date for 2011  The 2011 Convention is set for next July! Mark your calendars for July 3-5, 2011, in Baltimore, Maryland! Please note that these are the correct dates (a different set of dates was inadvertently published in a few areas).

## Newsletter Competition

I have been late in naming a newsletter chair, not because the competition is going away, but because I want to expand competition to additional forms of club communications and publicity, such as websites, Facebook, blogs, etc. Please email your newsletters to our Club Communications Chair (this is a temporary title until we come up with a more fitting title to the position), Kent Reyling at [kent.reyling@kimball.com](mailto:kent.reyling@kimball.com). More information and specifics will be coming at a later date.

Please don't forget to copy me on your newsletters. I am enjoying seeing what neat things our clubs are doing!

Kathy Underwood, Governor

### Organization Body

The body of any organization has four bones:

1. Wish bones, who spend all their time wishing someone else will do all the work;
2. Jaw Bones, who do all the talking and very little else;
3. Knuckle Bones, who knock everything that everybody else tries to do;
4. Back Bones, who get under the load and do all the work.

### Stones

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument; and one friend slapped the other one in the face.

The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand, 'Today my best friend slapped me in the face'.

They kept on walking until they found an oasis where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning. But the friend saved him.

After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: 'Today my best friend saved my life'.

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, 'After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now you write on a stone. Why?'

The friend replied 'When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand, where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it'.

Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your benefits in stone.

## **Drink, Steal, Swear, and Lie**

**I met this guy while I was in Albuquerque, and he has a motto he lives by every day. He said, "Listen carefully and live by these four rules: Drink, Steal, Swear, and Lie."**

**I was shaking my head No! But he then told me to listen while he explained his four rules. So here they are:**

- 1. Drink from the everlasting cup every day.**
- 2. Steal a moment to help someone who is in worse shape than you are.**
- 3. Swear that you will be a better person today than yesterday.**
- 4. And last, but not least, when you lie down at night thank God you live in America and have freedom.**

**I am not as good as I should be, I am not as good as I could be but THANK GOD I am better than I used to be!**

## **Philosophy and the Talented Doggie**

An optimist sees the best in the world, while a pessimist sees only the worst. An optimist finds the positive in the negative, and a pessimist can only find the negative in the positive.

For example, an avid duck hunter was in the market for a new bird dog. His search ended when he found a dog that could actually walk on water to retrieve a duck. Shocked by his find, he was sure none of his friends would ever believe him.

He decided to try to break the news to a friend of his, a pessimist by nature, and invited him to hunt with him and his new dog.

As they waited by the shore, a flock of ducks flew by. They fired, and a duck fell. The dog responded and jumped into the water. The dog, however, did not sink but instead walked across the water to retrieve the bird, never getting more than his paws wet. This continued all day long; each time a duck fell, the dog walked across the surface of the water to retrieve it.

The pessimist watched carefully, saw everything, but did not say a single word.

On the drive home the hunter asked his friend, "Did you notice anything unusual about my new dog?"

"I sure did," responded the pessimist. "He can't swim."

# Zones 4/5 Happenings



This is a picture of some of those at our Tri Star Basketball contest held on September 11. We decided to hold it far in advance of the usual time. (I am in the green shirt in the first row.) It shows a few of the Optimist Club members, some of the children who participated, and the players from the Indiana State University women's basketball team. This was a joint event sponsored by the *Terre Haute Noon Optimist Club, the Terre Haute Breakfast Optimist Club, and the Wabash Valley Optimist Club*. The Indiana South District final event date has not yet been selected.

The Terre Haute Breakfast Optimist Club recently awarded the prestigious Kevin Artz Award to two deserving officers. The award was named after officer Artz who is killed in the act of duty.

The Noon Optimist Club held their installation of officers banquet on September 30th. They have a busy schedule coming up in the next couple of months as they plan for their Clothe a Child Auction. The children will receive their clothes on December 11th. Last year more than 700 children were clothed. The auction to raise money for the event will take place on December 7th. A stocking stuffer event will take place on December 3rd. Along with the winter coats, shirts, pants, socks, and underwear each child receives a bag of candy as they meet Santa and they also get cookies and milk. A kickoff dinner for this event will be held on October 28th. This event is very well respected in the community as this will be the 75th year of providing clothes to area youth. Recently the Clothe a Child was mentioned in the news as a retired CEO (Don Moffat) who now lives in California but remembers fondly the needed clothes he received as a youth from the Noon Optimist Clothe a Child in Terre Haute. He listed the Clothe a Child as a beneficiary of \$100,000 in his recently written will. He has donated to this cause for several years.

The Zone meeting for zones 4/5 was held on October 12.

Dennis Bialaszewski, Lt Governor, Zones 4/5



Ken - Kim - Bill - William (Indy Downtown)  
(Looks like a choir to me)

## OptiClub Software for Club Secretary/Treasurers has been updated

Version 5.04 was released September 8, 2010.

OptiClub can now be used to share the Secretary/Treasurer duties between two Members. And, a Club need only buy one copy.

OptiClub automates all the duties of the Club Secretary/Treasurer, making the Secretary/Treasurer's job easier and less time consuming. Click on the link below to view description, screenshots, demonstration videos and installation information. There is a 45-day free trial period.

<http://www.dbscompany.com/products/products.htm>

The software was developed and is maintained by Don Keating, a longtime District and Club Secretary/Treasurer who is also a software developer. Don can be reached at 803-781-0320 or [OptiClub@dbscompany.com](mailto:OptiClub@dbscompany.com).

## A Young Voice for the CCC

Many Optimists were moved by the Childhood Cancer Campaign video shown during the last business session of the 2010 Convention. The video can now be seen on the main CCC page at [www.optimist.org/ccc](http://www.optimist.org/ccc). It is also listed as a favorite on the Optimist YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/OptimistIntl>.

Watch the video to see what everyone's talking about!

## Optimist International Partners with National Association of Parliamentarians

In July 2010, Optimist International entered into a partnership with the National Association of Parliamentarians. Widely known as the experts on parliamentary procedure, the association's resources are now available to Optimist Clubs and Districts. To consult the association and take advantage of this resource, visit [www.parliamentarians.org](http://www.parliamentarians.org).

## Optimist Golf Introduces New Champions

**Results from the 16th annual Optimist International Junior Golf Championships.**

**Congratulations to the following winners in each division:**

**Boys 10-11 ? Tian Lang Guan of China**  
**Girls 10-11 ? Clare Amelia Legaspi of Philippines**  
**Boys 12-13 ? Tristen Strydom of South Africa**  
**Girls 12-13 ? Pailin Ruttanasupagid of Thailand**  
**Boys 14-15 ? Jake McBride of Hartville, Ohio**  
**Girls 14-15 ? Andrea Unson of Philippines**  
**Boys 16-18 ? A.J. Crouch of Jacksonville, Florida**  
**Girls 16-18 ? Manuela Carbajo Re of Argentina**

**Congratulations also to Jake Mcleod and David Hills, also known as Team Australia. They are the champions of the first Optimist Golf World Cup.**

**More details can be found at [www.optimist.org/golf](http://www.optimist.org/golf).**

# New 2010-2011 scholarship contest rules

The scholarship contests have some changes this year.

The 2010-2011 Oratorical Contest will be open to students under the age of 19 as of December 31 of the current school year. The intention in opening the contest to older students was to generate more interest in the Oratorical competition and make it easier for Zones and Districts to find students to meet the 3-participant minimum to conduct a contest.

This year's planning materials can be found at [www.optimist.org/oratorical](http://www.optimist.org/oratorical).

There will be an International level to the Essay Contest for the 2010-2011 year. One first-place International winner will be chosen and awarded a plaque to commemorate the achievement. There will be no scholarships at this level of the competition.

Essay Contest planning materials are available at [www.optimist.org/essay](http://www.optimist.org/essay).

If you have any questions, please contact the Programs Department at [programs@optimist.org](mailto:programs@optimist.org) or (800) 500-8130.

**Plan those Essay Contests NOW!**

**Are you involved with the Essay Contest in your Club or District? Start planning now! All of the new materials have been added to the Optimist website. Just visit [www.optimist.org/essay](http://www.optimist.org/essay) for more information.**

## **ESSAY CONTEST NEWS**

**It's time to start planning for your club essay contest. The entry deadline is February 28, 2011. Your club's entry should include the following: Contest Entry Form, Copy of Birth Certificate, Copy of Essay, and Entry Fee. The Birth Certificate is particularly important this year as the winner will need to be submitted to International prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Conference. I will provide materials and additional information at the 1<sup>st</sup> District Conference. Please encourage students in your schools to enter. I hope to set a record for the number of entries and work the judges as hard as possible.**

**See you in Greensburg!!**

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**Tony Trimble, Essay Chairman  
317-727-8244**

# OI Announces eOptimist Membership

## [www.eOptimist.org](http://www.eOptimist.org)



**eOptimist** is a new generation of Optimist International Members. Join the eOptimist community to discover, share and live Optimism through an online network of positive thinkers.



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Learn more at [www.eOptimist.org](http://www.eOptimist.org). Join now. It's free.



■ 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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