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“From Start to Finish...Bringing Out
the Best in Kids”

Chuck Curry, Governor

Jim Arnold, Secretary-Treasurer

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Governor**

Sandi Holstein, Past Governor

Pat France, Governor Elect

Lt. Governors

Zone 1: **Kenneth Kolmerten**

Zone 2: **Mike McCoy**

Zone 3: **Mike Underwood**

Zone 4/5: **Mark Wilson**

Zone 6: **Rick Gadjen**

Zone 7: **Ron Fuhrman**

Zone 8: **Betty Strickland**

Zone 9: **Frank Fowler**

Attention:

Committee Chairs & Lt Governors

The deadline for submitting articles for the next District Bulletin is **July 18, 2012**. Send your articles to p_grant@fastmail.fm if you have e-mail. If you prefer, send it snail-mail: 573 Horatio Drive, Avon, IN 46123.

DON'T FORGET!

From the Governor:

Welcome to Greensburg for our 3rd Quarter conference.

This conference promises to be very exciting. The finals for our Oratorical Contest will be held as well as the winners of the Essay Contest. If you have not seen these young people perform, you have missed an exciting program of Optimist International. Ask anyone who has attended in the past and they will tell you about the talent these contestants possess.

The oratorical winners for the boy and for the girl contests will receive a \$2500.00 scholarship. The Essay winner will also receive a similar scholarship of \$2500.00!

In addition to the contests, we will be entertained (as well as participating with) Girl Scouts from the nearby area as they present a campfire program. Also included is a presentation on Respect for Law Camp and the Lt. Governor elections by Zone!

It is very important for all presidents to attend or send their official representatives as the Board will be voting on whether or not to continue the District Tri Star competition. All Club Presidents (or their official representative) are members of the District Board of Directors. Only members of the Board may vote.

Once again, see you in Greensburg!
Governor Chuck

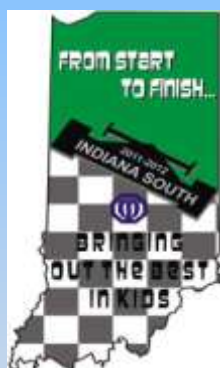


**Indiana
South District**
Optimist International

*3rd Quarter District Conference
2011-12*

*Hampton Inn
Greensburg, Indiana*

April 13 - 14, 2012



**2011- 2012
Indiana South District Meetings**

3rd Quarter: ConferenceApril 13-14, 2012 Greensburg
4th Quarter: **Convention**.....August 10-12, 2012 Clarksville

Past Governors' Breakfast

The PGA breakfast at the Conference in Greensburg will be on Saturday, April 14th at 7:00 AM. Spouses are invited to attend the Breakfast as in the past.

Looking forward to seeing you in Greensburg!

Kathy Underwood, IPG

Do you have any Extra supplies?

Do you have EXTRA SUPPLIES from clubs not active?

Please bring them to the District Meeting on January 27 & 28.

This will save the District some money if we can recycle them.

Older club banners are definitely needed.

Even older club banners can be useful.

Please give the supplies to our Supply chair, Chuck Curry

He should be easy to find, I think he is our Governor.

The 7-*Ups* (or *Up* Yours)

1. Wake **Up**, decide to have a good day
2. Dress **Up**, the best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks
3. Shut **Up**, say nice things & learn to listen
4. Stand **Up** for what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything
5. Look **Up** to your God
6. Reach **Up** for something higher. Have faith
7. Lift **Up** your prayers

BOCI Continues Relationship with Concord Center

For the past 18 years, BOCI has conducted the Tri-Star Basketball contest at the Concord Center in Indianapolis. The center is a community center serving the inner city youth with numerous projects and all day schools. It has been in the community over 100 years.

This year along with the contest, BOCI donated a basketball goal provided by Rick Posson and a football signed by Jeff Saturday donated by Bob Luce.



Dear optimist, pessimist, and realist,

While you guys were busy arguing
about the glass of water, I drank it.

Sincerely, the opportunist.

TAKE TIME
Author Unknown

Take time to laugh
It is the music of the soul.

Take time to think
It is the source of power.

Take time to play
It is the source of perpetual youth.

Take time to read
It is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to pray
It is the greatest power on earth.

Take time to love and be loved
It is a God-given privilege.

Take time to be friendly
It is the road to happiness.

Take time to give
It is too short a day to be selfish.

Take time to work
It is the price of success.

The District extends condolences to Grace Humble on the passing of her mother (Marie E. Mumford). Grace's mother passed away on March 8, 2012.

Rules to live by

- 1. Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!**
 - 2. Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.**
 - 3. Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.**
 - 4. Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.**
 - 5. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.**
 - 6. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.**
 - 7. It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.**
 - 8. Never buy a car you can't push.**
 - 9. Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.**
 - 10. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.**
 - 11. Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.**
 - 12. The second mouse gets the cheese.**
 - 13. When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.**
 - 14. Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.**
 - 15. You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.**
 - 16. Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.**
 - 17. We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.**
 - 18. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.**
 - 19. Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today.**
- *Save the earth..... It's the only planet with chocolate!***

Welcome Optimists to Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Where City and Beach Life Comes Together

Easily accessible by air and land, less than a day's drive for most Optimists; Milwaukee is a premiere Midwestern meeting destination. Within walking distance of the hotels and convention center is Milwaukee's dynamic downtown, offering a wide range of shopping, dining and nightlife options, the RiverWalk, Water Street Entertainment District, Downtown Theater District, museums and professional sports. There is so much to see and do in Milwaukee!

Plan now to attend the

94th Annual Optimist International Convention Milwaukee, Wisconsin July 12-14, 2012

Events take place at the Frontier Airlines Center and Hilton Milwaukee City Center which is also the headquarters hotel.

Housing Information

The Hilton and Hyatt Hotels are connected and the DoubleTree Hotel is adjacent to the Frontier Airlines Center all located in the heart of downtown Milwaukee. For additional information on each hotel, go to their websites listed below. One night room and tax due at time of booking.

Hilton Milwaukee City Center Hotel (Headquarters)

509 W. Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203

Book your hotel reservation online by [clicking here](#)
Call (414) 271-7250.

Standard room rate (King or dbl/dbl) \$125.00 + tax.

Hyatt Regency Milwaukee

333 West Kilbourn Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53203

Book your hotel reservation online by [clicking here](#)
Call:(888) 421-1442

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Milwaukee Downtown

611 W. Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53203

Book your hotel reservation online by [clicking here](#)
Call (414) 273-2950 or (800) 222-TREE - use block code "OPT".



Personal Growth & Involvement (P.G.I.) Program

There are many benefits to becoming an Optimist. And since "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" is the consensus top benefit, the organization's Personal Growth & Involvement (P.G.I.) program ranks a cool second. Where else can you become a more knowledgeable volunteer?

The P.G.I. program offers every Optimist member the opportunity to learn more about Optimism while advancing through 10 levels of involvement, leadership growth and achievement.

The P.G.I. program will make you a better volunteer. Through communication training, self-development modules and other personal growth activities, Optimist International is giving you a fantastic opportunity to continue to learn and grow into a leader.

For additional P.G.I. information, go to the [P.G.I.](#) section of the Optimist Leaders website or contact the Leadership Development Department at (800) 500-8130, ext. 261, or by e-mail at leadership@optimist.org.

Build a JOOI Club in Your Community

Optimist Youth Clubs-JOOI Clubs-provide fun, fellowship and community service learning opportunities for youth of all ages. Younger students (grades 1-4) take part in Alpha Clubs. Middle school or junior high students can join Junior Optimist Clubs, and high school students build Octagon Clubs.

JOOI members want to make the world a better place. Youth Clubs actively involve themselves in their communities, just as their adult clubs do. From fund-raising to neighborhood clean-ups to tutoring younger kids, JOOI members make things happen. Currently there are more than 15,500 youth members in more than 600 communities.

For your Optimist Club, a JOOI Youth Club sponsorship offers:

- Lots of eager hands to help with your larger service projects and fund-raisers.
- A means to rejuvenate interest in your club's activities.
- A unique way to involve a club member's whole family in Optimism.
- Membership recruitment of the parents and relatives of your Youth Club members and much more.

How to Start a JOOI Club

You may charter a JOOI Club with only eight JOOI Members. There is a one-time enrollment fee of \$50, an annual registration fee of \$60 and membership dues are as follows: \$8 per member per year for Alpha Clubs and \$10 per member per year for Junior Optimist and Octagon Clubs. The registration and member fees are prorated depending on the month you charter the JOOI Club. Also, JOOI Clubs are only required to pay for the first 50 members.

If you have any questions on how to start a JOOI Club in your community you can e-mail me at minovak@msn.com or call me at 812-663-3266.

Mike Novak, JOOI District Chairman
Advisor of the Octagon Club-Greensburg High School



District Goals for 2011-2012

Increase District membership by 101

Build 4 Adult clubs

Build 3 JOOI clubs

Every club have at least 1 NOW meeting or event

Establishment of a Governor's Citation

Conduct 2 District Service Projects

Inject more fun into meetings

Increase District meeting attendance to 120

All zones have zone meetings before the District meetings

Become a Distinguished District

Club President Training at Your Fingertips

Being a successful Club President has never been easier! Optimist International is proud to announce the availability of online Club President training. The course has been designed as an easy to follow, step by step program to sharpen leadership skills and provide the necessary tools to be an effective leader.

The training can be accessed by visiting www.optimisttraining.org. The Club President will need to create a user profile and then get started with the training. The course does not have to be completed all at once and should only take one to two hours. Club Presidents will receive a leadership certificate to recognize their completion of the program.

To learn more about this new training resource, contact monscheins@optimist.org or call 800-500-8130

Attention ALL Club Presidents

Presidents of all Clubs in the District serve as members of the District Board of Directors. Make sure to attend your Board meeting at every District Conference and at the Convention.

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

