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BUCKEYE BULLETIN

From the desk of Governor Dennis Morris, D.P.M.:

Spring is just around the corner and we are approaching the half way point of the 2008-09 Optimist year. The holidays have past, and it is time to continue recruiting new members. Unfortunately, the Ohio District is currently down about 15 members. We have a few possible new club sites, but progress is slow. We need everyone to pitch in and make this a banner "O-HI5-O" year for the kids.

Speaking of the kids, our JOOI convention will be held on March 6 & 7 in the Dayton area. Please encourage the JOOI members that your clubs are affiliated with, to consider attending the convention. It is an overnigher with very reasonable fees and promises to be a great time for all.

Hopefully, all of our clubs are busy with their essay and oratorical contests. These contests are one of the most rewarding things our district does for our youth. The finals will be held at our third district conference on May 14 & 15 at the Ramada Inn in Columbus. The district will also be honored to host International President Don and wife, Anita Sievers to the meeting. We also expect a visit from Miss Ohio, courtesy of the Mansfield Club. Finally, each club will be involved in electing a new Lt. Gov. for your zone. As you can see, this will be a busy conference. Please join us in May, you won't be disappointed.

The February conference was very well attended and received. Thanks to all who made an effort to be there. Nobody will forget the stirring account, given by fellow member **Aleksandar Svager**, of his survival in an Italian concentration camp during WW II. Thanks Alex for sharing a difficult part of your life with us and making us realize how fortunate we really are. On Saturday afternoon, **Gov. Elect. Judy Martinson** provided an excellent "Catch a Rising Star" presentation. Everyone who attended surely took something home from that.

In closing, I would like to again congratulate **Past Governor Sharon O'Neil** and the entire Ohio District for being a Distinguished District in 2007-08. Can you help us make it two years in a row?

Important dates to remember:

July 8-11 International Convention in Orlando (with reduced room rates!)

Aug 13-15 District Convention in Lima

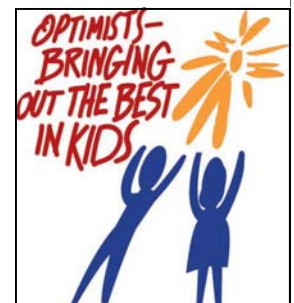
**Registration information is available on the Ohio District website.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to seeing you on May 15 & 16th.



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OHIO DISTRICT DATES

2009

March 6—JOOI District Conference

March 7—Poelking Wilmington Lanes, 1403 Wilmington Ave., Dayton, OH 45420

March 14—Deadline for Oratorical Contests at Club Level

April 4—Deadline for Oratorical Contests at Zone Level

April 25—Deadline for Oratorical Regional Contests

May 10, 2009—OIJGC Pre-Qualifiers in Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Delphos, Hamilton & Hubbard

May 15 & 16—3rd Quarter Conference, Columbus, OH

Ramada Hotel & Conference Center, I-71 Exit 116, 4900 Sinclair Rd., Columbus, OH

Oratorical Finals

Important Note: International President **Don Sievers** and his wife, **Anita**, will be our guests!

July 8-11—Optimist International Convention, Kissimmee, FL

Gaylord Palms, Kissimmee, FL

August 14 & 15—61st Ohio District Convention, Lima, OH

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• **Future Optimist International Conventions**

• **2010—July 7-10—Denver, CO**

• **2011—July 3-6—Baltimore, MD**

• **2012—July 11-14—Milwaukee, WI**

• **2013—July 3-6—Cincinnati, OH**





Dear Members:

Thank you for the prayers, e-mails, phone calls and cards during Bill's recent illness. He is on the mend but it will be awhile before he is back to himself. We just take one day at a time. Right now, he can not drive or lift anything. He is only allowed to walk around the house. He tires easily. Please continue to pray for him.

Also, thank you to those who attended the Awards Banquet. I am sure everyone had a great time. A special thank you to **Darrel Basford**, who filled in (for Bill) as Master of Ceremony at the Awards Banquet, and **Margaret Barclay**, who filled in for OI V.P. Earl Pollock in presenting the Governor's awards. Also to those who stepped up and helped with the Hospitality Room (Bill had all of the food ready before he went to the hospital), **Ken MacDonald** and **Cathy Klemencic** who took the food and drinks down on Friday, everyone who helped set up the Hospitality Room and the Banquet Room. Thank you to **Sally Schmidt** for taking care of the CCC and **Deanda Mills** for filling in with the Communication Presentation. If I missed someone, I am sorry.

Let's continue to support Gov. Denny Morris during his year by Just Asking!

Thank you again for everything. You are appreciated!

Sharon O'Neil

Immediate Past governor

P.S. If you sponsored a new member during the 2007-2008 year and did not receive a MO (More Optimists) pin, please let me know. I will make sure you receive one.



2009 Ohio JOOI District

Virtual Bowl-A-Thon

Friday, March 6th and Saturday, March 7th



Christ United Methodist Church
3440 Shroyer Road, Kettering, OH 45429

Bowl either day – Finals 2:30 PM Saturday

*The largest **Virtual Bowl-A-Thon** ever organized!*

20 Lanes of Virtual bowling!

Door Prizes & Trophies!

Wear your own shoes!

Ugly bowling shirts optional.

Open to all age teams and individuals.

Friday Bowling starts at 8 pm – Registration 7:30 pm – 8 pm
(7 pm Spaghetti Dinner available for \$5 donation – preregistration required)

Saturday Bowling continues at 1 pm – Registration 12:30 – 1 pm
(Noon Pizza Lunch available for \$5 donation – preregistrations required)

Tournament Play: Best of two games elimination.

Finals Match for top 4 bowlers: Saturday 2:30 pm

Suggested Donation: \$10 per bowler (those donating \$25 or more will receive an event t-shirt while supplies last).

Pre-Registration Deadline: Monday March 2nd

To preregister email bowling@TEC911.net to request a registration form or call 937-436-1655.
Forms may also be downloaded from http://ohiodistrictoptimist.org/youth_clubs.cfm

No previous Virtual bowling experience necessary. We will have expert teachers on hand to provide lessons on our practice lanes. The contributions to this fund-raiser will help The Ohio District send Ohio JOOI Members to the International Convention in Orlando, Florida July 4th-6th. We are "Kids helping Kids." For more information on JOOI visit JOOI.org or ohiodistrictoptimist.org/youth_clubs.cfm

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The O-HI-5-O JOOI JOURNAL

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Ohio Junior Optimist Octagon International (JOOI) District is holding our second annual Bowl-A-Thon on Friday March 6th and Saturday March 7th at Christ United Methodist Church, 3440 Shroyer

Road, Kettering, OH 45429. This year we will be holding a **Virtual Bowl-A-Thon** utilizing

Nintendo's Wii© wireless gaming console. *This is the largest Virtual Bowl-A-Thon ever organized.*

Using the *virtual* concept eliminates the bowling lane rental fees and allows 100% of the donations to support the Ohio JOOI District, which is a non-profit service organization.

We are expecting a large number of people, and great publicity because of the uniqueness of this event. The Ohio JOOI District is a member of the Optimist International Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, larger monetary gifts are tax deductible. We also have a limited number of corporate sponsorships available starting at \$250 each.

The Ohio JOOI District consists of 1,600+ students in 46 clubs throughout Ohio, last year with the support of businesses like yours our Bowl-A-Thon event generated funds to help send 7 Ohio JOOI members to our international convention. In the near future, one of our members will contact you. It is our hope that you will contribute one or more prize items for this year's Ohio JOOI District Virtual Bowl-A-Thon.

A community thrives when people work together to improve the quality of life for all.

We thank you for your support; we are "Kids helping Kids."

Sincerely,

Kayleigh White Leslie Mamula Amanda Neer Peter Von Der Vellen

JOOI Governor JOOI Secretary JOOI Treasurer International JOOI Board Member

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Achievements & Awards

CLASS A (76+ members)	TOTAL POINTS (1 Qrtr)
Centerville Noon	840
CLASS B (41-74 members)	
Akron Noon	295
East Dayton	365
Noon Optimist Wapakoneta	265
Van Wert	155
CLASS C (21-40 members)	
Paragon	365
Cuyahoga Falls Breakfast	225
Bazetta Cortland	360
CLASS D (0-20 members)	
CLASS 3 (New Clubs)	

WANTED! Your Achievement & Awards Quarterly Reports! (aka A&A Report)

The above are those we've rounded up so far! An extension has been granted to March 10, 2009! Hurry, hurry, hurry!

Second Quarter is due April 10th; Third Quarter is due July 10th; Fourth Quarter is due on October 10th. Mark your calendars, all you Secretaries and Presidents!

Please send them to Deanda Mills, 5673 Jeffrey Place, Fairfield, OH 45014 or e-mail to witchiepoo@cinci.rr.com, or call at 513.226.7455.

"Tell me and I'll forget. Show me and I may not remember. Involve me and I'll understand."

Native American proverb

PERSONAL GROWTH AND INVOLVEMENT

Club Officer: Are you in need of a Club Skills Module to complete a level of your PGI Passport?

If you are, then we will see you at the May Conference where you will have the opportunity to participate in the "Choosing Optimism As A Philosophy Of Life". This will NOT be your run of the mill lecture. Be prepared to have some interactive FUN!

Don't know about the PGI Program? All the more reason to attend the May Conference!

If you have any questions about this module, please feel free to contact Deanda Mills at 513.226.7455 or e-mail me at

INSTINCT—"Creativity comes from trust. Trust your instincts.

- - Rita Mae Brown

LIFE—"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving."

- - Albert Einstein

LIMITATIONS—"Limitations live only in our minds. But if we use our imaginations, our possibilities become limitless."

- - Jamie Paolinetti

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please do not contact me by the Akron phone number (330.628.6828). I'm not there. If you need to contact me by phone, please call **330.612.5356** (cell) or **956.412.0998**—Texas home phone. The e-mail information is the same. Thank you.

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