



Cherie Gentry
2016-2017 Ohio District Governor



Ohio District Optimist International
March 2017 Edition

2nd Quarter District Conference





Check out our new website...

Ohiodistrictoptimist.org

We have redesigned the website to use WordPress so that the site can be easier to maintain and be easier to view on mobile devices. As with any new undertaking, there will undoubtedly be bugs to work out. If you see any, please let me know so that we can get them promptly fixed.

Yours in optimism, Cherie Gentry, Governor

The 2016-17 Ohio District Handbook has been completed, but corrections are always being made. **Ready for distribution. You will be able to download the handbook (pdf). It will require a passcode.**

You can go to:

<http://ohiodistrictoptimist.org/secretary-treasurer-resources/ohio-district-handbook/>

Passcode is kiss2017

Special thanks to District Secretary Jim Elder for his hard and dedicated work on the District Handbook

2016-2017

Ohio District Conferences & Convention Schedule

3rd Quarter District Conference

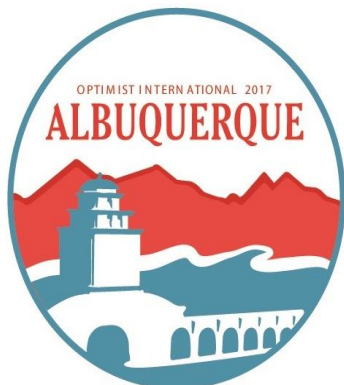
Columbus, OH May 5-6, 2017
Embassy Suites Columbus— Dublin
5100 Upper Metro Place
Dublin, Ohio 43017
Phone: (614) 790-9000

4th Quarter District Conference/Convention

Fairborn, OH August 10-13, 2017
Holiday Inn Dayton/Fairborn
2800 Presidential Dr
Fairborn, Ohio 45324
Phone: (937) 426-7800

July 6-8, 2017

[Albuquerque Convention Center](#)
Albuquerque, New Mexico



Ohio District Scholarship Fund

To All Ohio District Optimist Members:

Several times I have been asked, “Why do I continue to ask for donations to the Ohio District Scholarship Fund, when there is so much scholarship money shown in the budget?”

There are many past winners who have not yet claimed the District Scholarship supplements. These past winners have until they reach the age of 25 to enroll in a continuing education program and claim this money. This is the restricted money shown in the budget.

The Ohio District has pledged to supplement the Optimist International Foundation Scholarships for the Oratorical, Essay and CCDHH contests, with an additional \$1000 for each winner and \$100 for each District Oratorical and CCDHH runner-ups each year.

This means that we must raise \$4,600 each year in order to meet this commitment.

We need every club to help in this effort. A donation to the Ohio District Scholarship Fund may be sent to:

William J. O’Neil
233 Broken Fence Drive
Medina, Ohio 44256

Or

Brought to the next conference.

Thank you.

Bill O’Neil
Scholarship Chair

Please share this memo with all of your members!

The query: ***Dear Tech Support,***

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewellery applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5. 0.

In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as: Cricket 5.0, Rugby League 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1.

Conversation 8.0 no longer runs and House cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail. What can I do?
Signed, Desperate.

The response that came weeks later out of the blue:

Dear Desperate,

First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system.

Please enter command: I thought you loved me.html and try to download Tears 6.2. Do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewellery 2.0 and Flowers 3.5.

However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence
Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources.

In addition, please, do not attempt to re-install the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly.
You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance.

We recommend: Cooking 3.0 and Lavish Praise 5.0

New Club Building

To ALL Optimists:

This is a GREAT opportunity for a club, a President and/or a Lt. Governor to become DISTINGUISHED.

Please read the **New Club Building Committee Report**. If you have any questions, please contact me..

I shared a few bits of information at the February District Conference. First, you do not need to submit a New Club Building Permission slip; second, the club within a club can be made up of past optimists, new recruits, college students, 30 under 30 and FOO's (Friend of Optimists).

Thank you for your attention to this important change in Optimist International Policy.

Bill O'Neil
New Club Building Chair

NEW CLUB BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the New Club Building Committee was presented to the Board of Directors by Jim Boyd for Committee Chair Jim Oliver

Club Within A Club

Rationale:

The Committee is endorsing an initiative to promote the development of a "**Club Within a Club**" modeled after the successful young professional's club that is a part of the Lake Lotawanna Optimist Club in the West Missouri District.

Many long standing Clubs have difficulty in attracting younger members. Work force changes have made it difficult for some potential members to attend traditional breakfast or lunch style Club meetings. Social and cultural changes, episodic volunteering and mission/project driven focus presents new opportunities that may be addressed in creative meeting and operational style. The **Social Club or Club Within a Club** would meet once or twice a month in a more social setting in early evenings, with a focus on networking and social gathering. The young professionals group provides a traditional Club with an increased volunteer work force to tackle more complex project. It also will provide a platform for younger professionals to join an Optimist Club for their goals of networking, social activity with the availability of volunteering for activities of interest and impact in the Community.

New Club Building credit would be given to any existing Optimist Club that adds 15 members for the **Club Within a Club. Two Builders of Excellence designations would also be granted.** The Secretary-Treasurer of the host Club must submit a roster of at least 15 members for the group to be recognized and it is recommended the new group have representation on the existing Club's Board. Regular dues will apply and the 30 under 30 program can be used for the development process. While the program was launched with the provision that members of this new group must not have been an Optimist member for the 12-month period prior to the new Club's formation, the New Club Building Committee believes that is too long. It supports a period of four months before a former Optimist would become eligible for this new program.

The Committee encourages the Board to consider making this adjustment to the program.

Motion adopted: Creswell/Paquette

That the OI Board of Directors modify the **"Club Within a Club"** Initiative to allow former members of Optimist International to be a part of the new group after four months have elapsed since membership ceased. Budget Impact: None

Free Membership for Graduating Seniors



In order to help students remain Optimists, Optimist International is offering all Junior Optimists graduating from high school a free membership for any adult or college Optimist Club. Your Club will not be billed a \$15.00 processing fee OR international dues for a full calendar year. This is a great opportunity for all Optimist Clubs. Please encourage any graduating Junior Optimists to take advantage of this opportunity by joining either their local Club, or a Club where they will be attending college. If your Club has a graduating Junior Optimist senior who wishes to take advantage of this offer, contact membership@optimist.org or call 800-500-8130 ext. 226.



Noon Optimist Club of Centerville's Avenue of Flags

The Noon Optimist Club of Centerville, Ohio, shares their optimism and patriotic spirit in the community with its Avenue of Flags fundraiser. Club Members and other volunteers place American flags in front of 1500+ Centerville homes on five national holidays. Local residents subscribe for the service and the program raises significant amounts allowing the Club to fund its scholarships, community service projects and other youth-oriented activities.

With 100 plus volunteers, the Club has sponsored the Avenue of Flags program in the Centerville – Washington Township, Ohio community for the past 12 years. Teams of Club members and volunteers place flags on 10-foot flagpoles in front of homes and businesses of subscribers on the five national holidays of Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veteran's Day. Subscribers pay \$50 per year for the service and are generous in supporting the Club's efforts in bringing out the best in area youth. The profitable fundraiser has grown from 30 flags to 1550 flags and the Club has even recruited new Members through the program. Teams of Club Members and local volunteers devote approximately 15 hours per year in the setup and removal of flags.

After the initial Club expenses for flags, flagpoles and other supplies, the return on investment for succeeding years is significant. Working together with eight other area Optimist Clubs, program leaders are able to order flag supplies in large quantities which results in a significant cost saving. This fundraising program can work for Optimist Clubs of any size. It is a great way to bond with fellow Members, connect with area residents & families, and to promote all the wonderful ways your Club impacts youth in its community.

**Centerville Noon Optimist Club
P.O. Box 750492
Centerville, OH 45475-0492
Phone: 937-221-6720**



**The East Dayton Optimist Club invites you to join us
in making a difference in the life of a child through
Shoes That Fit!**

**Mail your contributions to: East Dayton Optimists,
PO Box 751512, Washington Township, OH 45475-1512**



Celebrating new shoes with
feet in the air!

*"Shoes are one of the most
visible signs of a child in
poverty. New shoes are one
of the easiest ways to boost a
child's self-esteem, not to
mention increase comfort
and safety."*



Student shares his handmade thank you
card!



Happiness is a new pair of shoes!



Friend of Youth Cinch Sacks for
shoes and socks.

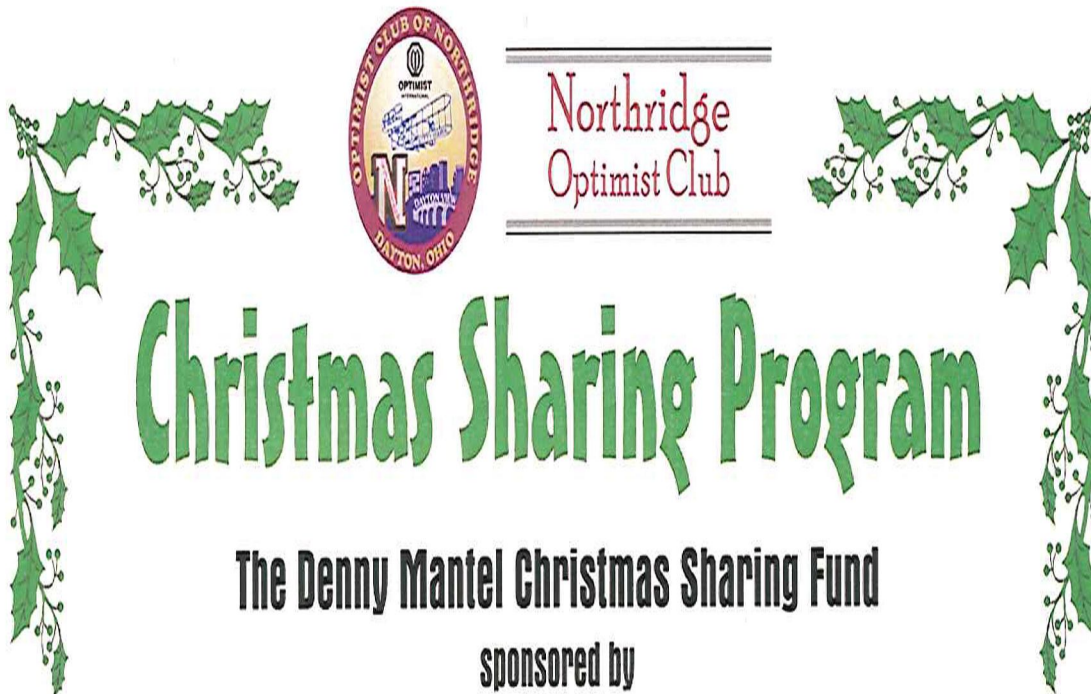


Dayton Police Officers assist in putting on
the children's shoes.



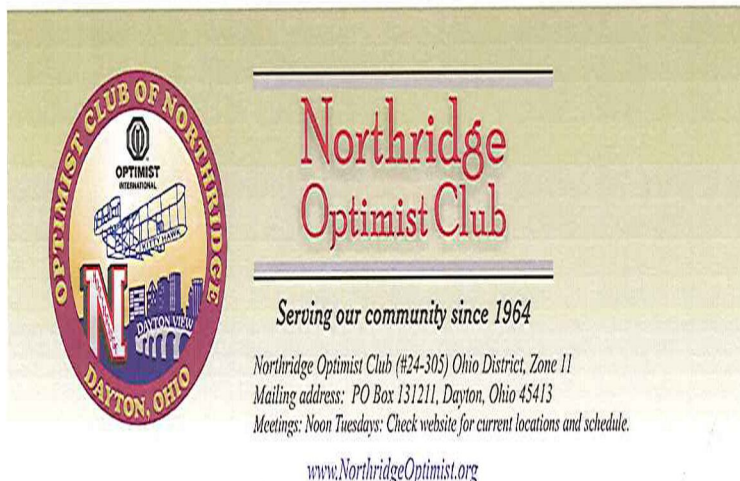
*For only \$25 per child, we
provide a brand new pair
of shoes and socks to every
kindergarten
student in the school!*

**Make checks payable to the Optimist International Foundation. (EIN: 23-7102928)
100% of your tax-deductible contribution will be used for new shoes and socks for a child.**



Christmas Sharing Program: Each holiday season (since 1984) Optimist members have provided some local families with groceries for a good holiday meal. The Northridge School System provides us with names of families who are particularly needy due to economic circumstances. Club members and other volunteers meet on a particular Saturday in December to buy groceries and deliver them to the families. In 2013, with a budget of \$4500 from donations and with additional support from Cargill and the Needmore Rd. Kroger store, we were able to serve 30 families.

The Denny Mantel Christmas Sharing Fund: Beginning with 2014, the program is being named in honor of Optimist member Denny Mantel who chaired the event for the past 30 years. Each year he spent countless hours organizing and leading the program, and inspiring members with his dedication. Denny passed away in February of 2014, and club members have established a separate fund in his memory to make sure that we can continue the program.



e-mail contact: NorthridgeOptimist@gmail.com



To the fantastic people of the Great Ohio District

When I sent out an Email requesting personal items for shelters in the Columbus area, I had no idea how big a project this was going to be! I was overwhelmed with the generosity of so many of you! We collected toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, combs, deodorants, razors, soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, chap sticks, cosmetic bags, fragrance samples, and many other necessities. **We were able to make over 200 bags for Faith Mission, a homeless shelter, and Choices, a battered women's shelter.** We also donated socks, underwear, gloves, and baby items. My theme was to "share the love," and we definitely opened our hearts to help others - it was amazing!



A big **"Thank You"** to all, especially the following:

**Paragon Optimist Club
Monroe Area Optimist Club
Wapakoneta Noon Optimist Club
Kettering Noon Optimist Club
Centerville Noon Optimist Club
South Metro Optimist Club
Dorwood Optimist Club
Sharon and Bill O'Neil
Jan and Steve Hammond
Darrel Basford (he supplied the labels and printing)
Dr. Wayne Wauligman, DDS**

And to these great folks for putting the packages together:



**Janet and Dawn from Kettering Noon
JOI members Val, Faith, and Jaden
Phyllis from Fairfield
Mary Madden - who also drove me to the shelter to drop
off all the boxes**

**Again, thanks for your generosity and caring - qualities
that make the Ohio District Optimists so Great!**

Sally Schmidt, Governor's Partner

New Optimist International Logos





International President's Logo

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL OPTIMIST NIGHT AT THE DAYTON DRAGONS

Saturday May 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Dayton area Optimists and friends will come together for an evening of baseball and fellowship. You do not need to be an Optimist Club member to participate.

Cost is **\$10.00** per ticket! (No hat or food this year, just a great ticket at almost half price!)

Feel free to have your club purchase extra tickets for kids in your area. **This is not a fund raiser for Riverdale Optimists**, just a chance to enjoy a good baseball game at an outstanding venue. Hope you can join us this year!

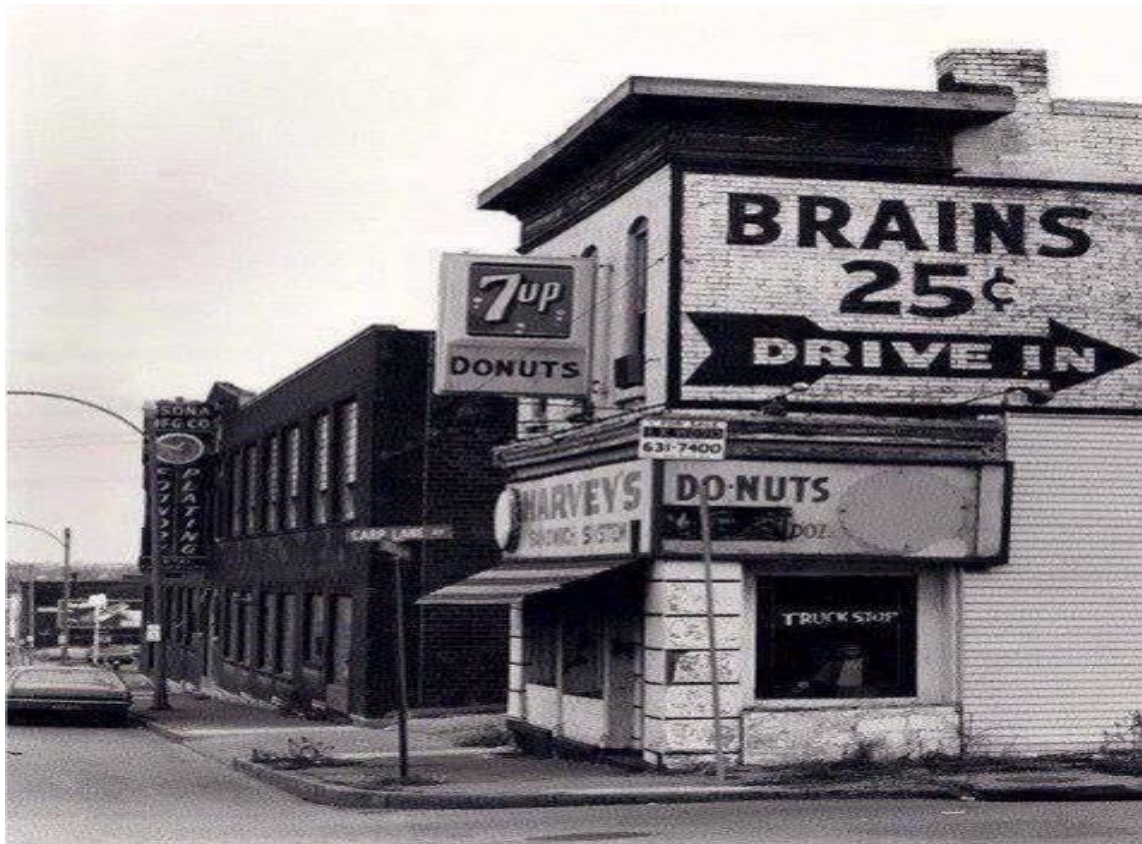
Please return orders and payments by 4-15-17*.

Optimist Club of _____
of tickets _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____
Club Contact: _____
Address to send tickets _____

Make check to: BARBARA LAYNE

125 Missouri Avenue
Dayton, OH 45410
Phone # 937-478-3914

* Due to the large number of tickets ordered the last two years, we have increased the number of tickets reserved for this year. But don't delay in getting your order in if you want to sit with us in left field. Tickets may be reserved well in advance, but I will need the funds in hand no later than April 15, 2016 to pick up the tickets. Email me at: bglayne055@aol.com if you have any questions.



From The



of the Ohio District Bulletin Editor Darrel Basford

We are always looking for items to include in the District Newsletter each publication. These items can be from Clubs, Committee Chairs and members. If you have something to share with us please send these items to Darrel Basford at darrelbasford@att.net . **FYI** Governor Cherie Gentry would like the bulletin to go out quarterly after each District Conference. Next bulletin in May, 2017