

Optimist International Leadership Development Committee Presents

Upcoming Webinars - Please Register

This Meeting Will Come to Order Thursday, April 12 at 7PM (CT)

Learn the ABC's of Parliamentary Procedure and how to make sure that the minority is heard while the majority are served. Learn how to make a motion, and how to mend a motion. Learn about Roberts Rules of Order to conduct meetings. To register, click [here](#)

Using the Personal Growth & Involvement (PGI) and Professional Development Programs in Your Club

Tuesday, May 15 at 7PM (CT)

When we take ownership of our own progression/development, the steps are simple - we learn, we commit, and we do. The professional development programs offered by Optimist International were designed to propel us along this path of advancement with a greater sense of accomplishment and personal satisfaction. The Leadership Development Committee believes this webinar is beneficial for all Members - those new to the Professional Development Program, to those larded in the Personal Growth & Involvement Program, and for those who are ready to grow beyond their Personal Growth & Involvement Level 10. To register click [here](#)

Webinars Available for Replay (click [Webinars](#))

Catch A Rising Star

The Catch a Rising Star webinar is designed to help foster and develop skills, as well as present opportunities to the up and coming Optimist Leaders in our organization. Without new people willing to take on new responsibilities, we will be unable to grow and move forward as a successful organization. Developing leaders begins at home in our Clubs. This webinar will start there and move on through all the opportunities available to Optimists at each tier of our organization. There is also opportunity to identify and expand upon individual styles and abilities for all levels of leaders.

“Club within a Club”

Building a “Club within a Club” is a way to strengthen our existing Clubs. It offers Optimists an opportunity to incorporate new membership with individuals and groups who want to help in the community, but may not necessarily want to be the administrative arm behind the efforts. The possibilities are endless in the venture of New Club Building once you recognize the opportunities that are inside the concept of a “Club within a Club!”

Field Representative Training

The landscape for new Club development is always changing. The same holds true for the evolving duties and responsibilities of the International Field Representative. This webinar will describe changes in the program, as well as a new way for completing and submitting paperwork to Optimist International. All field representatives and those who would like to become a field representative are encouraged to participate.

How to Run a Club

Have you ever wondered what it takes to make an effective Club run? Have you considered wanting to be in charge of your local Club? Maybe somebody told you that they thought you would make a good Club President and you are wondering what they know that you don't? Here is your chance to find out what it takes to make a Club work.

How to Run a Club Oratorical Contest

Since its start in 1928, the Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program sponsored by Optimist International. This contest gives young people the chance to speak to the world while competing for college scholarships. During this information-filled session, the Club level contest will be introduced. We will take you step-by-step through the process of hosting a local contest and show you just how easy it is to be part of an Optimist tradition!

Just Ask

Your membership growth and retention strategy has just found a friend: Just Ask! The Just Ask program supports all of your Club's existing activities, and is a great way to get more hands to serve more children. Whether it's through New Club Building or by adding new Members to your own Club, let's Just Ask! Join us as we share our thoughts to make this renewed Just Ask program the pivot to your District's growth.

Professional Development Program

The Leadership Development Committee discussed the importance of using the program for self-development and explains the program requirements. Learn how to reach your full potential to better your life and the lives of others.

Resources

Optimist International wants your year as a Club Officer to run as efficient and smooth as possible. A number of resources are available to help you have a fantastic year! Resources include other leaders (Lt. Governors, District Chairs, etc.), optimist.org and optimistleaders.org sites, and Optimist International staff.

Structure of Optimist International

The Structure of Optimist International webinar will describe how our organization is designed with various levels. The Club (the "Member" of the organization) is at the top of the organization. A description of each level and how each level relates to other levels will be included.

The Elevator Speech

You have a minute to convince someone to become an Optimist Member or to present a new project. Impossible? Not if you are attending The Elevator Speech webinar. With this webinar, you will have tools to effectively use this minute.

The Lt. Governor's Toolbox: Opportunities for Success

Whether it was good or bad, a lot has happened during the first six months of the 2016-17 Optimist year. This webinar provides tools for Lieutenant Governors to use during the remainder of their time in office to help Clubs in their area become successful. It will also provide guidance for navigating some of the pitfalls that may have happened during the first half of the year.

Utilizing Skype as a Communication Tool

Communication is the key to the success of our Clubs, Districts and our overall organization. We cannot always connect with people in person, which then typically leads us to use other types of communication or, worst of all, not communicate at all. Skype is a computer program that offers a way to visually connect with one or more people. Join this webinar and find out what it is, why and when to use it, the benefits of using it, how to get started and how to make a call.

Websites of Optimist International

This webinar will focus on the websites of Optimist International. A new version of Optimist International website was unveiled in early October and the webinar will help you navigate to various places of interest where you can find information that will benefit your Club and yourself. The webinar will also briefly touch on the Optimist Leaders website and the Optimist International Foundation.