



Ohio District Bulletin December 2020 Edition



**Jennifer Kendo
2020-2021 Governor**

**Message from our 2020-2021 Ohio District Governor
Jennifer Kendo**

Fellow Ohio District Optimists

The holiday season is here! It is a time for joy, happiness & optimism! I know it has been a difficult year, but we need to **Choose Optimism** especially in this holiday season. We need to reach out to our fellow optimist friends whether in person, via telephone, zoom meeting or a holiday card. We need to keep our optimistic connections and it is important that we support one another.

Unfortunately, we are currently down 30 members in The Great Ohio District. We need to add new members by thinking outside of the box. Invite a friend, co-worker or a family member to join your next meeting even if it is a virtual meeting. Take advantage of the OI membership incentives that are expiring on Dec 31st - 30 under 30, First Responders and Recruit-A-Teacher. For only \$30 in OI & District dues for the first year a prospective new member can join your Optimist Club.

The time is now – this is your last chance!

Drop everything and ask a friend, co-worker, family member or someone who could benefit from Choosing Optimism to join your Optimist Club. And maybe you will change someone's life. Don't miss out on this opportunity to add new members at a discounted rate!

Wishing everyone a blessed holiday season full of optimism and a Happy New Year!

Encouraging all to Be the Change and Choose Optimism!

Governor Jennifer



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
FOUNDATION

Dime-A-Day

50th Anniversary Edition

Optimist International and Optimist International Foundation coexist as two separate organizations that support each other. Optimist International Foundation is the fundraising arm of Optimist International, and works to develop funds to support the endeavors of Optimist International and its mission.

When a contribution is made to Optimist International Foundation, it supports Optimist International and the children in its communities.

With your donation, you will become part of a large group of Foundation supporters who have stepped up to make a difference in the lives of children.

This year, Optimist International Foundation is celebrating its 50th Anniversary! By contributing a gift of \$50 in celebration of our Anniversary, you will receive a 50th Anniversary special edition Dime-A-Day pin.



Would you consider joining the movement of "Helping Optimists Help Kids?"

Can you spare **your change?**

☐ Sign me up! Please accept my \$ _____ donation. (Enclose check, payable to Optimist International Foundation, referencing "Dime-A-Day" in the memo section.)

☐ Sign me up! Please accept my \$ _____ donation. Charge my ☐ MC ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Account # _____ Exp. ____/____ Signature: _____

☐ Sign me up! Please deduct \$4.17 per month from my checking account (totaling \$50.04).

Checking account number: _____ (Please include a copy of a voided check)

Name _____ Email _____

Club Number _____ Member Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Please return to: Optimist International Foundation • Dime-A-Day Campaign • P.O. Box 952126 • St. Louis, MO 63195





Be a STAR and **JUST ASK** someone to visit your Optimist Club or Event! Joining an Optimist Club is one the best decisions I ever made!

BE THE CHANGE--CHOOSE OPTIMISM!

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL IS OFFERING SOME SPECIAL FIRST YEAR MEMBERSHIP RATES, AVAILABLE FOR NEW MEMBERS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

\$30 FOR A MEMBER UNDER THE AGE OF 30 YEARS OLD.

\$30 FOR TEACHERS/EDUCATORS—YOU CAN BE CURRENTLY TEACHING OR RETIRED.

\$30 FOR FIRST RESPONDERS—THIS COVERS A VARIETY OF PROFESSIONS-- EMT, FIREFIGHTER, POLICE, NURSE, DOCTOR, DISPATCH, CASEWORKER, ETC.

These rates are only available October thru December 31, 2020, then these special programs go away. Please share this information with your friends who may qualify to join your Optimist Club under one of these specials. This is a last chance SALE RATE. All new members are welcome! We look forward to adding new members to our clubs. We have loads of fun working together while helping our community. More members help all of us to help more kids. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at sarmstrong2361@gmail.com.

If you need to call me, my cell number is (937) 344-0488.

Yours in Optimism,

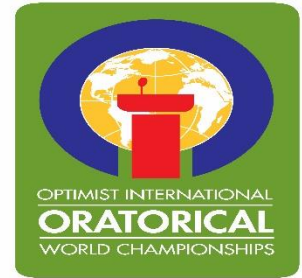
Sue Armstrong, Ohio District Membership Chair 2020-2021

Important Upcoming Events and Dates



Oratorical Contest 2021

“Healing the World with Optimism”



The District finals will be held at the 3rd quarter District conference on **Saturday, May 1, 2021**, at the Embassy Suites here in Dublin (World Competition is slated for Saint Louis July 15-17, 2021).

OI awards \$2,500 to the winner with the District adding \$1,000 for a total of \$3,500. Send place from OI receives \$1,500 and the District adds \$500 for a total of \$2,000, and third place receives \$1,000 from OI, \$500 from the District, for a total \$1,500. These additional monies from the District come from the Bill O’Neil Memorial Scholarship fund.

The deadlines for the various contest levels are:

Club Contests: Conducted by March 3, 2021.

Zone Contests: Conducted by March 24, 2021.

Regional Contests: Conducted by April 17, 2021.

Information packets can be requested from Optimist International or can be downloaded from www.ohiodistrictoptimist.org or www.optimist.org. The link leads to an application, brochure, and Club Planning Guide.

I recommend getting started sooner rather than later as it is likely most of your contests will still be virtual via ZOOM.

Region 1: Virtual in 2020 - Prior Contest Venue: Brunswick Municipal Building
4095 Center Road Brunswick, OH 44212

CHAIR: TBD

Zone 3 – Lt Governor Debbie Walsh

Zone 4 – Lt Governor Darrel Basford

Zone 5 – Lt Governor Rob McAndrew

Zone 7 – Lt Governor Chuck Davis

Region 2: Virtual in 2020 – Prior Contest Venue: University of Northwestern Ohio
1441 N. Cable Road (400 Crown Building) Lima, OH 45805

CHAIR: Harry Tolhurst and Ray Able

Zone 1 – Lt Governor Myron Rheaume

Zone 8 – Lt Governor Harry Tolhurst

Zone 9 – Lt Governor Ray Able

Zone 10 – Lt Governor Thomas Kennedy

Zone 12 – Lt Governor Mike McGrew

Region 3: Virtual in 2020 – Prior Contest Venue: Southminster Church

7001 Far Hills Drive Centerville, OH 45459

CHAIR: Jerry Stahley

Zone 11 – Lt Governor Barb Layne

Zone 13 – Lt Governor Sue Labatsky

Zone 14 – Lt Governor Greg Griffin

Zone 15 – Larry Jarvis

At each stage, it's very important that all the paperwork is completed. In order for the scholarships to be processed, I need to submit the following to OI:

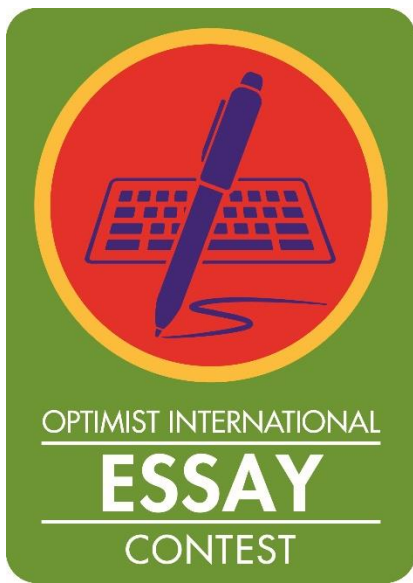
- The Contestant's Application Form for the 2020-2021 Contest
- The Zone/District Regional/District Entry Form which must include the number of contestants that participated in each level of the contest AND the appropriate signatures, including the contestants.'
- The Optimist Regional Information Form from the Regions which will be held in April.
- A Copy of the contestant's birth certificate or passport. No other age verification documents will be accepted.
- A copy of the contestant's Club Contest Evaluation which can be found in the Club Planning Guide.
- A printed copy of the speech.

Debe Dockins, Ohio District Oratorical Chair

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***2020-2021 Topic:
Reaching Your
Dreams by Choosing
Optimism***

Clubs must submit essays to the district by **February 28**, so set your submission deadline to allow plenty of time for judging and compiling scores.

Now is a great time to be promoting to students before the busy holidays and semester end/exams.

The Optimist International website has a club planning guide with everything needed to lead a successful essay contest.

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Optimist International Launches Childhood Health and Wellness Matching Grant Program

Is your club looking for new ways to positively impact the lives of children in your community?

If so, check out the new Childhood Health and Wellness (CHW) Program at the following link on the OI website. <https://oifoundation.org/downloads/ChildhoodHealthWellnessGrantApplicationFillable.pdf>

The Childhood Health and Wellness Program is an extension of the Childhood Cancer campaign developed “in response to requests from Optimist Clubs recognizing the broad range of childhood health-related issues.”

This matching grant program will pay 50% of the projects cost, ranging from \$250 - \$1000 in four categories: Healthy Lifestyles (e.g. Physical Fitness, Nutrition), Chronic Diseases (e.g. Childhood Cancer, Juvenile Diabetes, MS, Ronald McDonald House) Mental Health (e.g. Depression, Abuse, Bullying), Disabilities – Physical, Intellectual & Developmental (e.g. Autism, Special Olympics)

To be considered your club must:

1. Identify a new CHW project.
2. Approve project funding.
3. Complete the three-page application.
4. Submit the signed application
by one of the deadlines below to:

*Mail: Optimist International Foundation
Childhood Health and Wellness Matching Grant
4494 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108*



Email: info@oifoundation.org

Fax: 1-314-535-7436

Deadlines: February 28, 2021, May 31, 2021, August 30, 2021

Note: Each club can only submit one application for consideration per Optimist year.

Be the Change. Choose Optimism.

Judy Martinson, Ohio District CHW Chair

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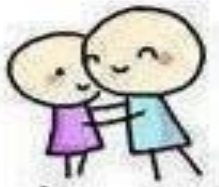
ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

(Known as our A&A Program)

Reminder: 1st Quarter A&A Report due by the 10th of January, 2021 in order to receive **BONUS** points on your report.

Submit form to: Jean Pummill, A&A Chairperson
9659 Whalers Wharf
Dayton, OH 45458
jeanpummill@gmail.com

the best things in life are free.



hugs



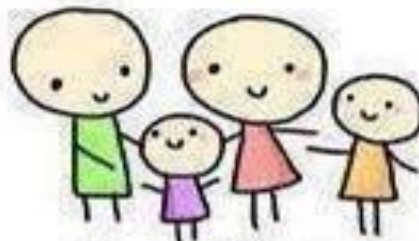
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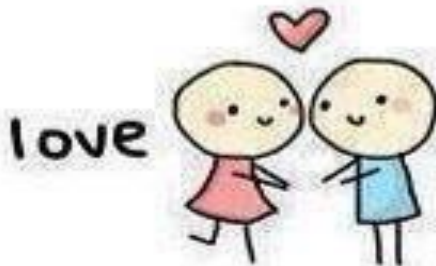
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family



sleep



love



laughter



good memories

The Great Ohio District - Optimist International Group



Please consider joining:

“The Great Ohio District – Optimist International Group” on Face Book.

It's a great way to post what your Optimist club is doing OR planning on doing. You can promote your club, gain new ideas from other clubs in the District and enjoy the fantastic news of the Ohio District. Doesn't cost anything to be informed and maybe encourage others to join your club.

Our Great Ohio District - Optimist International is growing in ways we communicate. In conjunction with our bulletins converting to blogs and emails and our new website, we have created this closed group in **Facebook-land**.

It is our hope to provide you with multiple ways to share the goings-on in your respective areas. We are a better team when we work together.

Private - Only members can see who's in the group and what they post - 217 members now on board. The Ohio District consist of 67 clubs and 2,288 members.

Visible - Anyone can find this group.

The Great Ohio District is elated to help celebrate the following Club's anniversary date for the Month of December



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Club	City	Charter Date	Years	Club#	Zone
Strongsville	Strongsville	12/09/1974	56	24371	3
Austintown	Austintown	12/16/1958	62	24005	5
Dayton Westmont	Dayton	12/16/2009	11	24013	13

As you can see, this is a total of 129 years of serving the young people of the Great Ohio District.

Please extend a Great Ohio District Optimist



to the following eleven new members, who have joined the Great Ohio District Optimist family in the month of November, 2020

New Member

Club

Sponsored by

Reneta Music	Mansfield	Robert A Rice
Wade Westfall	Troy Noon	Nevin Fessler
Adina Angel	Springboro	Jeffrey R Dundon
Theodore Angel	Springboro	Adina Angel
Suzanne Hanlon	Springboro	Willy Hanlon
Allan R Able	Van Wert	William R Able
Georgia Cali	Kettering Noon	Sue Labatzky
Brittany Bellini	Kettering Noon	Tammy S Lawson
Samantha Evans	Greene	Brad Drager
Todd Wesley	Lakota West Chester	Benjamin C Dibble
Bonnie Wurst	Wapakoneta Noon	Debbie Hight

Membership – the backbone of our organization. We need to fill our clubs up with new blood, new ideas, new vigor. We need to grow to enable us to serve more youth.



The Great Ohio District would like to extend to
You and your family
A Very Merry Christmas
and a Joyful and Happy New Year





From the deck of the Good Ship Darrel,

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