



Ohio District Bulletin January 2021 Edition



**Jennifer Kendo
2020-2021 Governor**

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

Fellow Ohio District Optimists

Happy New Year! May the new year bring you warmth, love and light to guide your path to an optimistic destination! 2021 presents the opportunity for new beginnings. I know 2020 was a difficult year. But as Winston Churchill said

“The Pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The Optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty.”

Let's seize the opportunity to make 2021 a year in which to Be the Change and Choose Optimism. Brighter days are ahead. Eventually we will be able to meet in person again. But for now, connect with your fellow optimists virtually by Zoom, by email or phone calls. We need to get back to serving the youth in our communities. By Choosing Optimism, we will achieve this goal. We need faith that life will get better in 2021.

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.” Helen Keller

Encouraging all to Be the Change and Choose Optimism!

Governor Jennifer



**All, and I mean “ALL”
Great Ohio Optimists**

To join us

At the 2nd Quarter District Conference

The Ohio District Leadership Team has decided to move our 2nd Quarter District Conference, which was scheduled for February 5th, 6th and 7th from an **in-person meeting to virtual meeting via zoom** as a result of the recent increase in cases of Covid-19 and for the safety of our members. **The virtual District Conference will be held on February 27th with a special virtual hospitality zoom on Friday February 26th.**

More details will follow. Please Save the Date and join us.

Yours in Optimism,

Jennifer Kendo
Governor



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



Important Upcoming Events and Dates

Achievement and Awards

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

Essay Contest

Reminder: Club Winning Essays must be submitted to the District Chair by **February 28, 2021**

Kelly George, Ohio District Essay Chair
311 Pleasant Hill Dr, Centerville 45459
937-581-1494
kdgmqq@me.com

Oratorical Contests

Reminder: Club Contest must be completed by **March 3, 2021.**

Debe Dockins, Ohio District Oratorical Chair
588 Shelbourne Lane; Apt 207
Dayton, Ohio 45458
Cell: (937) 266-2331 DebeD87@gmail.com & ddockins@wcpl.lib.oh.us

Most People write Congrats
because they don't
know the spelling of
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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 January



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Club	City	Charter Date	Years	Club#	Zone
Van Wert	Vert Wert	01/07/1981	40	24391	9
Dayton Riverdale	Dayton	01/17/1952	69	24345	11
Brunswick	Brunswick	01/28/1986	35	24052	3
Monroe	Monroe	01/30/2002	19	24508	15

As you can see, this is a total of 163 years of serving the young people of the Great Ohio District.

Please extend a Great Ohio District Optimist



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

New Member

Club

Sponsored by

Ron C Helin	Columbus South	David S Weals
Emily Howard	Englewood Northmont	Susan Webb
Jina Kyvik	Englewood Northmont	Susan Webb
Melissa Hibbard	Englewood Northmont	Jenny Wood
Patrick Bernard	Kettering Dor-Wood	Jack E Steel
Russell Williams	Kettering Dor-Wood	Jack E Steel
Joseph Lammers	Kettering Dor-Wood	Frank Spolrich
Tracey S Nissen	Kettering Noon	Jennifer Kendo
Shelly Davis	Kettering Noon	Tammy S Lawson
Raymonde N Rougier	Kettering Noon	Susan Armstrong
Jenny Britton	Kettering Noon	Susan Armstrong
Barbara O'reilly	Kettering Noon	Susan Armstrong
Amy P Ferst	Kettering Noon	Susan Armstrong
Rebecca Templeton-Owens	Kettering Noon	Jan L Wagoner
Liz L Jensen	Kettering Noon	Jan L Wagoner
Corey W Miller	Kettering Noon	Jan L Wagoner
Cathy Weaver	Kettering Noon	Terry S Schalnatz

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.



From the deck of the Good Ship Darrel,

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