



Ohio District Bulletin April 2021 Edition



**Jennifer Kendo
2020-2021 Governor**

Message from our 2020-2021 Ohio District Governor
Jennifer Kendo

Fellow Ohio District Optimists

Spring has Sprung!! It brings a rebirth. The sun is shining more these days, the temperature is rising, and the flowers are blooming. It is also a time for a rebirth of our optimist clubs as well. We have spent the last year dealing with the relentless challenges of Covid-19. Our ability to be social and conduct our projects have been restricted by the concern for our personal safety. A piece of our Optimist spirit has been lost.

Optimist International President Mark Weinsoff has declared the Optimist International theme for the third quarter to be **Rally! We as Optimists have an opportunity to rally and reignite the flame of optimism. Now is the time to bounce back from the pandemic and get back to doing our community service projects. With the warmer weather we can meet in person while socially distancing. Our communities need our help now more than ever! We also need to rally our members to be positive and invite guests to join our clubs. Spring brings an opportunity for new growth, so let's work together to grow our clubs again.**

Encouraging all to Be the Change and Choose Optimism!

Governor Jennifer



Tom Kendo for OI Region 1 Vice President

It is official Tom Kendo of the Great Ohio District is running for Vice-President Elect for the 2021-2022 Region 1 Northeast & Great Lakes! If you believe in hard work and dedication, dignity and respect and leadership with enthusiasm, then cast your club's vote for **Tom Kendo**. Each club, in good standing, will have the opportunity to vote from **May 1st to May 31st**.

Tom is asking each of us to join him in his quest to lead with energy & enthusiasm in the Northeast & Great Lakes Region 1 of Optimist International. **The Great Ohio District is in this Region.**

Together, we will tackle the challenges and serve more youth!

Vote for Tom Kendo for Vice President
Elect!

The election of Club officer(s) should be completed not later than April 30.

CLUB OFFICERS-ELECT REPORT (COER) OPEN ONLINE FOR 2021-2022 OFFICER INPUT

Optimist Clubs may now report their newly elected officers online

The Club Officer Elect Report (COER) is now live for those elected to serve in the 2021-2022 administrative year. Please complete and submit the COER online through Optimist Leaders. Current officers should log-in, click on "Reports" and scroll down to the box labeled "Club Officer Elect Report." Click on the button marked "Report" which will take you to another screen that has the Club Officers listed and will open up the Club roster so that you can choose the Member that will be serving as the officer. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Membership@optimist.org. **All club officers should be reported by May 20 each year or as soon thereafter as possible. If your club officers remain the same, THEY SHOULD STILL BE REPORTED TO OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL for the 2021-2022 year.**



Welcome Optimists Worldwide (W.O.W.)

W.O.W. is a fresh way to increase participation and membership in your Optimist Club. With a focus on the social side of membership, W.O.W. will help your Optimist Club turn every activity, virtual or live, into a recruiting opportunity and have fun doing it!

The keys to success are:

- Create opportunities for fun, social interaction.
- Create opportunities for all ages, all types of volunteers, existing members, and potential members.
- Invite your circle of friends and reach outside your circle to the larger community.
- Be welcoming at the event.
- Take five to ten minutes to talk about your Optimist Club projects.
- At the end, ask attendees to join, right here, right now.
- Follow up with those who need a little time to make the decision to join.

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

Oratorical Contests

Regional Contests must be completed by **April 17, 2021.**

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Save ^{the} Date

Our 3rd Quarter District Conference is May 21-22 at the Embassy Suites in Dublin. Please plan to attend. We will be celebrating Governor Myron's 2019-2020 awards & accomplishments at lunch on Saturday.

103rd Optimist International 2021 Convention

Hyatt Regency Atlanta 265 Peachtree Street NE Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Phone (404) 577-1234 **Jun 30 - Jul 3, 2021**

Ohio District Convention-Officer-Elect Training

Embassy Suites Columbus-Dublin 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, Ohio 43017 Phone: (614) 790-9000 **August 19 - August 22, 2021**

To All Members:

Did you know there are several awards and/or Recognition for your club, you can help your club earn each year?

To name just a few; Banner Patch Recognition

Community Service Involvement

Partners in Education

Friend of Youth

You can participate in one, two and/or all three of these.

More information can be found at ohiodistrictoptimist.org – go to Resources, scroll down to Forms and Publications. Click on No. 6, No. 7 and No. 8 for more complete information. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon O’Neil, Assistant to the Governor, 812-747-7654. I will also have forms at the 3rd quarter conference May 21 and May 22. All of these need to be sent to the District Secretary not the person who is listed on the form. Repeat. All of these forms need to be sent to the District Secretary not the person listed on the form.

Other important information:

While looking over the Forms, please be sure to look at

No. 9 Scrapbook information and criteria **

No. 10 Bulletin information and criteria **

No. 11 CPA – Community Project Awards and No. 16 for additional information and criteria **

**No. 12 Ohio District Optimist International Nomination form
THIS FORM NEEDS TO BE SENT TO THE DISTRICT SECRETARY.**

**** The Scrapbooks, Bulletins and CPAs need to be given to the chair of each of these.**

Questions, please contact me. Sharon O’Neil, Assistant to the Governor, 812-747-7654

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



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Club	City	Charter Date	Years	Club#	Zone
Hillard	Hillard	04/02/1958	63	24205	7
Worthington	Worthington	04/11/1983	38	24440	7
Wright State Univ.	Fairborn	04/12/2010	11	24016	13
Centerville Evening	Centerville	04/15/1985	36	24067	14
West Chester Lakota	West Chester	04/20/1976	45	24227	15
Cleveland West Sub	Cleveland	04/21/1955	66	24415	3
Piqua	Piqua	04/24/1975	46	24287	10

As you can see, this is a total of 305 years of serving the young people of the Great Ohio District.

Please extend a Great Ohio District Optimist



to the following eleven members, who have joined the Great Ohio District Optimist family in the month of March, 2021

New Member

Club

Sponsored by

Bryan Weimerskirch	Delphos	Harry Tolhurst
Trina Jones	Englewood-Northmont	Jenny Wood
Kyle Hinkleman	Covington	Edward L McCord
Christina Paparo	Monroe-Area	Arista Wahoff
Kristin Turner	We Care Arts	Brenda L Thieman
Mark Clower	Kettering Dor-Wood	Jack E Steel
Missy Mae Walters	Kettering -Noon	Sue Labatzky
Julie Rado	Centerville Noon	Beth Duncan
Bob's Hamburger	Akron Breakfast	Amy Schwan
Jeremy Felix	Hilliard-Youth Sports	Marcie Granson
Kathy Vonderbrink	Dayton Riverdale	Barbara Layne

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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