



# Ohio District Bulletin June 2021 Edition



**Jennifer Kendo  
2020-2021 Governor**

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

### Fellow Ohio District Optimists

We had a very successful District Conference on May 22<sup>nd</sup>! From the John Maxwell motivational speaker Steve Dennis to the inspirational message from OI Vice President Tracy Huxley, to the service project for the Care House and the **“how to ask new member”** role playing. The conference was an event & experience not just a meeting. The district’s leadership teams’ goal is to provide more fun and fellowship coordinated with training and information sharing. Please share your ideas for future conferences with the team.

As we continue our **Membership Rally** and asking people to join our clubs, Optimist International has waived the new member \$15 fee. Any new members added between June 1 until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 will save the \$15 fee. It is an excellent time to ask a friend, neighbor, co-worker to join your club and make an impact in your community!

**Please consider joining the Annual Rally for Optimism: The 103<sup>rd</sup> Optimist International Convention June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup> either in person in Atlanta, GA or virtually. Advanced registration deadline is Midnight of Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration links are below:**

**In-person: <https://www.optimist.org/reg/?e=CONV&m=2021>**

**Virtual: <https://www.optimist.org/reg/?e=CONV&m=2021V>**

Keynote speakers include **Michelle Gielan**, author of **“Broadcasting Happiness: The Science of Igniting and Sustaining Positive Change”** and **Patrick “Blake” Leeper, US Paralympic Athlete**. Join over 400 Optimists live in Atlanta! Or if you are unable to travel to Atlanta you can join virtually.

Encouraging all to **“Be the Change and Choose Optimism”!**

Governor Jennifer



**MEMBERSHIP IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF OUR CLUBS! MORE MEMBERS HELP US TO SERVE MORE YOUTH.**

I hope you and your club are having a terrific year! We still have 4 months to **“Be the Change and Choose Optimism”**. Adding new members will help your club to grow and to help the children in Ohio reach for the stars. **“JUST ASK”** someone to visit your club meeting and to participate in club activities so they can join you in service to your community. Share information about your favorite activities with co-workers, relatives, and friends. Stress the benefits of membership such as the friendships you develop with fellow optimists, personal growth and development and the fun and fellowship within your club. You may be surprised at who is interested in joining your club in **“Bringing Out the Best in Youth, Our Communities and Ourselves”**.

**Now is the time to add new members to your club. There are two new membership incentive programs and to assist you in growing your club membership.**

**OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL INCENTIVE**

- **\$15 OI Processing Fee has been waived for adding new members to your club membership roster thru September 30, 2021.**

## OHIO DISTRICT INCENTIVE

- \$25 dues refund from the Ohio District for each new member added between June 1, 2021 and September 30, 2021.
- The Ohio District will pay a refund to the clubs for the first 150 new members added throughout the Ohio District.
- To receive the incentive your club's total number of members on October 1, 2021 must be greater than your club's June 1, 2021 total number of members. This incentive is to reflect positive growth within your club.
- The Ohio District will pay the dues refunds to your club in October 2021.
- This incentive is for adding new members to your existing club and does not include new club building.
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**It's RALLY TIME for membership recruitment.** By combining these two incentives your club will have an opportunity to save \$40 on each new member added between June 1, 2021 and September 30, 2021. Now is the time to add NEW Members!! **Choose Optimism and Be the Change!** I will have some special prizes for the Zone(s) showing the most growth during fourth quarter. Looking forward to seeing you in person at the District Convention in Dublin, OH, at the Embassy Suites, on August 19th – 21st.

Yours in Optimism,

Sue Armstrong, District Membership Chair



## **The Great Ohio District has a new club**

**Club: 24531 - TOP OPTIMIST CLUB (SPECIAL NEEDS)**

**District: 24 - Ohio (OH), Zone: 14**

**Region: 1 - Northeast & Great Lakes**

**Centerville, Ohio (OH), United States (US), ENGL**

**Chartered: 05/12/2021, Status: Active**

**Club Type: Club, College Club: No, Sports Club: No**

**Club legal name: TOP OPTIMIST CLUB**

**The **Top Optimist Club** was chartered on May 12, 2021 with 16 members.**

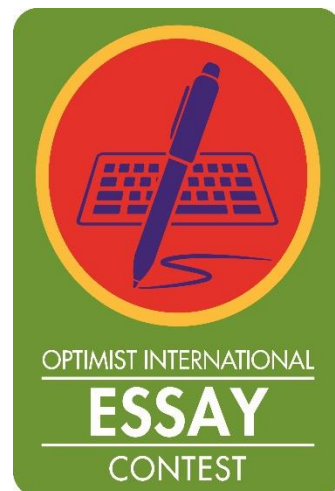
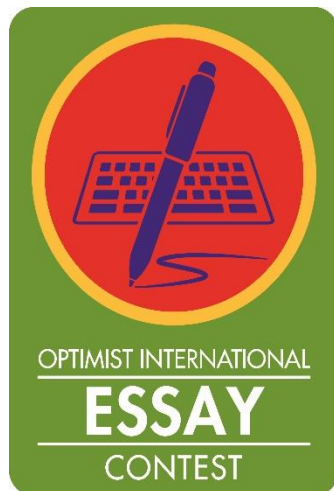
**The sponsoring club was the Centerville Noon Optimist club of Zone 14.**

**Congratulations to the Centerville Noon Optimist club and a huge Optimist WELCOME to our new club.**

# **TOP OPTIMIST CLUB**

*And (Wow)*

The Centerville Noon Optimist Club has also sponsored an International Club, The Optimist the Club of Maten, Lebanon on May 25th with 16 members. These members do not count in the Ohio District membership totals, but the Centerville Noon Optimist club will get **New Club Building Recognition.**



The 2021 Ohio District Essay winner is **Emily Manuel.** Emily is a senior at Lima Shawnee High School and just celebrated her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. The sponsoring Club was the Lima Shawnee Optimist Club. Emily will receive a \$3,500.00 scholarship.

The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live. The approach can encompass a young person's personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective. In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship!

# *Important Upcoming Events and Dates*



## **103rd Optimist International 2021 Convention**

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



## **73<sup>rd</sup> Ohio District Convention**

Embassy Suites Columbus-Dublin  
5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, Ohio 43017  
Phone: (614) 790-9000

**August 19 - August 22, 2021**

**SAVE THAT DATE**

**More Information will be sent to you this  
month!**



*The Great Ohio District is elated to help celebrate the following Club's Anniversary Date for the Month of June*



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Club	City	Charter Date	Years	Club#	Zone
Brookfield	Brookfield	06/01/1985	36	24045	5
Fairfield	Fairfield	06/06/1956	65	24170	15
Upper Arlington	Upper Arlington	06/08/1953	68	24310	7
Englewood Northmont	Dayton	06/27/1962	59	24300	11

*As you can see, this is a total of **228** years of serving the young people of the Great Ohio District.*





*Please extend a Great Ohio District Optimist welcome to the following eight new members, plus sixteen new members in the new “**Top Optimist Club**”, for a total of 24 new members, who have joined the Great Ohio District Optimist family in the month of May, 2021.*

*New Member                                      Club                                      Sponsored by*

<b>Dan Schmiedelbusch</b>	<b>Lima</b>	<b>Steven M Bryan</b>
<b>Tiffany Kayser</b>	<b>Lima</b>	<b>Jennifer Fitzpatrick</b>
<b>Ron Reece</b>	<b>Fairfield</b>	<b>Jason Reece</b>
<b>Darlene Pielage</b>	<b>Paragon</b>	<b>Mary Ellen Jackups</b>
<b>Marshall Marraccini</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>	<b>Bruce W Showalter</b>
<b>Jerry L Gerhards</b>	<b>Centerville Noon</b>	<b>FOO member</b>
<b>Teresa A Mercuri</b>	<b>Kettering Noon</b>	<b>Patsy L Francis</b>
<b>Angie H Sanders</b>	<b>Kettering Noon</b>	<b>Patsy L Franciv</b>

*Membership – the backbone of our organization. The need for new members has never been greater. The need for new ideas, new vigor and new strength for the continuation in our club’s service “**To Bringing out the Best in Kids**” is needed NOW.                                      **Just Ask***



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