



Ohio District Bulletin July 2021 Edition



**Jennifer Kendo
2020-2021 Governor**

Message from our 2020-2021 Ohio District Governor Jennifer Kendo

Fellow Ohio District Optimists

We have begun the last quarter of the **2020-2021 “BE THE CHANGE – CHOOSE OPTIMISM” year**. Less than 3 months remain to accomplish our goals and finish out the year Strong! Our communities and our youth need you more than ever! Optimist International President Mark Weinsoff challenged every Optimist Member to ask one person to attend an Optimist Event or Optimist Club Meeting. So please ask a friend, neighbor, co-worker or family member and let Optimism do its work to gain new members in your club!

Remember Optimist International and The Great Ohio District has offered financial incentives to your club for adding new members to your club.

Optimist International has waived the new member \$15 fee. Any new members added between June 1 until September 30th, 2021 will save the \$15 fee. The Great Ohio District has offered a \$25.00 dues refund from the Ohio District for each new member added between June 1, 2021 and September 30, 2021. 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.

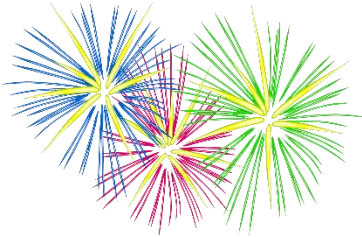
Please attend the Ohio District Convention on August 19th, 20th & 21st at The Embassy Suites in Dublin. Join us for training, service & fun and fellowship. Valuable training will be offered especially for Lt. Governor Elects, Club President Elects, and Club Secretary/Treasurer Elects. We will have Optimist International Representatives, a District Service project, the Memorial Service and terrific entertainment including a visit from Elvis!! Registration forms are available on the Ohio District website under About us – Conferences and Conventions: <https://ohiodistrictoptimist.org>

Looking forward to celebrating with everyone in August!!

Encouraging all to “Be the Change and Choose Optimism”

Governor *Jennifer*

Important Upcoming Events, what's happening in our Ohio District and Dates



73rd 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

Convention Registration - Hotel Registration
Convention Agenda was made available to all Ohio Optimists.
If you missed it. Please go to www.OhioDistrictOptimist.org
Click on "About Us" Click on "Conferences and Conventions"
Click: [HERE FOR CONVENTION PACKET](#)



LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

Let's do what we do best be a Friend of Youth!

Our service project for the District Convention will be stuffing backpacks with school supplies and donating to J W Reason Elementary School in Hilliard, OH



To be successful, we need all clubs and members to participate.

There are two ways to donate: Send your check to The Great Ohio District, Attn: Jeff Umbreit, 10235 Atchison Rd., Dayton, OH 45458 please write **“Back to School Project”** on the memo line. You can also purchase and donate items on the attached list.

Plan to attend the 73rd Annual Great Ohio Optimist District Convention August 19th – 21st, 2021. We will sort and stuff the backpacks on Saturday, August 21 in the afternoon. Come and join the fun!

Let's help start their school year with the supplies they need to succeed. Each backpack will also contain a handmade card of encouragement.

Contact info: Evelyn Griffin 937-441-9516

Please email me at emg45342@woh.rr.com if you have any question. Also, I need to know if a check is mailed. With the funds, I will purchase needed items before the conference.

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Requested supply list:

Colored Pencils – Crayola- 24 ct

Composition Book – Wide Ruled -Black 100 ct

Crayons – Crayola – 24 ct

Dry Erase Markers – Expo – Black – Chisel

Folder – Plastic Pocket & Prong – Blue

Folder – Plastic Pocket & Prong – Green

Folder – Plastic Pocket & Prong – Red

Folder – Plastic Pocket & Prong – Yellow

Glue – Elmer's – Washable Stick – Purple .77 oz 3 pk

Markers – Washable- Crayola- Classic 8 ct – Thick

Pencils – Ticonderoga – Sharpened – No. 2 – 12 pk

Scissors – Fiskars – Kids – 5 inch – Pointed and Blunt



Congratulations to Greg Griffin and Centerville Noon Optimists for being the Optimist Club of the Year for 2019-2020! The award was presented to Greg Griffin by Patsy Garner, Optimist International President-Elect, at the 2021 Optimist International Convention.



Congratulations to Fairmont High School student, **Miranda Stidham**, who was elected to the Junior Optimist International Board of Directors.

We are proud of our Junior Optimists and are certain they will return to Ohio with some great ideas for continued service to their schools and community!

A big **"THANK YOU"** to Ohio District JOI Chair and Kettering Noon Optimist member Mary Ryon, Dor-Wood Optimist members, Doug Fritz and Tom Hall; and Kettering Noon Optimist member, Karen Kronson; who all served as advisors and chaperones to our Junior Optimists while they were at the Optimist International JOI Convention in Atlanta.



It's always a good development to start a work week with a new Optimist Club. Welcome to the **Optimist Club of Al Iklim, Lebanon** with 22 members. The Optimist Club of Lebanon is the in-country sponsor while **the North American Sponsor Club is Kettering Dor-Wood of the Ohio District**. The Al Iklim Optimist Club is the 5th Club in the country since Optimist International's expansion in the Middle East began last fall.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KETTERING DOR-WOOD OPTIMIST CLUB

PLEASE NOTE:

On behalf of Governor Jennifer Kendo, Governor Elect Greg Griffin and the Ohio District of Optimist International, make sure your club has submitted your **Officer Elect Reports for the 2021-2022 optimist year**. As of this morning of **July 10, 2021** only 50 clubs out of 64 have done this. **That is 78% and we are shooting for 100%.**

This information is extremely important. We need to make sure **ALL club** officers are correct on the Optimist International website and for our **Ohio District Handbook**.

If the club is not sure who the officers will be, please **enter** the current officers. Later, **you can make changes**, if the officers change.

Please report the officers to Optimist International ASAP.

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



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Club	City	Charter Date	Years	Club#	Zone
New Middletown Springfield	New Middletown	07/07/1977	44	24349	5
Akron Breakfast	Akron	07/18/1985	36	24003	3
Lebanon	Lebanon	07/18/1994	27	24453	15
Defiance	Defiance	07/30/1971	50	24111	1

*As you can see, this is a total of **157** years of serving the young people of the Great Ohio District.*



Please extend a Great Ohio District Optimist welcome to the following sixteen new members, who have joined the Great Ohio District Optimist family in the month of June, 2021.

<i>New Member</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Sponsored by</i>
Rollie Harper	Mansfield	Barry Nelson
Olivia Kelm	Bazetta Cortland	Andrienne Kelm
Nick Allen	Bazetta Cortland	David O Kelm
William Lewis	Wapakoneta Bft	Rex Katterheinrich
Brian Bailey	Wapakoneta Bft	James L Smithey
Sharon M Nohrer-O'Neil	Wapakoneta Noon	Ellen S Brautigam
Ty J Reents	Kettering Dor-Wood	Lowell R Vorpe
Thomas R Ray	Kettering Dor-Wood	Lowell R Vorpe
John C Mccurdy	Kettering Dor-Wood	Ronald C Labatzky
Gloria D Strickland	Kettering-Noon	Karen S Waitzman
Susan A Flanders	Kettering-Noon	Sue Labatzky
Linda Scotland	Monroe-Area	Jessica Ploeger
Barbara Ochsner	Bellbrook-Sugar Creek	Michael L Cornelius
Katie M Able	Vert Wert	William R Able
Whitney A Rollins	Vert Wert	George Scott
Brielle Maynor	West Chester Lakota	Ray Murray

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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