



Ohio District Bulletin August 2021 Edition



**Jennifer Kendo
2020-2021 Governor**

Message from our 2020-2021 Ohio District Governor Jennifer Kendo

Fellow Ohio District Optimists

It is the Optimist International quarter of **Success!** And the **Great Ohio District** has had success adding new members to our clubs! We have gained **50 new members** in July! But we need to keep our foot on the gas pedal and continue to ask a friend, neighbor, co-worker and family member to attend an Optimist Event or Optimist Club Meeting. Our world and youth need our help more than ever. And people are more willing to help today. Let Optimism do its work to gain new members in your club!

I challenge every club to add 1 new member in August & 1 new member in September. That would add over 120 new Optimists to our Ohio clubs. Remember the membership incentives available from Optimist International and The Great Ohio District that expire September 30, 2021. Save your club some money while adding to your membership.

I want every Ohio Optimist to Choose Optimism every day and to **BE THE CHANGE!!** By choosing Optimism we will bring positivity to our Optimist clubs, our communities, and to the youth of The Great Ohio District.

Your Governor in Optimism,

Jennifer Kendo



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"



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.

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





**Lauren Menke- Northeast and
Great Lakes Region**

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Like a beating heart, you will pump
optimism into your community. As long
as your heart is in rhythm with mine,
you and I can heal together

”

**Oratorical Regional
Championship Winner**



Congratulations, Lauren Menke, winner of the Northeast Great Lakes Region Oratorical Contest! She will receive a \$5,000 scholarship from OIF. As a result, she competed in the World Oratorical Contest. We are very proud of our Ohio District winner, sponsored by **Kettering Noon Optimist Club!**

PLEASE NOTE:

Club Officer Elect Report (COER): 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 **August 10, 2021** 59 clubs out of 65 have done this.

“GREAT JOB OHIO DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUBS”

District Club Bulletin Competition: The Bulletin Editor shall be responsible for publishing the District Bulletin on the schedule requested by the District Administration and published in the District Directory. **The Bulletin Editor shall also promote and supervise the annual District Bulletin contest. Bulletin Criteria is on the following page.**

BULLETIN COMPETITION CRITERIA

1.	Does the bulletin have a printed masthead?	4
2.	Is the club's name prominently displayed?	5
3.	Is the City, State, District and Zone listed?	4
4.	Editor's name and address given?	4
5.	Is the meeting time, place and day listed?	4
6.	Are the club officers listed?	4
7.	Are the club committee chair people listed?	3
8.	Is the optimist creed printed?	5
9.	Is the club roster printed with address? (once a year) (one should be included)....	4
10.	Is the date of the Bulletin displayed?	4
11.	Are the items clearly separated?	3
12.	Are the paragraphs short and easy to read?	3
13.	Was a resume of last week's program given?	4
14.	Details of next meeting's speaker given?	4
15.	Information of coming event?	4
16.	Acknowledgement given to guests?	4
17.	Board, Zone, and District meetings announced?	4
18.	Resume of attendance at last meeting?	4
19.	Is some space devoted to humor?	4
20.	Does the President have a paragraph?	4
21.	Are you urged to ring guests?	3
22.	Are illnesses, births, deaths, etc. noted?	3
23.	Is the Bulletin published to coincide meeting frequency?	5
24.	Appearance and layout?	5
25.	Is the International President's Log used?	5
26.	Is the Ohio Governor's logo used?	5
27.	Is the Optimist International logo used?	5
	Total	110

Club Name: _____ Club Number: 24-_____

Class: _____ Editor's Name: _____ Score: _____

The above items are based on a point system. An entry may receive all or a portion of the points. Judging will be based on membership as of October 1, of each year & divided into five groups:

Group 1 – 1 to 20 members; Group 2 21 to 40 members; and Group 3 – 41 to 75 members; Group 4 – 76 plus members; Group 5 New Clubs formed after October 1 each year.

Bulletins, ten (10), should be in a book form and submitted no later than at the Ohio District Convention in August. Each club should be encouraged to publish a bulletin whether or not it qualifies for competition. The main purpose of the bulletin is communication.

I will be unable to attend the Ohio District Convention in August. Clubs can bring their club bulletin entry books to the convention. **Please see Sharon O'Neil, Assistant to the Governor, who will collect the books OR your club can mail them to me at;**

**Darrel Basford, District Bulletin Editor
389 Timrick Place
Monroe, Ohio 45050**

Book of Bulletins must be received by September 30, 2021

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



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Club	City	Charter Date	Years	Club#	Zone
Boardman	Boardman	08/14/1990	31	24043	5
Covington	Covington	08/22/1985	36	24097	10
Bellbrook-Sugar Creek	Bellbrook	08/25/2011	10	24022	14

*As you can see, this is a total of **77** years of serving the young people of the Great Ohio District.*



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

<i>New Member</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Sponsored by</i>
Richard J Hall	Toledo-Westgate	Matthew A Meeker
Mary Jan Adams	Kettering-Noon	Mary E Pechie
Nancy J Armstrong	Kettering-Noon	Susan Armstrong
Jay Hoffman MD	Centerville-Noon	Centerville-Noon FOO
Sam Holmes	Centerville-Noon	Mike Bevis
Chuck Reece	Fairfield	Jason Reece
John Watts	Fairfield	Jason Reece
Rich Corelius	Hamilton Youth Ranch	Terry Baker
Billy Lucas	Hamilton Youth Ranch	Lou Eve
Kenneth Cheek	Hamilton Youth Ranch	Ed Mcbee
Byron Branch	East Dayton	Ronald C Labatzky
Amy Welling	Hilliard-Youth Sport	Chuck Davis Jr
Maylyn Schneider	Hilliard-Youth Sport	Deryck Richardson
Barbara Nealon	Dayton Riverdale	Barbara G Layne
Greg Meyers	Dayton Riverdale	Barbara G Layne
Scott Nelson	Bellbrook-Sugar Creek	Michael L Cornelius
Marcy Slaughter	Lebanon	Arla Tannehill
Chris Slaughter	Lebanon	Arla Tannehill

And

A great Ohio District welcome to our newest club, the Castle Strong Optimist club, sponsored by the Centerville-Noon Optimist club, with 32 new Optimists.

This brings our total for the month of JULY to 50 new members.

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.

Fantastic Membership Incentives in place from June 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL INCENTIVE

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

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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.



From the deck of the Good Ship Darrel,

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