

Optimism reimagined

The logo for Optimism International Ohio District features a circular emblem with a stylized 'O' and 'I' in the center. The words 'OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL' are written around the top inner edge of the circle, and 'OHIO DISTRICT' is at the bottom. The emblem is set against a background of yellow sun rays and blue wavy lines.

November 1, 2021 Edition



**2021-2022 Ohio
District Governor - Greg Griffin
And
First Lady - Evelyn Griffin**

Dear Fellow Optimists,

WOW – we have completed our first month of the new Optimist year. Where does the time go? At the end of this month of November, is the Thanksgiving Holiday, where we traditionally give **THANKS** for many things, so I thought I'd take a moment to give thanks for some special things in our organization....

First, thanks to each and every one of you for giving your time, your talent, and your treasure towards our mission of helping kids as a **“Friend of Youth”**. Our children, the benefactors of our efforts, are thankful for the work we do and we often hear this at a club fundraiser or activity in the community. We really make a difference, and our communities in which we serve, **know it**.

Second, a special **THANK YOU** to our members who serves as leaders in our organization. From Club Committee Chairs to Club Officers, to Lt. Governors, to District Chairs and District Leadership Team members – you have stepped up, beyond what is expected, as valued club members to help lead our work. Your service and work is noticed and appreciated.

A special shout out and **THANK YOU** to our district leaders at club, zone, and district level that serve in a role – many times year after year. Your dedication and experience and **KNOWLEDGE** are so valuable to our entire district team and the kids we serve.

And lastly,

THANKS to everyone in the Ohio District **for your work and OPTIMISM** since March 2020 during what is arguably the craziest time in anyone's memory. The power of **OPTIMISM** kept us going, as it has for the past 100+ years, and as it will into the next 100 years.

Evelyn and I wish each of you a wonderful, safe, healthy Thanksgiving and send our deepest, most sincere **THANKS** for all that **each and every one of you do to help us spread Optimism everywhere**.

Yours in Optimism,

Greg Griffin

Ohio District Governor – 2021-2022

Meeting

2021-2022 Conferences and Conventions Dates

1st Quarter - 2021-2022 District Conference

November 5-6, 2021 – Embassy Suites and Conference Center – Dublin, Ohio

2nd Quarter - 2021-2022 District Conference

February 11-12, 2022 – Embassy Suites and Conference Center – Dublin, Ohio

3rd Quarter - 2021-2022 District Conference

May 6-7, 2022 – Embassy Suites and Conference Center – Dublin, Ohio

June 30 - July 3, 2022 - 104th Optimist International Convention at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino - Reno Tahoe

The Ohio District 74th Convention

August 11-13, 2022 – Embassy Suites and Conference Center – Dublin, Ohio



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

Club	City	Charter Date	Years	Club#	Zone
North Broomfield	North Broomfield	11/20/1968	53	24286	1
Wapakoneta Breakfast	Wapakoneta	11/21/1980	41	24041	4
Centerville-South Metro	Centerville	11/29/1988	33	24073	7

*As you can see, this is a total of **127** years of serving the young people of the Ohio District.*

***Please note:** In the October, 2021 District Bulletin, I stated that Wapakoneta-Noon Club had been in existance 20 years. This should have stated **30** years.*

Is there a Community, Sports Association, Senior Citizen Facility, College or Special Needs organization near you that needs an Optimist Club to serve their youth?

Do you want to start a New Club?

These are types of Optimist Clubs waiting to be built!

Traditional Club – A traditional Optimist Club conducts a number of exciting, youth-oriented events and fund raisers each year. The Club meets on a regular basis at a fixed location.

Sports Club – A Sports Club is built with the primary goal to serve youth through athletics.

College Club - A College Club is built around a college or university and is primarily made up of college students interested in service, leadership and professional development. A special dues and fees structure applies.

Special Needs/Adults with Exceptionalities Club-The membership for this type of Club focuses on the segment of society that has intellectual or developmental disabilities. The membership roster must be comprised of at least 50 percent of the members from this segment of the population. A special dues and fees structure applies

*With a new Optimist year beginning, it would be a **fantastic time** to discuss, plan and build that new club. The Ohio District has people standing by to help. There is no better time as **NOW**.*



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*Please extend an Ohio District Optimist welcome to the following **thirty-eight new members**, who have joined the Ohio District Optimist family in the month of **October, 2021**.*


New Member	Club	Sponsored by
Russel Hess	Bazetta-Cortland	Earl R Parthemer
Sandra L Robinson	Brookville	James Hoffman
Misty Cornelius	Bellbrook–Sugar Creek	Michael L Cornelius
Dennis Dockins	Centerville-Noon	Debe Dockins
Jackie Powell	Centerville-Noon	Thomas F Novak
Mckenzie Morin	Centerville-Noon	William M Stone
Anne Kohls	Centerville-Noon	Steve Kohls
Pearl Schnipke	Delphos	Jason Schnipke
Margaret Mesker	Delphos	Harry C Tolhurst
Mark R Bonert	Fairfield	Gale M Noonan
Terry Anderson	Fairfield	Gale M Noonan
Michael J Botos	Fairfield	David A Bock
Sue Wilkinson	Kettering-Noon	Judith A Martinson
Sally Zelnio	Kettering-Noon	Judith A Martinson
Brandee Woods	Kettering-Noon	Susan Aemstrong
Shannon Wright	Kettering-Noon	Susan Armstrong
Dawn Kirchner	Kettering-Noon	Susan Armstrong
Julie Strohming	Kettering-Noon	Patsy L Francis
Sandy Hauser	Kettering-Noon	Christine Steel
Malissa Templin	Kettering-Noon	Christine Steel
Cheryl Owens	Kettering-Noon	Christine Steel
Tommie Harner	Lima Noon	Paul Downing
Wayne Steed	Lima Noon	Paul Downing
Sean Trent	Monroe-Area	Cherie Gentry
Rebecca Cepluch	Monroe-Area	Rhenda Buckner

Jennifer Sinisgalli	Strongsville	Steve Sinisalli
Michael Sherrill	Troy-Noon	William Rozell
Vincent Aquilino	UD Flyers-Dayton	Kelly Stone
Marcus Dunlap	UD Flyers-Dayton	Kelly Stone
Kayla Stephens	UD Flyers-Dayton	Kelly Stone
Amanda Anderson	Vandalia-Butler	Justin Spivey
Denise Eder	Vandalia-Butler	Kurt E Althouse
Brandon Sucher	Vandalia-Butler	Kurt E Althouse
Barb Day	Vandalia-Butler	Jeff Bardonaro
Jennifer Thein	Vandalia-Butler	Julie K Trick
James Carman	Vandalia-Butler	Julie K Trick
Quinton Turner	Vandalia-Butler	Julie K Trick
Abbie Turner	Vandalia-Butler	Julie K Trick



Scoreboard

October 1, 2021 - October 31, 2021

Region / Rank	District	Clubs						Membership					
		Mbrs Rank	Begin Clubs	New Clubs	NC Credit	Dsbd Rvkd	Curr Clubs	Begin Mbrs	Mbrs Add	Mbrs Del	New Friend Add	Friend total	Cur Mbr
Northeast & Great Lakes  3	+ 1-NYNE	17	28	0	0	0	28	597	5	6	0	2	596
	+ 17-MI	15	88	0	0	0	88	2,590	23	26	1	69	2,587
	+ 24-OH	11	66	0	0	0	66	2,154	38	33	0	45	2,156
	+ 45-SWONT	42	76	0	0	0	76	1,923	17	44	0	0	1,896
	+ 46-MWONT	31	71	0	0	0	71	1,832	14	25	0	21	1,821
	+ 47-CENON	22	54	0	0	0	54	1,153	6	9	1	2	1,150
	+ 91-NEGL		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Regional Totals		383	0	0	0	0	383	10,250	103	143	2	139

The Ohio District 24-OH is currently **#11** in Optimist International. Our region is the Northeast & Great Lakes Region. Our Vice President is our own Susan Armstrong of the Kettering-Noon club. Our region is currently **#3** in Optimist International.



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