

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 radiating yellow lines, resembling a sun, and is partially overlaid by a blue wavy banner at the bottom.

February 3, 2022 Edition



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

Hello Fellow Optimists,

As I write to you today (which is February 3, 2022 – Optimist Day) I am sure trying to “Look at the sunny side of everything” as a major winter storm bears down on our entire state.

On the weekend of February 12th, we will be meeting in Dublin, Ohio for our Second Quarter Ohio District Conference. We’re excited about it for several reasons:

- We have a good number of attendees registered (especially for February – brrrrr)**
- We have 2022-2023 Optimist International President Elect Bob McFadyen and future First lady Penny joining us in person**
- We have planned a fun day Saturday that includes informative sessions, a fun “mixer”, and a service project**
- In the evening, we have planned a banquet that features Immediate Past Governor Jennifer Kendo presenting special awards to her 2020-2021 team**

So, thank you to those who are coming to our February District Conference - and to everyone else – “why aren’t you coming?” Even if it is too late to join us on February 12th, consider joining us in May for the District Oratorical Contest. Save the date – it is Saturday May 7th. If you have never been to a district conference nor have not been to one in a while, you are in for a treat.

Help us to Reimagine 2022 and help us spread OPTIMISM everywhere!



**Yours in Optimism
Greg and Evelyn**

Governor Greg Griffin

is inviting **ALL** Ohio District Optimists and Friends
to join us at the

2nd Quarter

Ohio Optimist District Conference
&
2020-2021 Awards Banquet

on

February 11-12, 2022

Embassy Suites Columbus-Dublin
5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, Ohio
43017

Our special friends, Optimist International 2022-2023 President Elect
Bob McFadyen and future First Lady Penny, will be joining us!!!

STILL TIME TO REGISTER



Optimist Day

February 3, 2022

Optimist International and its members celebrate Optimist Day around the world each year on the first Thursday in February. On Optimist Day, members show their pride in belonging to an Optimist Club by wearing Optimist Club apparel – shirts, pins, hats, jackets, etc. –and posting a photo on social media with #OptimistDay2022.

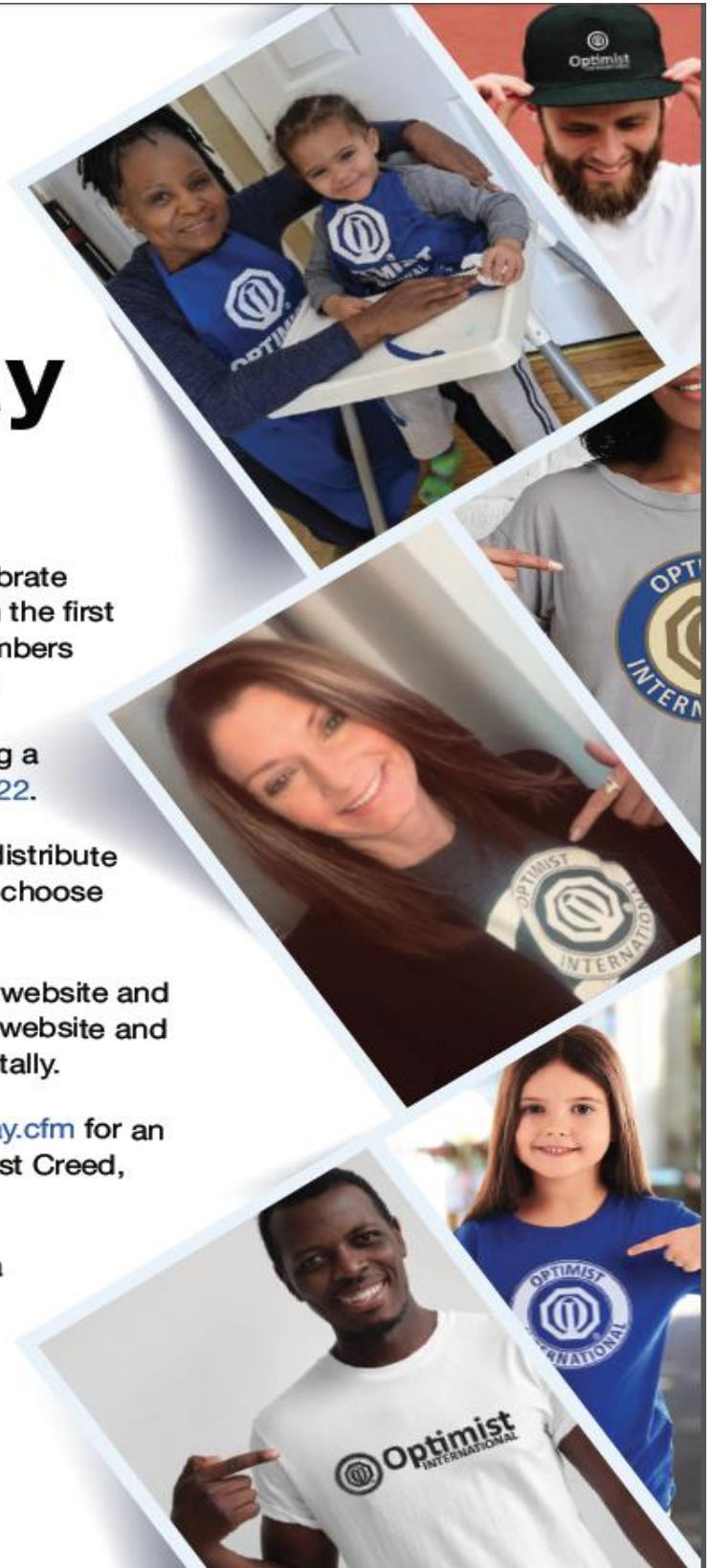
Optimist Clubs may choose a location and distribute copies of the Optimist Creed so others may choose optimism for themselves.

Add a printable Optimist Creed flyer to their website and encourage community members to visit the website and download their very own copy or save it digitally.

Visit <https://optimist.org/member/optimistday.cfm> for an Optimist Day Proclamation, printable Optimist Creed, flyer, and press release.

Optimist Day gear, apparel, and memorabilia are available at our online licensed merchant stores [Schumsky](#) and [Ansell's](#)!

On Optimist Day, and every day, be proud to be an Optimist.



• Optimist International 2nd Quarter Important Dates

This second quarter of our optimist year will be a busy one and provides numerous opportunities to promote & cultivate Optimism:

- **Optimist Day: February 3, 2022**
- **Club Essay Scholarship Contests: Topic**
"How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?"
- **Club Oratorical Scholarship Contests: Topic –**
"Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times"
- **Club Kids Speak out Contest: Topic –**
"Optimism-A way of life."
- **Optimism Promise Yourself Video Contests**: Highlighting tenets of the Optimists Creed.
 - Divisions: Youth, Members, Clubs Cash prizes \$250

Deadline for submission (communications@optimist.org) March 15, 2022
Winners to be announced on March 30, 2022
- Musical Happiness Event: March 20, 2022
- The Spring Magazine will have recognition and celebration of centurion Optimist Members. Please send pictures and contact information directly to me (patsy.garner@gmail.com) by March 1, 2022, and I will reach out to them personally with specifics.



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

Club	City	Charter Date	Years	Club#	Zone
Paragon Fairfield	Fairfield	02/03/2004	18	24512	8
Partners	Dayton	02/07/2019	3	24530	9
Lima	Lima	02/08/1949	73	24240	4
Vandalia Butler	Vandalia	02/12/1973	49	24395	5
Hamilton Youth Ranch	Hamilton	02/20/1952	70	24195	8
Kenton-Hardin	Kenton	02/27/1985	37	24057	4

*This is a total of **250** years of serving the young people of the Ohio District.*



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*Please extend an Ohio District Optimist welcome to the following **seventeen** new members, who have joined the Ohio District Optimist family in the month of **January, 2022**.*

New Member	Club	Sponsored by
Kent Loose	Centerville-Noon	Jean Pummill
Cindy Gaboury	Centerville-Noon	Julie Walling
Bob Myers	Centerville-Noon	Gary Hansen
Karen Myers	Centerville-Noon	Gary Hansen
Mike Creech	Centerville-Noon	Gary Hansen
Roy Daley	Centerville-Noon	Stanley Fronzaglia
Vickie Pitrof	Centerville-Noon	Sarah Umbreit
Steve Pitrof	Centerville-Noon	Jeffrey Umbreit
Bill Nienaber	Fairfield	Paul Ragland
Glenna Fulks	Covington	Dennis L Burgess
Kent Stevens	Fairfield	Ron Reece
Caleb A Stapleton	Kettering Dor-Wood	Jack E Steel
Tracy Funke	Lebanon	Arla R Tannehill
Evelyn Giovas	Mansfield	George Giovas
Cathy Carlson-Klemencic	Strongsville	Gayle Tomson
Thomas Perclak	Strongsville	FOO
David Stone	West Chester-Lakota	Benjamin C Dibble

Hi Ohio Optimists:

I received a huge bundle of **OI Member Sponsor Awards Pins**. **29 Members** will be recognized at the **conference** for sponsoring 1, 5, 10, 15, 25, and even 75 new members since they have been in the organization – **fantastic!**

#	Member	Club	Zone	Lt. Governor
1	Robert Fott	Akron Breakfast	2	Kevin Zehe
1	Michael Jewell	Bazetta Cortland	1	Tom Kennedy
1	Misty Cornelius	Bellbrook Sugarcreek	7	Pat Behn
1	Bonnie Cordes	Brookville	5	Tom Kennedy
1	James Hoffman	Brookville	5	Tom Kennedy
1	Sally White	Centerville South Metro	7	Pat Behn
1	Chris Haines	Covington	5	Tom Kennedy
1	Brok Coburn	Defiance	4	Ray Able
1	Ron Reece	Fairfield	8	Darrel Basford
1	Rich Corelius	Hamilton	8	Darrel Basford
1	Judith Brothers	Kettering Noon	6	Brenda Moore
1	Paul Downing	Lima	4	Ray Able
1	Kevin Zehe	Mansfield	2	Kevin Zehe
1	Carla Parra	Springboro	7	Pat Behn
1	Jamie Wilson	Toledo Westgate	4	Ray Able
1	Craig Dring	TOP Optimist	9	Myron Rheaume
1	Dana Dring	TOP Optimist	9	Myron Rheaume
1	Bill Rozell	Troy Noon	5	Tom Kennedy
1	Staci Cornwell	Vandalia Butler	5	Tom Kennedy
1	Kyle Cutnaw	Wapakoneta Breakfast	4	Ray Able
5	Chris McAlpine	Centerville Noon	7	Pat Behn
5	Gale Noonan	Fairfield	8	Darrel Basford
5	Harry Tolhurst	Delphos	4	Ray Able
5	Neal Charske	Kettering Dor-wood	6	Brenda Moore
5	Tom Kennedy	Troy Noon	5	Tom Kennedy
10	Bill Stone	Centerville Noon	7	Pat Behn
15	Terry Schalnath	We Care Arts	9	Myron Rheaume
25	Willy Hanlon	Springboro	7	Pat Behn
75	Mike Bevis	Centerville Noon	7	Pat Behn

Attached is a list of members who will receive awards

Greg Griffin

Ohio District Governor 2021-2022

The Ohio District started the 2021-2022 Optimist year with 2,154 members. As of January 31, 2022, the District's membership is 2,116 members. The Ohio District has added 83 new members, **BUT** we have lost 121 members.

We, as Optimists, belong to the greatest organization in this world. We have the greatest cause, **our youth.**

Our needs, today and tomorrow, is to recruit more members to serve more youth. The youth need our support more than ever.

PLEASE;

Sponsor a New Member-Share with others the opportunity of making this a better world for them.

If you know someone who shares the ideals of Optimist International, consider inviting them to join your club and help **"Bring Out the Best in Kids."**

Welcome them as a new member into Your Optimist Club

Do you want to get others more involved in your community? Welcome a new Member into your Club who share a desire to **"Bring Out the Best in Kids!"** Show them how Optimists organize and participate in hands-on, interactive projects for kids. As an Optimist Member, let them know that not only will they connect with their local community, they'll also boast affiliation with thousands of Optimists around the world.

Meeting

2nd Quarter - 2021-2022 District Conference

February 11-12, 2022 – Embassy Suites and Conference Center, Dublin, Ohio - 2020-21 Award Banquet

3rd Quarter - 2021-2022 District Conference

May 6-7, 2022 – Embassy Suites and Conference Center – Dublin, Ohio - District Oratorical Contest and District Essay Winner Announced

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



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