



October 1, 2022 Edition



2022-2023
Ohio District Governor – Bill Stone
And
First Lady – Kelly Stone

Hello Fellow Optimist in the Ohio District,

I am ready and excited to start the new Optimist Year and I'm very proud to be your Governor for 2022/2023. This is the 75th anniversary of the Ohio District and I plan to make it a great year, full of growth, fun and service to our youth and communities.

We are poised to have a great Optimist year and I invite you to join me as we strive to spread Optimism across the state of Ohio. We have survived a tumultuous time through the pandemic and we are at a turning point. Life is finally returning to normal and we have a great opportunity to grow our membership after the last few years of decline. People are hungry for fellowship with other people and for ways to get involved in their communities.

Our goal for this (our 75th) year is for Ohio to be the **BEST District** in Optimist International. To accomplish that we will need to lead OI in percentage of net membership growth. OI President Bob McFadyen is giving us new ideas to help us accomplish this with his "**Just Invite**" program. Bob's idea is that we should invite a friend or acquaintance to go with us to the one event that we are the most passionate about. And if they go with us and they see our passion, they will want to join our Optimist club and have that same experience. The beauty of this program is that it takes the pressure off of you. All you have to do is just invite someone. You don't have to ask them to come to a regular meeting or to join the club – just invite them to go with you to a service project. Your passion will be contagious. So how would this work? There are roughly 2000 regular club members in the Ohio district. If each member would **just invite** one person to accompany them to one service project and just half of them agreed to go, that would be 1000 potential new club members. If just half of them were inspired enough to join your club, that would be 500 new members and would exceed our membership goal for 2022-2023.

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I also want to make this a fun year. We will be celebrating the 75th year of the Ohio District all year long. **I hope that you will all consider coming to a district meeting in Dublin.** We are Re-Imagining the district meetings. Greg started this last year and I will be continuing to make the meeting more useful and more fun. We are having a hospitality night of fun and games on Friday for those that can join us. This will be an opportunity for you to make new friendships in Optimism. The main meeting will be on Saturday from 9:00am until 5:00pm and includes a lunch. We will have special speakers and a few special gifts for you to take home. I know there was a time when the district meetings were lacking some pizzazz. We are trying to fix that and I ask you to just give me one chance and try a meeting! The more Optimist members and more clubs represented the more useful and fun the meetings will be.

Speaking of the District, as I have been preparing to be Governor over the past year, I have received feedback about the District, such as the District never helps us or there's no use for the District. I want to change that. The District is in place to help and support the clubs and their members and not the other way around. **My team and I are here to help YOU!!!** We are working hard to find ways to make the clubs be more successful and grow - **now is the time!** Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you. I want to visit your clubs, attend your main events and celebrations so let me know when those are.

Lastly, our 75th Ohio District Convention will be in Dayton on the weekend of August 10th – 12th. We are planning a huge celebration banquet for Saturday evening at the Dayton Arena. Please save the date!

In Optimism,
Governor Bill

JUST 3-THINGS

with President Bob McFadyen



Happy Optimist New Year Optimist Friends

Thank you so much for being an Optimist and making a positive difference within your community.

A brief introduction: I am Bob McFadyen, 2022-2023 OI President. I live in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada and am a Member of the Kitchener West Optimist Club. I have been a Member for 29 years and one of my favorite Club projects is our Children's Christmas Party. My goal as President is to connect with you and grow our impact (of course). Every month I will send an email with "Just 3 Things" - my own message, something I'd like to spotlight, and a list of the upcoming activities in the Optimist world. Just 3 Things.

To open the lines of communication so we can learn and grow together, I'd love to hear from you directly! Please reach out to me with any issues or concerns. You can reply to this email or send one directly to me

at: presidentbob@optimist.org. Or call me - my cell phone is: 519-500-9458. I'd also love to hear YOUR stories! What activity do you really enjoy. The big and small ways your Club makes a difference in your community. And why you and your Club keep doing what you're doing.

There are changes happening with the future direction of our organization and I will share those changes with you as I am able. Look for two membership initiatives that I am introducing next month, "Just Invite" and "Partners in Optimism" program.

A new Optimist year brings renewed energy and enthusiasm. We need to work together to strengthen our organization so that we can continue to bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.

"I believe any success in life is made by going into an area with a blind, furious optimism." - Sylvester Stallone.

Let's keep moving forward together with blind, furious optimism!



**Bob McFadyen
President, Optimist International**



2022-2023 Conferences and Conventions **Dates**

1st Quarter - 2022-2023 District Conference

**November 4-5, 2022 – Embassy Suites and
Conference Center – Dublin, Ohio**

2nd Quarter - 2022-2023 District Conference

**February 10-11, 2023 – Embassy Suites and
Conference Center – Dublin, Ohio**

3rd Quarter - 2022-2023 District Conference

**May 5-6, 2023 – Embassy Suites and Conference
Center - Dublin, Ohio**

**The 2023 - 105th Optimist International Convention
will be in Arlington, Virginia at the Hyatt Regency
Crystal City, July 2-5, 2023**

75th Annual Ohio District Convention

August 10–12, 2023 in Dayton, Ohio



Ohio District Optimist International 2022-2023 Essay Contest

Hello Ohio District Optimist Club Presidents and Secretaries,

Schools are in session and now is the time to make contact with teachers regarding the Ohio District Essay Contest. Home schoolers are welcome to participate as well. The 2022-23 Club Planning Guide is not yet available, but I am attaching the Student Application which can get you started. **The Topic for the 2022-2023 School Year is:**

"Who is an Everyday Hero That Brings Out the Optimism in You?"

Please let me know who will be coordinating the contest for your club. Why would you not want to give students in your area the opportunity to compete for the \$3,500 scholarship (\$2,500 from OI and \$1,000 from the Ohio District) and the club level awards?

Look for the updated Club Planning Guide on the OI website after October 1.

This contest is open to students under the age 19 as of October 1, 2022 of the current Optimist International year (October 1 - September 30) and who are not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a post-secondary institution. The student, who is educated in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean must compose a 700 to 800 word essay

around a central idea. US contestants attending school on a military installation outside the country are eligible to enter in their last US home of record. The contest is designed to develop writing and critical thinking skills. One scholarship of \$2,500 per District is awarded by Optimist International each year. Plus, the Ohio District of Optimist International also awards a \$1,000 scholarship.

Complete information on the Essay Contests will be available after October 1, 2022 at www.optimist.org – click Member Resources, Programs – scroll and click Scholarship Contests. Then click on Essay Contest. You will find valuable information on this contest. The 2022-23 student application is included as an attachment.

Deadline for Clubs to submit their winning essay, with all the necessary paperwork, including the District application form, the Student application form, and a copy of birth certificate, green card or passport is **February 28, 2023**

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. **DO NOT** send a winning Essay to me that has been marked on by your club's judges. If this happens, the entry will be returned to the club. You cannot expect the District judges to read and judge an entry that has markings on it from a previous judge. **This is not fair to the student or the District judges.**
2. The deadline listed in this letter is from Optimist International. If you need to change **your meeting date** to announce your winner, that is up to your club. We cannot change the date of February 28, 2023. Once again, I must have all the necessary paperwork, i.e. application form, copy of birth certificate, green card or passport, etc. in my hands by **February 28, 2023.**
3. If at all possible, please **DO NOT e-mail** your club's winning Essay and the necessary paperwork to me. In past years, when this was allowed some of the emailed information was not legible and some was missing. If you email your club's

entry, it is your responsibility to make sure the information is legible.

4. Read the rules **on the Essay Application form** carefully and follow them. **They have changed since last year.**

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Yours in Optimism,

Judy Martinson, 2022-23 Ohio District Optimist Essay Chair

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Centerville, Ohio 45459

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Judith.martinson@sbcglobal.net (email)

DUE DATE: February 28, 2023

Application for 2022-2023 Optimist International Essay Scholarship Competition

PRINT Name _____ M F

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Age on Oct 1, 2022 _____

Did you enter any other Optimist Club's Essay Contest this school year? Yes No

Contestant Agreement:

I have studied the rules of the contest, and I will be bound by all the requirements.

Contestant's Signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

Parent or Guardian Permission:

I, _____, grant the Optimist Club/International my permission to use a picture or video of my son/daughter, for their public relations purposes. Optimist Club/International may use the photo or video in any publication they see fit.

I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in this scholarship contest.

Signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

Relationship _____

Sponsoring Optimist Club Name _____

Sponsoring Optimist Club Number _____

Language: English, or if District language is different: French or Spanish

Official Topic: Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings Out the Optimism in You?

Each contestant must be given this copy of the rules and complete the entry form, above.

Section I - General Rules

1. The Optimist International Essay Contest is divided into two levels of competition: Club (preliminary contest) and District (scholarship competition). The winner of a local club contest advances to the District Scholarship Competition.
2. Contestants must enter through a local Optimist Club.
3. Contestants must compose an original essay with limited guidance from others. Webster's Dictionary defines an essay as an analytic or interpretive literary composition. Works of fiction or poetry will not be accepted.
4. All District-level contests must have a minimum of three (3) contestants participating.
5. Optimist International will have the right to edit, publish or otherwise duplicate any essay entered into the contest without payment to the author.

Section II - Qualifications for Contestants

1. The contest is open to contestants under the age of 19 as of October 1st of the current Optimist International contest year (October 1 – September 30) and who have not yet completed secondary school or its equivalent, including CEGEP students in Québec, Canada. There is no minimum age. Contestants must enter in the District in which they reside. United States contestants attending school on a military installation outside the U.S. are eligible to enter in their last home of record. Contestants residing in non-Districted areas where there are no Optimist Clubs are not eligible for competition.
2. Contestants are eligible for only one Club's essay contest during any given year. (October 1st - September 30th)
3. No individual having previously won a District Essay scholarship will be eligible to compete at any level of the competition again.
4. All contestants at each level of the contest must provide proof of age and identification in the form of a copy of either their birth certificate or passport before participating. A copy of the Club winner's document will be submitted to the District contest.

Section III - Contest Rules

1. Participants must write on the official contest topic for the current year.
2. Each entry must begin with a title page containing topic, number of words, writer's name, address, phone number, name of school and date of birth.
3. The official topic should be at the top of the title page (penalty of 3 points for lack of topic.)
4. Essays must be typed, double-spaced and single-sided. (Deduction of 5 points for each infraction)
5. Essays must contain at least 700 words but no more than 800 words. Every word of the essay is counted. This does not include the title, bibliography, or footnotes. Hyphenated words count as 1 word. (Deduction of 5 points for each 25 words over/under limit – French Essays will allow 50 words over/under for the deduction). Words are to be counted manually.
6. Each page of the essay must be numbered starting with page 1, not the title page. The numbers must be centered at the bottom of each page.

- Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the essay must be identified properly, using a recognized citation format. For example, use of a specific writer's format (such as MLA, APA, Chicago style). Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.
- No reference can be made in the essay that identifies the contestant, parents, school, community, sponsoring Optimist Club or District. (Deduction of 5 points or fraction based on degree of identification)
- An essay should be written in English, or it may be written in either French or Spanish if the language used is accepted by the District of entry.
- The entry must be stapled together in the upper left-hand corner. Covers of any type are not accepted.

Section IV – Judging

- Judging will be completed by a panel of three qualified judges who are not acquainted with the contestants. At the Club level, judges may be Optimist Members. At the District level, judges must be non-Optimists. (Friends of Optimists are excluded and can be used as judges).
- In an effort to conceal the identity of each contestant, each entry will be anonymized and assigned a number by the Essay Contest Chair. The assigned number will be placed on the title page and page 1 of the essay. The title page will then be detached and retained by the Essay Contest Chair. The judges will be given the essays bearing only the assigned numbers.
- Judges will not discuss or compare the essays being judged.
- Only judges can assign a penalty or award points.

Section V – Scoring of Contest

- Scoring procedures at all levels of the contest will be identical.
- Material Organization (Logical interpretation of the subject, adherence to topic): 30 points
- Creativity: 15 points
- Vocabulary and Style (Phrasing and continuity): 30 points

- Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling: 20 points
- Adherence to contest rules (prepared in a proper format): 5 points

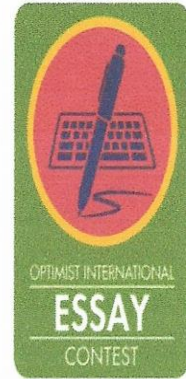
Section VI – Penalties

- Failure to list official topic: 3 points
- Failure to type essay, doubled-spaced and single-sided: 5 points per infraction
- Failure to stay within the 700-800 words: 5 points for each 25 words over/under limit. French Essays will allow 50 words over/under for the deduction. Words are to be counted manually.
- Self identification: 5 points or fraction based on degree.

Section VII – Awards

- Club level – official medallion and/or certificate
- Clubs are allowed to give monetary awards of up to \$500 per winner for the Essay contest in addition to the official medallions. The Club level awards may be given in the form of a scholarship, savings bond or cash prize but are completely discretionary.
- District level - plaque and a \$2,500 college scholarship for the first place winner.
 - Scholarships are paid through the Optimist International Foundations in the United States and Caribbean and the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation in Canada.
 - Scholarships awarded are for use only at a college, university, or trade school.
 - All scholarships will be payable only to the educational institution of the recipient's choice, subject to the approval of Optimist International.
 - All scholarships will be administered by Optimist International.
 - Winners of an Optimist International scholarship must claim their scholarship by the age of 25.

The contest chairperson will decide all protests in accordance with the official rules. The District Chair is the final authority and no appeals will be recognized.



HOW TO ENTER:

Students are to enter through a local Optimist Club in their area. Most local clubs run their Essay contest from October to the end of January. Judging at the local level is completed in February. Late entries are not accepted.

Once submitted, essays may not be returned. Standings are not reported to applicants. The sponsoring club will contact the winners.

Name of local club: _____

Chairperson _____

How to contact:

__ Phone: _____

__ Email: _____

__ In-person to: _____

Special Instructions, if any:

“CLUB NEWS” from around the OHIO DISTRICT

Green Optimist Club



On August 17th our club volunteer at **One Bistro in Xenia** for their community meal. One Bistro's mission is to provide a place where our neighbors eat and come together as one community. The restaurant has a “suggested price” for each item and you are welcome to “pay it forward” as well. If you are unable to pay for a meal you can

give your time in service as payment. On Wednesday evenings they offer a complimentary meal for the community. Five (5) of our members **volunteered** and served meals, provided condiments for the hamburgers, bussed tables and washed dishes. We served over 100 people in the two hours that we were there and met some very caring people. Our club will definitely be back to assist with another meal.

Mansfield Noon Optimist Club



On August 24, the **Mansfield Noon Optimist Club** members traveled to the Ohio Bird Sanctuary (“OBS”) for their weekly noon meeting. Gail Laux, Founder and Executive Director of OBS, wanted to thank members for their service hours to assist with the finishing touches of the Treehouse Classroom constructed by Nelson Treehouse Masters (yes, the guys that were on TV). Pizza was served, OBS Staff gave updates on bird care, capital campaign projects and introduced a juvenile Barn Owl to the members.





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

Club	City	Charter Date	Years	Club#	Zone
Mansfield	Mansfield	10/01/1923	98	24250	2
Wapakoneta Noon	Wapakoneta	10/01/1991	20	24407	4
Conneaut	Conneaut	10/24/1963	58	24095	1
We Care Arts	Dayton	10/25/2018	3	24529	9

*As you can see, this is a total of **179** years of
sewing the young people of the Ohio District.*

Please extend an Ohio Optimist



*to the following **forty-three** new members, who have joined the Ohio District Optimist family in the month of **September – 2022***

New Member	Club	Sponsored by
Joseph Broughton	Hilliard Youth Sports	Charles W Davis Jr
Michael Gonidakis	Hilliard Youth Sports	Charles W Davis Jr
Jen Albright	Hilliard Youth Sports	Charles W Davis Jr
Barbara Lovy	Lebanon	Arla R Tannehill
Joshua Marsh	Lebanon	Anne M Smith
Jim Joseph	Mansfield	Robert Brenner
Nikki Armstrong	Kettering Noon	Susan Armstrong
Patricia J Stewart	Kettering Noon	Christine Steel
Cindy Smith	Kettering Noon	Judith A Martinson
Marilyn Garland	Kettering Noon	Judith A Martinson
Joann Martin	Kettering Noon	Judith A Martinson
Lauren Meador	Kettering Noon	Sandy Hauser
Sarah Schalnat	Kettering Noon	Terry S Schalnat
Brenda Thieman	Kettering Noon	Terry S Schalnat

Tonia Watkins	Kettering Noon	Terry S Schalnatt
Patty Santoianni	Kettering Noon	FOO-Friend of Optimists
Cathy Smith	Kettering Noon	Tammy S Lawson
Mindy Mccarty-Stewart	Kettering Noon	Valerie A Dupler
Debbie Beiter	Kettering Noon	Melanie L Beach
Greg Meyers	Dayton Riverdale	Barbara G Layne
Kathy Vonderbrink	Dayton Riverdale	FOO-Friend of Optimists
Fred Goodell	Toledo Westgate	Debra J Pezzin
Simon Didat	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Margaret Whitman	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Julia Johnson	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Audrey Castle	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Isaiah Rush	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Daniel Mcfarland	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Megan Nock	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Grant Shearer	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Colin Garrity	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Katie Bryant	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Avery Reynolds	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Armando Mastropietro	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Margaret Sommers	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Zane Greenberg	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Robert Hammer	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Nathan Bellisario	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Virgile Dolfi	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Tom Frequin	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Katie Fraser	UD Flyers-Dayton	McKenzie Morin
Kirsten Brunswick	Van Wert	Gregory S Yinger
Nathan Granger	Wapakoneta Bft	James W Smith



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**.*

*From the flight deck of the
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