

Happy Mardi Gras Yall,

Welcome to the second quarter of the 2022-2023 Optimist year. Our second quarter district conference is coming up on February 10th & 11th. I would like to invite all members to join us for this weekend of fun, fellowship and sharing of ideas. This conference we will be celebrating Mardi Gras style.

We had a great 1st quarter conference back in November and hope to make this one even better. We are keeping the executive board meeting as a zoom meeting on Thursday evening at 7:00pm. This frees up Friday evening for a time of Fun, Fellowship and Games. We tried this in November, and everyone loved it. Now, there is no pressure to rush to Dublin after working all day for the meeting. You are invited to come Friday night at your leisure for a relaxing time in the hospitality room. We will serve snacks, subs and pizza and are planning some fun special games. This is a great time to get to know members from other clubs. The theme for the weekend is Mardi Gras! And if you feel a little crazy, wear a Fat Tuesday costume on Friday Night. We will be giving out a prize for the best costume.

Our regular conference session will begin at 9:00am on Saturday morning. We are changing things up a little more this time based on the feedback we have received. We are keeping the business part to the bare minimum that we are required to conduct. We are doing some new roundtables in the morning session for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, members and LG's. These will give you an opportunity to interact with your peers and share ideas. In the afternoon we are having an Optimist Showcase so that you can walk around and learn what others are doing. We have about 15 tables signed up to share what they are doing. Our keynote speaker is Aaron Roy with CarePortal of Ohio who will speak to us about their unique portal that is connecting kids with the services they need to be successful.

Here are some of the highlights planned for the weekend

- **Fun and Games Night** in the Hospitality Room Friday Night Mardi Gras Style! Pizza, Subs, Snacks and Beverages provided. We will also have special Mardi Gras Treats. Wear you Fat Tuesday costume.
- Special welcome and **take home Gift for All First Timers!**
- Keynote speaker Aaron Roy to CarePortal.
- **Meet our JOI (Junior Optimist International) club members** who will be with us for the conference and are hosting the raffle baskets to raise money for the OI Foundation!
- A delicious Chicken Fajita lunch is included in your registration!!!
- Learn about OI President Bob's special programs for this year to help the clubs!
- Help out with a **service project** led by Nancy Lehren to make Build a Bears
- **Ice Breakers** and a **special team trivia contest** in the afternoon
- Represent your club in a quick District Board meeting.
- **Attend Past Governor Greg's Awards Dinner** (optional) in the evening
- More games planned for the hospitality room after dinner



Again, we need you to come and join us at the meeting. **YOU** are the secret ingredient. You are what makes these meeting go from good to great. See you February 10^h and 11th

CHOOSE OPTIMISM – HOPE AND VISION

Yours in Optimism,
Governor Bill Stone and First Lady Kelly!

OHIO DISTRICT OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

2nd QUARTER CHOOSE OPTIMISM CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 9 - 11, 2023

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, February 9, 2023

7:00 - 8:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting - Via Zoom

Link to Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8135812650?pwd=dzFTa2NyUkZrc3hBejNpL21BcWhuZz09>

Meeting ID: 813 581 2650 Passcode: cno

Friday, February 10, 2023

5:30 - 7:30 pm Embassy Suites Manager's Reception - Atrium - For Registered Hotel Guests

6:00 - 11:00 pm Hospitality Room - Suite # 815- Join us for Pizza, Subs, Snacks & Beverages. Fun, Fellowship & Games!! Theme: Mardi Gras

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Attendees staying Friday evening at Embassy Suites receive a full breakfast with hotel stay.

Coffee and tea are available in meeting room.

All raffles, fines and happy bucks benefit OI Foundation.

8:00 am Registration Table Opens - Room # Dublin A/B

Supply Table Opens

OIF, JOI, Various Displays, JOI Raffle

9:00 am General Session - District Business Dress

Call to Order - Sgt-at-Arms Brian Lewis

General Welcome - Governor Bill Stone

Invocation - Chaplain David Ladd

Pledge of Allegiance - Governor Elect Tom Kennedy

Welcome Introductions & First Timers - Governor Bill Stone

Recess General Session - Sgt-at-Arms Brian Lewis

9:20 am Open District Board Meeting - Sgt-at-Arms Brian Lewis

- Who Can Vote & Why? - Parliamentarian Tom Kendo
- Approval of Minutes - District Secretary Jean Pummill
- Approval of Financial Report - District Treasurer Sarah Umbreit
- Old Business:
- New Business: District Policy Update - Policy Chair Tom Kendo
- Close District Board Meeting & Re-Open General Session - Sgt-at-Arms Brian Lewis

- 9:30 am Spouses & Guests - Meet & Greet - First Lady Kelly Stone - Suite # 815
- 9:30 am Team Breakouts - Sharing Information & Ideas
- President/President Elect - Moderators Mike Bevis & Nancy Lehren
 - Secretary/Secretary Elect - Moderator Jean Pummill
 - Treasurer/Treasurer Elect - Moderator Sarah Umbreit
 - Club Member Forum - Moderator Tom Kendo
 - Lt. Governor Forum - Moderators Tom Kennedy & Pat Behn
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:40 am Member Recognition - Membership Chair Sue Armstrong
- 11:00 am Speaker - Aaron Roy - Care Portal - "Care for Every Child"
- 12:00 pm Fines & Happy Bucks - Sgt-at-Arms Brian Lewis
- 12:10 - 1:00 pm Lunch - Dining Parlors
- OIF raffle drawing - 12:45 pm
- 1:00 pm "Opti Kids"
- 1:05 pm JOI - Doug Fritz & JOI students
- 1:25 pm "How to be a Welcoming Club, Get Members Involved and Keep Them" - Mike Bevis
- 1:45 pm Optimist Showcase - Club Projects and More - An Opportunity to visit various displays listed below - ask questions - get answers and ideas.
- Troy Noon - Wings on Strings - Pat Morris
 - Huber Heights - Fishing Derby - Terry Lawson
 - Brookville - Egg Scramble - Roger Hoover
 - Mansfield Noon 100th Anniversary - Kevin Zehe
 - Vandalia Butler - July 4 Freedom Bike Ride - Kurt Althouse & Justin Spivey
 - Centerville Noon - Skilled Trade Vocational Scholarships - Evelyn Griffin
 - Optimist International Foundation - Rep Jennifer Kendo
 - Essay Contest - Chair Judy Martinson
 - Oratorical Contest - Chair Debe Dockins
 - Ohio District Scholarship - Chair Tom Kendo
 - CCDHH Contest - Chair Paul Boyer
 - PGI/PDP - Chair Debbie Walsh
 - Jr. Golf - Chair Bob Glavin
- 3:00 pm Service Project - Build a Bear - Nancy Lehren
- 4:00 pm "Great Loves" Team Trivia - Fellowship Chair Debe Dockins
- 5:00 pm Wrap Up & Closing - Optimist Creed

- 5:00 - 5:45 pm District Hospitality Suite - Open - Suite # 815
- 5:30 - 7:30 pm Embassy Suites Manager's Reception - Atrium - For Registered Hotel Guests
- 6:00 pm 21-22 Governor's Awards Banquet Dinner - Room # Dublin A/B
- Comments - Past Governor Greg Griffin
- 8:30 - 11:00 pm District Hospitality Room - Suite # 815 - Snacks & Beverages Provided - Fun, Fellowship & Games - Theme: Mardi Gras

Sunday, February 12, 2023

- 9:00 - 11:00 am Leadership Development Meeting - Leadership Development Committee - Hospitality Room - Suite # 815

Take back to your Clubs all of the information shared this weekend. Choose Optimism!
Have a safe and Optimistic trip home.

Second Quarter Ohio District Optimist Conference

February 11th and 10th, 2023

MEETING LOCATION

Embassy Suites, 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin OH 43017

REGISTRATION FORM

One form per member/guest - please duplicate as necessary

Club Name: _____		Club #: _____		Zone # _____	
Name: _____			Guest Name: _____		
Phone #: _____		Email Address: _____			
___ Optimist Member & ___ 1 st Conference		___ Club Pres		___ Club S/T	
___ FOO Mbr		___ JOI Mbr		___ Non Club Mbr	
___ Club Rep		___ Lt. Gov		___ Dist Chair	
___ Past Gov		Other: _____			

REGISTRATION OPTIONS Includes Lunch on Saturday	Received By		Received By or Onsite Registration	No.	Amount
Registration Type	January 26	Jan 27 – Feb 2	After February 2		
Member – Regular Registration	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$55.00		
College Student Registration	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$40.00		
Youth Registration (Age 12 – 17)	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$40.00		
Child Registration (Age Thru 11)	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$20.00		
Additional Options:			Cost Per Person		
Saturday Evening Banquet Meal: for all includes Salad, Whipped Potatoes, Broccolini, Manhattan Cheesecake					
Entrée Choice #1 – Pot Roast			\$38.00		
Entrée Choice #2 – Chicken Piccata			\$38.00		
Entrée Choice #3 – Portobello Mushroom			\$38.00		
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED					
Saturday Lunch Meal (included in registration) Chicken Fajitas			Notes: Please specify any dietary needs, food allergies and indicate for which attending person:		

Registration Fees cover facility rental fees, A/V services, coffee/beverage service for meetings, Hospitality Room, printing and other fixed conference expenses and are in an amount sufficient to hold the conference. All persons attending the conference **MUST** be registered, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Optimist members are required to pay the full registration based on date submitted, whether eating lunch or not. Attendance and awards are based on paid member registrations. Refunds can be given if cancellations are received in writing by **February 2, 2023**. Registrations must be received and paid for by **February 2, 2023**, to guarantee lunch and dinner reservations. After that date lunch and dinner reservations **cannot** be guaranteed.

Make checks payable to: **Ohio District Optimist International** and send along with this form to:

Registration Questions Contact:

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HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
OHIO DISTRICT OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
Second Quarter Ohio District Optimist Conference
February 10th and 11th, 2023
Deadline for rooms is Thursday January 26, 2023

MEETING LOCATION

Embassy Suites
5100 Upper Metro Place
Dublin, Ohio 43017

RATE: Single or Double occupancy - \$134.00, plus 17.50% tax – includes the following:

Complimentary Breakfast 6:30AM - 9:30AM Daily for guests staying overnight

Complimentary Manager's Cocktail Reception for guests staying overnight from 5:30pm-7:30pm each evening with Snacks to include a variety of pre-packaged sweet and salty options and beverages of your choice with beer and wine only being served in bottles or cans

A Two-room Suite where a roommate or spouse (if applicable) may go for increased privacy, in a separate room

Wet Bar with Refrigerator, Microwave and Coffeemaker in suite to prepare and store beverages and light snacks

Complimentary Parking

*Check-in time is 4:00 P.M.

*Check-out time is 11:00 A.M.

Your attendee website is: www.my-event.hilton.com/ohiodistrictoptimist23-do1/

Group Name: Ohio District Optimist - February 2023 Conference

Group Code: DO1

Central Reservations Number: 800.220.9219

If you have issues with making a reservation, please contact Ohio District Optimist Hotel Liaison Jennifer Kendo – kendolaw@gmail.com. Please understand we have reserved a block of rooms that may be become filled before the deadline. **Register early. If you cannot attend, you can always cancel 72 hours before check in without penalty**

Scan here to use your smartphone:

