

Hello,

Welcome (almost) to the third quarter of the 2022-2023 Optimist year. Our third quarter district conference is coming up on April 28th & 29th. I know, I messed up the date, so now I am forgetting the mistakes of the past and pressing on to the greater achievements of the future. I would like to invite all members to join us for this weekend of fun, fellowship and learning new and sharing ideas. During this conference we will be celebrating in Kentucky Derby style!



We had a great 2nd quarter conference back in February which was even better than the 1st quarter. 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. You are invited to come Friday night at your leisure for a relaxing time in the hospitality room. We will serve snacks, and then dinner will be delivered as we enjoy our evening while playing a variety of games. This is a great time to get to know members from other clubs. Again, the theme for the weekend is Kentucky Derby!

Our regular conference session will begin at 9:00am on Saturday morning. We are continuing to change things up a little based on the feedback we have received. We are conducting the business meeting first thing but keeping it brief. Last conference we had a breakout time in the morning based on roles in the club and this worked great. We are now moving the breakout time to the end of the day so you can share about the conference and any other ideas you have with your peers. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Brian Ceccarelli who will speak to us about It'sTime2! and his mission to address bullying, raise awareness of mental health issues and teen suicide.

We have a nice closing dinner on Saturday night with a Kentucky Derby theme and our Kentucky Derby Hat contest. **Lady's wear your favorite hat and win a prize!**

Here are some of the highlights planned for the weekend,

- See top students from Ohio compete in the **District Oratorical Contest!**
- Hear the winning Essay from the Essay Contest.
- **Fun and Games Night** in the Hospitality Room Friday Kentucky Derby Style! Food, Snacks and Beverages provided.
- Special welcome and take-home **Gift for All First Timers!**
- Keynote speaker Dr. Chicarelli will speak about his organization – It'sTime2! And their work with students on bullying and teen suicide. Dr. Chicarelli has a great story, and you will not want to miss his talk.
- **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 to help with expenses for their trip to the International Convention in Arlington, VA.
- A delicious lunch is included in your registration!!!
- Help out with a **service project** led by Mandy from Toledo Noon to make care packages for the Family House of Toledo.
- Represent your club in a quick District Board meeting.
- **Attend Saturday Dinner** (optional) and then join us in the hospitality room for more fun and games.

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 April 28th and 29th.

CHOOSE OPTIMISM – HOPE AND VISION

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

OHIO DISTRICT OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

3rd QUARTER CHOOSE OPTIMISM CONFERENCE

April 27 - 30, 2023

AGENDA

Thursday, April 27, 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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8135812650)

Passcode: cno

Friday, April 28, 2023

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

6:30 - 11:00 pm Hospitality Room Suite # 715 - Join us for Pizza, Subs, Snacks & Beverages.
Fun, Fellowship & Games!! Theme: Kentucky Derby

Saturday, April 29, 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 JOI.

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

9:15 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:

Close District Board Meeting & Re-Open General Session - Sgt-at-Arms
Brian Lewis

Re-open General Session - Sgt-at-Arms Brian Lewis

9:30 am Optimist International Foundation - OI Rep Jennifer Kendo

- 9:45 am District Essay Winner - Essay Chair Judy Martinson
- 10:00 am Break & Setup for Oratorical Contest
- 10:15 am Oratorical Contest - Zone 7 Lt Governor Greg Wasmund
- 11:30 am District Scholarship Fund - Chair Tom Kendo
- 11:45 am JOI - First Lady Kelly Stone & JOI Students
- 12:00 pm Fines & Happy Bucks - Sgt-at-Arms Brian Lewis
- 12:10 - 1:00 pm Lunch
- JOI raffle drawing - 12:40 pm
- 1:00 pm Presentation of Awards - Essay & Oratorical Contest Winners
- 1:15 pm Committee Reports
- OI Junior Golf - Jr Golf Chair Bob Glavin
 - District 75th Convention - Dayton - Chair Erin Dickerson
 - Membership Awards - Chair Sue Armstrong
- 1:30 pm Dr. Brian Ceccarelli - The work of It'sTime2 to raise awareness of bullying, mental health issues and teen suicide.
- 2:15 pm Roundtables - 20 Mins each
- Membership Incentives - OI Membership Chair Tom Kendo & District Chair Sue Armstrong
 - Building Better Spreadsheets - Internet Chair Patrick Arehart
 - How to put FUN in your Club (Social Events) - Beth Duncan
- 3:15 pm Break
- 3:30 pm OI Convention - Arlington, VA - Past Governor Jennifer Kendo
PGI/PDP Update & Awards - Chair Debbie Walsh
- 3:40 pm Optimist Institute - Past Governor Jennifer Kendo
- 4:00 pm Service Project - Care Packages for Family House in Toledo - Mandy Phillips
- 4:30 pm Team Breakouts - Sharing Information & Ideas
- 5:00 pm Wrap Up & Closing - Optimist Creed
- 5:00 - 6:00 pm District Hospitality Suite - Open - Suite # 715
- 5:30 - 7:30 pm Embassy Suites Manager's Reception - Atrium - For Registered Hotel Guests
- 6:00 - 7:30 pm Kentucky Derby Dinner - Derby Hat Contest (Create your finest)
- 7:30 - 11:00 pm District Hospitality Suite - Open - Suite # 715

Sunday, April 30, 2023

- 9:00 - 11:00 am Leadership Development Meeting - Leadership Development Committee - Hospitality Room - Suite #715

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

Third Quarter Ohio District Optimist Conference

April 28th and 29th, 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	April 14	April 15 - 20	After April 20		
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: Kentucky Derby – Garden Salad, Fried Chicken, Beef Brisket, Sweet Potato Souffle, Stewed Green Beans, Banana Pudding			\$40.00		
Vegetarian			\$40.00		
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED					
Saturday Lunch Meal (included in registration) Sandwich Buffet – please indicate if you need a vegetarian entree			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 **April 20, 2023**.

Registrations must be received and paid for by **April 20, 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
April 28th and 29th, 2023
Deadline for rooms is Friday April 14, 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: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/ohiodistrictoptimist-di2/>

Group Name: Ohio District Optimist - April 2023 Conference

Group Code: DI2

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:

