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Congratulations to Patrick Carlton, The 2005-2006 Michigan District Optimist of the Year!



Pictured: Immediate Past Governor Don Brose, Brenda Meeks - Corporate Sponsor of the Year and Optimist of the Year Chairperson, and Patrick Carlton - Michigan District Optimist of the Year

Patrick Carlton was nominated as Optimist of the Year by both clubs he belongs to. He has been a member of the Grand Rapids Optimist Club for over 9 years and a member of the Grand Rapids Kent Club for almost 2 years. Shortly after Pat joined the Grand Rapids Optimist Club he took on the challenge to Chair the Camp Optimist facility and to begin a campaign to renovate the Camp starting with the lodge and other buildings in great need of repair. Camp Optimist has been used for a day camp for inner city kids for the last 50 years. The camp was in great need of help before it could really be used for a day camp again. Pat jumped in with both feet and has been relentless in his pursuit to make the camp again a shining star in the community. In the last three to four years he has helped raise over \$100,000 in donations

and materials needed at the camp, such as a new roof, doors, windows, insulation, kitchen cabinets, aluminum siding, a new furnace, and much more for the renovation of the lodge. He also is there to help with club projects in both clubs. Pat has played a significant role in helping raise donations and funds for the Friend of Youth Golf Outing (a fund raiser for the Camp) each year. He has also helped in the Junior Golf Program with the Kent Optimist Club, Safety on Wheels, and the Santa Claus Parade. Pat has been on the Board of Directors for over 8 years at the Grand Rapids Optimist Club, which has included Vice President, President-Elect, and of course, President and plans on helping both clubs grow in the future. We welcome Pat Carlton as the 2005-2006 Michigan District Optimist of Year.

Save the Dates . . . Optimist Family Reunions!

FIRST QUARTER CONFERENCE

October 20, 21, 22, 2006
Best Western ConCorde Inn
Clinton Township, Michigan

SECOND QUARTER

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Regions 1 and 2: February 10, 2007
Saginaw Valley State University
Saginaw, Michigan
Region 3 and 4: February 24, 2007
Marygrove College
Detroit, Michigan



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL MEETING

March 23 and 24, 2007
Frankenmuth, Michigan

THIRD QUARTER CONFERENCE

May 4, 5, 6, 2007
Valley Plaza Resort
Midland, Michigan

FOURTH QUARTER DISTRICT CONVENTION

August 24, 25, 26, 2007
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Grand Rapids, Michigan



To the Finish Line. . .Look How the Tortoise and the Hare have Wrapped Up Another Successful Race Welcome Our New Members (as of 08/31/06)

Alpena

Scott Day

Bay City

Kathy Roberts

Traverse City

Richard White

Will Valpey

Grand Rapids-Kent

Martha Gottlieb

Jeff Gottlieb

West Branch

Allen Champine

William Oberdick

Mary Mallory

John Basher

Vicky Diehl

Brenda Bates

Cathy Zimmerman

Beverly Romatz

David Gutierrez

Pepper Mahin

Debra Abraham

June Marston

Berrien Springs

Jamie Carlson

Barbara Reid

John Grove

Hali Walker

Kalamazoo

Nancy Martin

Chris Lundquist

Battle Creek-Harper Creek

Donald Jones

Sheila Jones

Manchester

Gregg Sucha

Ann Arbor

Laurie Briede

Mason

Stacey Small-Skirvin

James Kennedy

Flint-Downtown

Edward Erickson

Flint-West

Chris Pagan

Tom Goodrow

Ypsilanti

Detra Pittman

Troy

Megan Nichol

Northville

Ruth Schmidt

Tom Kelly

Keego Harbor

Bill Bertakis

Nancy Petsch

Waterford Township-Breakfast

Heather Halls

Huron Valley

Bill Wozniak

Larry Williams

Julia Ritter

Rochester Area

Nichole Smith

Detroit-Hartford Community

Verna Brocks

Clinton Township Area

Gerrie Brown

Kelly McMillan

Jeff Block

Cheryl Baxa

Shelby Township Area

Patricia Miller

Detroit-Northwest

Alan Brown

Carolyn Wanzo

Cyrus Varner

Shelia Dorsey

Tabita Andrews

Michelle Brooks

Debra Davey

Sean Davis

Carol Kennedy

Oscar Porter

Megann Jobson

John Stovall

Tony Riley

Detroit-Greater Grace

Rosa McLean

Veronica Morris

Deborah Bean

Bettisha Taylor

Latraic Hill

St Clair Shores

George Munger

Kira Putt

Roseville

Colleen McCartney

Dearborn

Judy Kingery

MaryAnn Bartles

Samuel Smalley

Detroit Unity

Brenda Buckner

Detroit Central

Florence Murphy

Joseph Wright

Kevin Rakestraw

Detroit-Greater Northeast

Taya Hill

West Bloomfield

Henry Plachcinski

Grand Blanc

Jonathon Hohn

Brighton

C J Teahan

Michelle Donnelly

Fenton Area

Barbara Jersey

Royal Oak

Gregg Pizzi

“Bringing Out the Best in Kids” is What our Member Sponsors Promote

Alpena

Mark Stoinski

Bay City

Kate Young

Traverse City

Anthony Consolino

David Gwinnell

Grand Rapids-Kent

Kathi Margo

West Branch

Lanae Shields

Robert McGrail

Vicki Barnes

David Marston

Mary Lowery

Nancy Griffin

Richard Bloom

Ben Lowery

Steve Leonard

Berrien Springs

Charles Mauro

Kalamazoo

Amy Remmert

Dennis Kindle

Manchester

John Savage

Battle Creek-Harper Creek

Jeremy Johnson

Kelly Johnson

Mason

Kathy Smith

Flint-West

Russ Osborne

Jason Bristol

Waterford Township-Breakfast

Debra Berry

Ann Arbor

William Briede

Troy

Steve Toth

Huron Valley

Toniann Miesel

Joe Cook

Jack Miesel

Rochester Area

Jason Weir

Detroit-Northwest

Raymond Card

Herbert Strather

Charles Green

Alan Brown

Socialue Porter

John Davis

Detroit-Greater Grace

Queen Eleanor Walker

Hattie Mahone

Harriet Cammock-McLenan

Detroit-Hartford Community

Herbert Strather

Clinton Township Area

Dwayne Baxa

Toni Hill

Shelby Township Area

Dan Moss

St Clair Shores

David Martin

Debbie Depape

Dearborn

Barry Hawthorne

Floyd Addison Jr

Detroit Unity

Constance Vickers

Detroit-Central

Bernestine Whitmore

Lorenzer Frazier

Yolanda Barron

Detroit-Greater Northeast

Carl Canty

Ypsilanti

Jackie McLain

Northville

Lee Dow

Keego Harbor

Paul Lipson

Barbara Nordeen

West Bloomfield

Dan Navarre

Flint Downtown

Lawrence Ruhstorfer

Brighton

Dennis Kallio

Adele Stocker

Fenton Area

Penny Fausey

Royal Oak

Steve Teichow



We're So Bright, We've Gotta Wear Shades The Michigan District has Two New Clubs (as of 08/31/06)



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|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Lake Area</u> | Roberta Hofman | <u>JOOI Counselors-Metro</u> | Marc Johnson | |
| Ian Daykin | Annette Krzyskowski | <u>Detroit</u> | Yolanda Hendricks | |
| Amanda Clees | Bill Lantzy | Sherry Johnson | Angela Johnson | |
| Ann Byer | John Loussia | Catherine Tilles | Karen Johnson | |
| Vinice Asmar | Dan Navarre | Charles Adside Jr | Tracie Johnson | Sharon Dennis |
| Basil Baical | Chris Nesbitt | Jacqueline Adside | Dieatra Jones | Debra Kelly-McGill |
| Mike Beauchamp | William Roberts | David Bomar | Deloris Lyons | Diane Moody |
| Jim Calhoun | Samin Saleh | Joseph Bradfield | Cynthia Pearson Matthews | Ann Easley |
| Michelle Daykin | Joan Sare | Roslyn Carter | Solon Phillips | Connie Brown |
| Nancy Dingeldey | Bob Schiller | Jeannette Collins | Indira Shelton-Pierce | Robert Kakos |
| Catherine Dzikowski | Matter Shounia | Mildred Cooper | Choi Shorter | Dorothy Bragg |
| Phil Fahlman | Kevin Terry | Mikki Crossley | Patricia Stevenson | April Butler |
| Evan Garelik | Turner Thompson | Ralph Crossley | Rosalind Stewart | Brooke Franklin |
| Joe George | Mary Ellen Trott | Jacqueline Ensley | Herb Strather | Carolyn Printup |
| Ida Goutman | Kenny Walters | Pam Farlow-Wolgast | Sandra Young | |
| Lou Goutman | Dounia Yaldo | Michelle Gibson | Pearline Cotton | |
| William Hamilton | Scott Yaldo | Robert Hatchett | Terri Markray | |
| Lori Harris | | Madeline Hewitt-Hunt | Marion Blocker | |

Michigan Optimists 2005-2006: Setting the Example

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Michigan District Immediate Past Governor

The 2005-2006 year has been a wonderful one to be an Optimist in Michigan. Members of our organization have exceeded expectations in all areas of growth and service. We have built at least six new clubs this year. We have introduced Optimism to over 700 new people, giving them the best gift that we know of; membership in the greatest service organization in the world. Our District is about to become distinguished for the first time in many, many years. We have the opportunity to **set the example** of excellence by encouraging distinguished years in Michigan for many years to come. Most importantly, we are "Bringing out the Best in Kids" at a heartwarming pace.

District leaders are continuously encouraging growth in clubs, hoping to inspire the expansion of our organization. We do apologize for talking about growth over and over, yet it is important. My experience traveling around the state this year is our clubs now understand its importance. Members are coming forward and speaking to me about offering optimism to members of their community before I begin talking about it. They realize that if their club grows every year, it becomes stronger, more people spread out the workload, and ultimately more kids are served.

At our Convention in Windsor, we had 53 Optimist Clubs on target to be Honor or Distinguished. This does not include clubs who have an opportunity to get over the membership hump by adding members in September. If your club has that opportunity, I encourage you to make it happen. Becoming an Honor Club will give your club members something to hang their hats on all next year.

Congratulations to all of the members of the Michigan District for what you have done to serve kids in the "Illuminating our Youth" year. The young people we serve have no clue about the transition within our clubs that happens every year, but for us it is a great time to reflect on what we have accomplished, and to make plans to serve even more young people in our "Expect Success" year. I would like to thank all of you who have made me feel welcome in your clubs, who have worked so hard at the district level, and who have supported me and Optimist International President Michel Listenberger as we went about our jobs to HELP CLUBS SUCCEED. You have inspired us to further serve our youth. I wish you good health and good service.





Expect Success for the New Optimist Year!

Lou Moss

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Michigan District 2006-2007 Governor

Blast-Off Time for the New Optimist Year

I feel like I've been on the launching pad for over a year as the Governor-Elect, and now it's blast off time...ready to reach for the stars!

The past Optimist year was fantastic thanks to the diligence of **2005-2006 Optimist Governor Don Brose**. He brought a wealth of enthusiasm with a focus on growth and service to kids. With his determination and the work of so many of our leaders in the Michigan District, we have reached the title of "Distinguished" for the 2005-2006 year (or we are at the time of this writing, prior to the September 30th end of the year totals).

I savored the past year as Governor-Elect, visiting Optimist clubs across the state, working with fellow Optimists on many different projects and planning for the 2006-2007 Optimist year.

Optimist International Theme of "Love"

Our 2006-2007 **Optimist International President Ronnie Dunn** has a theme of "Love," using a heart logo with love written in three languages: English, French and Spanish. Ronnie is the first female International President in the history of Optimist International. 2007 will also commemorate the 20th anniversary of women being welcomed to join Optimist Clubs.

Optimist International has a new vision/mission statement that is simple and easy to remember: **"By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids"**. Commit it to memory so that you know what to say the next time someone asks, "What does the Optimist organization do?"

Michigan District Theme of "Expect Success"

As the new Optimist year has a fresh start on October 1st, I encourage you to have a renewed enthusiasm for your club and your commitment to the youth and community. Our Michigan District motto is **"Expect Success"** and the logo of a star shows we can all achieve success by reaching for the stars, that is, the stars in our communities: the kids, community members, fellow Optimists, and our own families.

We have over 70 leaders in our Michigan District Optimist family who are the "Expect Success" coaches - ready, willing and able to help your club achieve success. Our goals this year reflect the goals set out by International President Ronnie Dunn: **Membership, New Club Building and JOOI - service to youth**. By continued growth we are able to reach out to more young people and help them to "expect success" of themselves.

As long as there is one child in our community who needs our help, as long as there is one child in our community who is looking for an opportunity to improve themselves through an Essay Contest, an Oratorical Contest, a golf tournament, or any other event which the local Optimist Clubs offer, we can never give up. As long as there is one child who wants to perform some kind of community service, we must give them the chance. We expect success in all that we do!

First Quarter Optimist Family Reunion

We're going to have a great jumpstart to our year at the **First Quarter Optimist Family Reunion** (otherwise know as the First Quarter Conference), October 20 - 22, **Best Western ConCorde Inn, Clinton Township**. It's a great time to get together with our Optimist family and learn from our team of experts and Optimists from around the state. We are fortunate to have **Dennis Lane**, Optimist International Vice President, with us for the weekend. He and his wife "Teammate," **Ann Lane**, will be coming from their home in Maryland. Please read more about them on page 10.

In addition to our Executive Committee Meeting on Friday evening, we will have a wonderful hospitality room with a "Castaways" theme developed by **Meetings and Convention Chair Barry Burnham**, and his creative committee. After the day of learning and sharing on Saturday, we will have a Halloween Party in the evening. Remember to bring your costume. There will be prizes too! Sunday morning breakfast will be another chance to share with Optimists from across the state and a speaker that you're sure to remember!

My husband, **Dan Moss**, is also looking forward to having fun with the spouses as they tour some highlights of the Mount Clemens area. Youth Activities Co-Chairs, **Dwayne and Julie Baxa** will be responsible for showing all Opti-kids and grandkids a great time at C.J. Barrymore's, a local amusement center with a wealth of fun things to do.

JOOI Collaborates with Adult Conference

Our JOOI (Junior Optimist Octagon International) Board of Directors, led by **JOOI Governor Tessa Hartley**, have been planning to have a "first time ever" conference at the same time and location as our own conference, for one day, **Saturday, October 21st**. JOOI Advisors, **Jean Dasuqi** and **Rocco Romano** are working with the JOOI Board to make it happen. They are in the process of inviting all of the JOOI clubs to send representatives. We welcome their enthusiasm and ask adult sponsor clubs to encourage youth attendance.

Secretary-Treasurer Doris Modrak and I are looking forward to seeing you on October 20 - 22 and hope that you expect only the best... **EXPECT SUCCESS!**



From the Desk of Michigan District Secretary-Treasurer, Doris Modrak

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Michigan District 2006-2007 Secretary-Treasurer



I am so excited to be a part of the 2006-2007 Michigan District Leadership Team. I am looking forward to working along side with my good friend and Optimist, Lou Moss.

Many of you do not know who I am so I'd like to tell you about myself. I consider myself to still be a newcomer to Optimism. I became an Optimist in September of 1999; it's been almost 7 years and I still feel I have a lot more to learn. First, I wish to thank Jan Gardner who sponsored me into the Clinton Township Area Optimist Club and for all the support she has given me.

I served the Clinton Township Club as their Secretary-Treasurer for 4 years and was a Distinguish President. The year I was President, we built the Shelby Township Area Optimist Club of which I am a charter member. I went on to be Lieutenant Governor for Zone 15 and as Lieutenant Governor for Zone 13.

Being a huge proponent of the Optimist International Foundation, I have served as our Club's Foundation Representative for the past

5 years. I also had the pleasure of serving on the Foundation Committee at the District Level and I have served as a facilitator in workshops at District meetings.

Other past volunteer experience includes serving on the Board of the Metro Detroit Big Brothers Big Sisters, presentations to the United Way and a volunteer to the March of Dimes.

In my other life, I manage the Lease Administration Department for Kelly Services, where I have been employed for the last 7 years. A leader in helping people find jobs, Kelly Services has offices in 28 countries. My department covers all of North America and Puerto Rico.

I'm looking forward to working with all of you in the spirit of Optimism in the coming year.

JOOI Sets Goals for 2006-2007

Tessa Hartley

Michigan District 2006-2007 JOOI Governor

The JOOI Michigan District is very excited for the upcoming year. We were able to plan and talk about what we wanted to do this year while we were in Windsor for the last Quarter Meeting. We all agree that not only do we want to build new clubs but we also want to strengthen the existing clubs and promote activities and events between neighboring clubs, so we can function as efficiently as possible as a District.

One of our major goals is to develop closer relationships with one another in the Michigan JOOI District. In past years we have met once a year at our conference, so basically the District was uninvolved with clubs until the conference, which is held near the end of the school year. This makes it difficult to get good attendance and interest in the conference when some people are completely unaware that there is a JOOI District until April. We are committed to changing this. Instead of just offering the District Conference in the spring, we plan to also offer leadership conferences for the club officers at the adult Quarter Meetings. This will be a wonderful way to moti-

vate the club leaders and brainstorm club activities but most importantly meet new people from other schools and hopefully form new friendships. To make this happen it will take the support of the advisors to get their club officers to the Quarter Meetings. (More detailed information, regarding dates, times etc., will be sent to the clubs at a later date.)



Once again I just want to say how excited we are about the year and thank the Optimist Clubs for their support of JOOI. If you don't have JOOI clubs in your area and would like to, please feel free to write me an email and I will do my best to answer any of your questions.

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Welcome to Optimist University

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"Let each man do his best."- Henry IV, 1, ACT V, Scene 2

EMPOWER YOUR TEAM TO EXCELLENCE.

- SHAKESPEARE ON LEADERSHIP

The Leadership Development Team (LDT) welcomes each and everyone to Optimist U. Our focus and commitment is on growth, development and continuous learning. We will bring you workshops and seminars at each quarterly meeting designed to energize, equip and enable you to **EXPECT SUCCESS!**

If everyone takes a real close look, it is easy to see that the stakes are high. But, the rewards are even higher as we all forge ahead and "Bring Out The Best In Kids".

Staying the course means many things to many people. For the LDT it means a full year of impactful learning experiences that are already "Designed Around You", i.e., all members of the Michigan District Optimist Team, and planned for what is often described as JUST-IN-TIME training.

- * EXPECT the JUST-IN-TIME sessions to be presented at each and every quarterly meeting as well as other conferences.
- * EXPECT the traditional "jumpstart" training events for our flagship Optimist International programs like Oratorical, Essay and Junior Golf.
- * EXPECT something new in the way of training events and Success Coaches committed to helping our Clubs to win.
- * EXPECT recognition as you achieve your own *Associate, Bachelor, Master* and *Doctorate* degrees from our own Optimist U.
- * EXPECT SUCCESS!

Our 2006 –2007 Expanded Leadership Development Team

Cherryl Thames – Chairperson

Bert Quinn – Past District Secretary/Treasurer

Robert Schiller – Governor-Elect

Michael Seltzer – MDO Success Coach

Marc Katz – Past Governor

Committee Chairs – Coaching Team

Sheryl Mitchell – Past Assistant Governor

All SMEs (Subject Matter Experts) - Coaching Partners

On the Sunny Side. . .

Positive Thoughts

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it.

If you can dream it, you can become it.

Here is a test to find out whether your mission in life is complete: If you're alive, it isn't.

There are only two ways to live your life—One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is.—Albert Einstein

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off of the goals.

-Submitted to the Optimist Magazine by the Decatur Optimist Club



"I'm sorry you had a rough day at the office, but you have the wrong house!"



How will you Expand the Michigan District?

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Michigan District New Club Building Chairperson







Dear Michigan District Optimists:

Michigan District Optimists are stars when it comes to *Bringing out the Best in Kids*. Help make Michigan shine even brighter; start a new Optimist Club and *Bring out the Best* in many more kids!

Congratulations to Michigan District Optimists for growth in membership; our numbers are on the plus side of the column for the first time in a number of years. This is due not only to maintaining healthy club membership, but also to adding new Optimist Clubs. Remember that each member serves thirty-six youth in our communities. What an impact a new club can have! Let's keep the momentum going and bring Michigan Optimism through the roof and up to the stars!

The steps outlined by Optimist International are very helpful to organize and plan your work when building a new club. They are as follows:

-  Needs Assessment – This step is all about making your plan. A study of your surrounding community, identifying potential sites for clubs and selecting potential partner organizations or groups. Part of the planning process also involves deciding on what type of club (University, Traditional, Sports, Non-Traditional, JOOI) would serve the needs of that community and identifying Builders of Excellence (a strong club and current Optimists that will help build and follow through with support).
-  Recruitment – This step focuses on identifying initial core members in the community to serve as the organizational committee. This group will recruit the potential members of the new club. They will work with the Builders of Excellence to organize the informational meetings for these potential members.
-  Meetings – A series of planning and informational meetings are followed by the formal organizational meeting and charter banquet and the installation of the officers.
-  Follow through – Follow through is a series of contacts, health checks and trainings offered to the new club by the sponsor club. Follow through is essential to developing a healthy club!

The Michigan District has many resources to help your club sponsor and build a new Optimist Club. There are numerous Builders of Excellence and Optimists with years of club building experience in your Zone and Region who would be more than willing to step forward and help you. The Optimist International website has a wealth of material such as: detail relating to the steps mentioned above, sample meeting agendas, letters to potential members, sample club's by-laws and much more. To access the New Club Building materials go to the OI website at www.optimist.org, click on Members, click on Clubs and Districts, click on New Club Building (NCB).

If you have questions, want more information or would like me to lead a discussion on New Club Building at a Regional, Super Zone or Zone meeting, please contact me. I look forward to a successful year of New Club Building for the Michigan District. Let's shoot for the Stars!

Yours in Optimism,

Janet Oord

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Membership. . . Promise Yourself to Make All Your Friends Feel that There is Something in Them

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Michigan District Membership Chairperson

As we, The Michigan District, end a spectacular year and begin to continue the upward mobility, what better way to do so than by inviting our friends to use that something in them to benefit kids. Because they are our friends, acquaintances, friends to be... let's capitalize on that and **INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP AND SERVE MORE KIDS!**

Imagine, for a moment, a child. Now imagine if you will, a child(ren) with nowhere to turn. Now imagine, if you will, a group of people who come together to help those children and thousands like them across the world. Imagine, if you will, that group of people doing everything they can to reach out to those kids in their own community. Now, look again. Are there kids you are not reaching? Wouldn't another pair of hands increase the chances that you will reach those other kids? (David L. Prather, Past Governor, Kentucky-West Virginia District).

So, one might ask, 'Why now, it's just the First Quarter?' My sentiment exactly – time to capture those persons we need to reclaim and bring in new members. You can make it happen. Recruit a member today! There are some new as well as tried and true means listed below to **INCREASE MEMBERSHIP:**

Re-CHARGE: Recharge your Club's batteries – Hold a NOW Meeting

Member-Get-A-Member

- Define what your **PURPOSE** is.
- Ascertain as a member and a club – **Who are you? What do you do?**
- Answer the first two questions.
- Make sure your club is a good fit for the potential member.
- What value do you bring to the potential member? Vice versa.
- Make sure you ask the potential member to join your club.

Friend of Optimists

The FOO was designed to meet the needs of individuals who want to show support for Optimist International but don't have the time or live in an area that has an Optimist Club. Consider asking (Just Ask) businesses or individuals who have a love for kids, but just can't be there with you.

Re-INVENT: Reinvent your club to better suit its Purpose

1. Consider a name change to better reflect your Club's purpose.
2. Consider a meeting date change to accommodate member's schedule.
3. Consider changing the Club's meeting location – family-friendly, smoke/alcohol free restaurant or hall.
4. Consider a monthly or quarterly evening meeting for socialization, networking and new member recruitment.

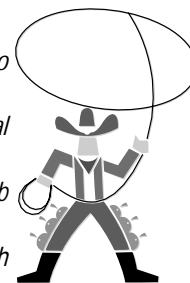
Re-NEW: Renew interest among current, inactive or former members of your club

1. Optimist International Office can provide a list of your Club's deleted members, allowing you to send a letter or to call them and inform them of the Club's exciting new projects. Hopefully no members were deleted without having been contacted. Remember, as former members, they too were about "Bringing out the Best in Kids".
2. Appreciate the Members you have by honoring an Optimist of the Month or Quarter.
3. At least once a quarter, invite youth who have benefited from an Optimist program to your meeting.
4. Add a new project or activity to generate new enthusiasm.

Round Em' Up Membership Incentive

The "Round Em' Up" Campaign is a member outreach program targeting former and inactive members. The basic plan of action is as follows:

- *Define who is inactive and why*
- *Establish a Member buddy system to make contact with the inactive Member*
- *Make contact using phone calls, personal visits, a letter or special invitation*
- *Pick up and bring the person to a Club meeting or event*
- *Receive a "Round Em' Up" banner patch for each 3 former Members who return*



PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER ASSISTANCE ON HOW TO INCREASE YOUR CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP.



And the Adventure Begins Anew!!

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Michigan District 2006-2007 Governor-Elect

I cannot properly explain to you the complexity of the experience of being involved in a contested race for a most important position, especially with a friend. It is truly humbling. I am honored to be your Governor – Elect, and to be Mike Seltzer's friend.

The opportunity to learn from, and work with, Governor Lou is exciting and scary at the same time. Governor Lou has immeasurable experience in the intricacies of the District so the learning experience will be grand. The scary part is that she is...sooo organized!! With TOOTB (Think Outside of the Box) running through my brain, any help I can get in organizing those ideas will be invaluable. We share two key similarities that many of you may not know: 1) we were both teachers, and 2) true to Governor Lou's theme this year, we both face challenges "expecting success". It is on that theme that the next two years will be built. TOOTB challenges you to stretch beyond any current limits, set new goals, then within those goals, "Expect Success". When you stop to think about it, that is what we encourage all of the kids we work with to do. If you learn from your mistakes, you can. . . "press on to the greater achievements of the future". (Editorial Note: Sorry Past Governor Harry, it just fit)

During the first quarter, I will have more questions than answers and encourage everyone to voice their thoughts by emailing me at bob@schillerholdings.com. Here are a few questions to start with:

- How do we encourage district-wide communication between our clubs and zones on a regular basis?

- What can the District do to encourage broader participation in our quarterly meetings?
- What can the District do to reduce the mysticism that seems to surround the word "Optimist"?
- What are the benefits to businesses that would encourage them to become a major sponsor of the Michigan District of Optimist International?

Your thoughts are the key to our success! Throw those ideas out on the table, add a couple dashes of TOOTB, and watch the Michigan District flourish for years to come. Together we are the Michigan District with the greatest members and clubs in all of Optimist International. Now is the time to raise your voices, spread optimism throughout the District, and as Governor Lou has stated, "Expect Success" in everything you do this year.

All of the Past Lieutenant Governors that I have worked with know that I end with a poem, a thought, or a challenge. It is the challenges that made them truly experience optimism...so:

GOVERNOR – ELECT CHALLENGE FOR THE FIRST QUARTER:

Bring one new member (or an older one, or a really old one for that matter) and one Board member to the First Quarter Meeting in Clinton Township, at the ConCorde, on October 20, 2006.



Congratulations to our 2006 Michigan District Junior Golf Champions

Sherry Regiani

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Michigan District OIJGC Chairperson

The 2006 District Golf Tournament was a great success with 96 participants, 17 of whom who went on to compete at the Optimist International Junior Golf Competition (OIJGC) in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

Sherry Regiani and Don Brose with the Lower Division Winners and their sponsoring clubs: First Place - back row, L-R: Evette Booker, Detroit; Francesco Ruffino, Birmingham; Kyle Cooper, Clarkston; Brandi Studer, Jackson. Second Place - front row, L-R: Zachery Brammer, Davison; Seth Studer, Jackson; Amanda Gardiner, SCS-GrossePointe-Warren.

It is not too early to be planning for your local 2007 Qualifying Tournament. Start contacting your local golf club NOW. The 2007 Michigan District Tournament will be June 18-19, 2007 at the Davison Country Club.

Michigan Clubs holding a Qualifier after the District Deadline: While not the ideal situation, your junior golfers who shoot a low-enough score will be exempt from qualifying next year IF the following is met:

1. You send in your District Report listing participant names and scores before the end of the year. (The form is available on our website – or call me to have one faxed or mailed to you.)
2. Your club sends the \$7.50/participant fee with the report.

The 2007 District Tournament Registration packet will be mailed to Qualifiers in January and I'll notify you who's attending. Your club will have the option of paying the registration or not—or reimbursing your Golfers.



A Warm Michigan Optimist Welcome to Dennis and Ann Lane, 2006-2007 Optimist International Vice-President

We want to extend a warm Michigan welcome to our 2006-2007 Optimist International Vice-President Dennis Lane and his wife and "Teammate" Ann Lane. They will be our guests at the First Quarter "Optimist Family Reunion" also known as the First Quarter Conference, on October 20 – 22, 2006

Dennis heads our region comprised of six districts: Central Ontario, Indiana North, Michigan, Midwestern Ontario, Ohio, and Southwestern Ontario. Since each district has some tie to the auto industry, we named our region the "Fast Lane Region" with a race car theme.

Dennis and Ann are a wonderful Optimist duo from Baldwin, Maryland. Dennis is a retired Marketing Education Teacher and Ann recently retired as an Administrative Assistant to a Vice President of Med Star Health. They are both members of the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club.

Dennis has had a variety of positions at the club, district and international levels. His experience will be appreciated by all in attendance at the meeting. Following is a brief overview of Dennis Lane's Optimist experiences:

Local Club:

Charter Member of the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club of Phoenix, Maryland (Joined September 1984), Charter Club Secretary 1984-1985, Club Director several years, Club President 1993-1994, Chairman of the Board 1994-1995, Club Committees—Oratorical Contest, Essay Contest, Respect for Law, Childhood Cancer Campaign—(Golf Balls Against Childhood Cancer & Aluminum Can Recycling for CCC), OI Foundation Representative, Club Bulletin Editor, Independence Day Celebration, Family Appreciation Night, Youth Appreciation Dinner, Stock Market Challenge, Membership, HOBY, Bull Roast, Shop With a Cop, and other Youth Projects.

District Level:

Lieutenant Governor 1999-2000, Distinguished & Outstanding Governor 2001-2002, District Chair—Convention Committee, District Bulletin Editor, Leadership Development Committee, Club Services & Tracking Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Help them Hear Foundation, HOBY

Optimist International:

Certified Trainer 2002-present, Member OI Club Services Committee 2004-2005, OI Convention Faculty 2003, 2004, 2005

Tracking Success. . .One PGI Level at a Time

Linda Ingersoll

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Michigan District PGI Chairperson

Fall is in the air....kids have filled their backpacks, school buses are back on their schedules, classes have started and before you know it, report cards will once again track the progress of the students. As an Optimist member, what classes have you chosen, what goals have you set for yourself.....and what will your report card reflect????

You may be asking "What classes or report card??" It's the Personal Growth & Involvement (PGI) program offered through Optimist International and the Michigan District; your PGI passport is your personal tracker for accomplishments. Have you signed up for this program yet? What are you waiting for?

PGI is a fun and cost free way for members to grow as Optimists. As members learn more about the organization and are encouraged to take an active part in the various programs, everyone benefits – the club, the zone, the region and the Michigan District. The start of each Optimist year is the ideal time to reflect on your past accomplishments and set new goals for the upcoming year. Did you work on a club or District committee? Did you chair a committee? Were you part of a new club building effort? Did you bring in new members? Each of

these areas is included in one of the levels of growth and is an item that can be checked off for the PGI program.

So often we hear "I don't do these things for the recognition" and that is a fantastic approach to your Optimist activities. We all agree we do these things to benefit the kids in our communities. But by taking a personal interest in tracking what you have done and setting stretch goals or personal challenges for what you can yet do, your club, zone, region and the Michigan District will all grow with you.

I challenge each club to assign a PGI representative. As the PGI Committee Chair for the Michigan District, I will work with the club representatives to get them a supply of Passports as well as help them to track their club members' accomplishments and in turn get the recognition as they work thru the PGI program. In addition, we will have a breakout session at the First Quarter District Meeting during which we will work through one of the many PGI modules –New Member Orientation. Completing the PGI modules marks another success for member growth.



2005-2006 Scrapbook Winners

Maggie Rollinger

Michigan District CPA and Scrapbook Chairperson



The Following Clubs Received a Ribbon

| | | |
|------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Division 1 | Clubs with 25 or less | No Entry |
| Division 2 | Clubs with 26-39 | Frankenmuth |
| Division 3 | Clubs with 40-59 | No Entry |
| Division 4 | Clubs with 60 or more | Clinton Township |
| Division 5 | Open | Brighton |

The Following Clubs Received a Certificate of Appreciation

| | | |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Section 1 | Youth Work | Clinton Township |
| Section 2 | Community Service | Roseville |
| Section 3 | Fund Raising | Frankenmuth |
| Section 4 | Internal Affairs | Clinton Township |

The Grand Prize for Best Overall Scrapbook went to Clinton Township

Who'll Be Lou??? Find Out at The First Quarter Conference

At our recent Michigan District Convention, a unique item was added to our evening silent auction as a fund-raiser for the Optimist International Foundation. The item up for bids was entitled "Who'll be Lou?? Will You?" For this item, the bidder named an individual to be made up to look like our own Governor, Lou Moss. If your name was on the list and you did not want to be "made up", you could raise the bid and pass that pleasure on to someone else. I'm happy to say that the winning bid (\$200) went to Victo-

ria's Secret Holding Company, who named Jerry Woodthorp as the individual to be made up to look like Lou. This will be done on Friday evening, in the Hospitality Room, at our First Quarter Conference on October 20th at the Best Western ConCorde Inn. This will definitely be a fun event and one that you won't want to miss!! If you have any suggestions for the make-over, please bring them to the hospitality room.

Oh, Canada. . .Let's Travel to —

Karen Monville

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Michigan District Past Governor and
Optimist International Ambassador

Montréal

2007

The 2007 Optimist International Convention will be held July 4-9, 2007 in Montreal, Canada. One of the most noteworthy times an International Convention was held in Montreal was 1987, which was also the year that the change was made to allow women to become Optimist members. Now, 20 years later our International Convention will again be held in Montreal, with our first woman International President, Ronnie Dunn.

If any of you are like me and are bummed about missing the July 4th fireworks in your home town because you are attending the International Convention, do not fear. In Montreal from mid-June through mid-July, the Montreal International Fireworks Competition will be held. During this event, renowned as the most prestigious of its kind, pyro technicians from nine countries display their daring talent to compete for the gold, silver, and bronze awards.

For the past several years, the Michigan District has received recognition at the International Convention for having the most pre-registered convention attendees. At this year's District Convention, Past Governor Marc Katz issued a challenge to the Michigan District to keep this tradition going. Let's step up to the challenge and make that happen!!

Information for registration is available on the Optimist International website, www.optimist.org and will also be available at the First Quarter District Meeting. Early registration (\$125) is April 15, 2007 and advance registration (\$135) deadline is June 1, 2007. For more information about Montreal, go to www.tourisme-montreal.org.



Optimist International Foundation 2006-2007

Marc D. Katz

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Michigan District Optimist International Foundation Representative

The Optimist International Foundation was established in 1971, and has been instrumental in providing significant funding for the charitable, literary and educational purposes of Optimist International. A majority of the support received by the Optimist International Foundation is unrestricted. These donations are applied to the annual campaign, and are used to support the Oratorical, Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) and Essay Contest scholarships, the Junior Optimist Octagon International program (JOOI) and other Optimist International programs.

There are a number of ways that individual donors can support the Foundation.

Dime a Day

The Dime a Day campaign asks each Optimist member to contribute \$36.50 a year to the Optimist Foundation. The money raised from the Dime a Day program is unrestricted and is used to support the programs of Optimist International. There will be a special pin from the Foundation this year for each Optimist member who supports the Dime a Day campaign. You can make your contribution at each District Meeting this year or through your Club's Foundation Representative.

President's Club

Members may join the President's Club by making an initial gift of \$250 and renewing each year for a \$250 annual contribution. Donors receive a prestigious lapel pin showing that they are members of the President's Club.

Friend of Today

The Friends of the Optimist Foundation Society recognizes the continued generosity of Foundation donors. A Friend of Today makes a minimum donation of \$250 annually to the Foundation and receives a signed and numbered collector's plate. The collector plate is shipped directly to the donor.

Friends of Tomorrow Society

The Friends of Tomorrow Society recognizes those that have arranged a charitable bequest to the Optimist International Foundation. A bequest provides for the future needs of Optimist International programs and the Optimist International Foundation.

The Friends of Tomorrow Society is comprised of mission-based donors who understand the importance of philanthropic-minded planning, and have used this planning to include the Optimist International Foundation in their will or trust documents.

Your bequest makes a real difference in the future of our organization. It allows Optimist International to bring its message and its programs to people all over the world. Your bequest is an opportunity to perpetuate your values for generations to come.

William Harrison Society

This Society was named after the first Optimist International President, William H. Harrison, whose drive and determination helped propel Optimist International into a premier service organization. The Foundation's Board of Directors created this Society as a special way to recognize the major donors of the Foundation. To become a member of the Society, your life-to-date giving to the Optimist International Foundation must be \$10,000 or more, along with a contribution of \$1,000 annually. Annual contributions of \$1,000* are required to maintain membership in the Society. Members of the Society will be invited to attend a recognition dinner with the Foundation Board of Directors at the International Convention.

* \$1,000 annual gift is exclusive of any other Foundation recognition programs and must be contributed in subsequent years to continue receiving dinner invitations. The donor is automatically in the Society when meeting the above criteria.

Christian Larson Partners

Both Boards of the Optimist International Foundations adopted a new recognition level for a one-time \$1,000 unrestricted gift called the Christian Larson Partners, in honor of the man who wrote the Optimist Creed. This recognition, established July 5, 2006, is for those who follow the creed AND help fund the Foundations' missions through their personal giving at this level. Note: Past gifts do not qualify.

There will be a Silent Auction for the OI Foundation at the First Quarter Conference on Saturday, October 21st. It will be held during the Saturday evening dinner. If you or your club is interested in donating to the Silent Auction, that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Marc Katz if you would like more information.



Optimists In Action

Julie Howes
Editor

The summer didn't seem to slow the progress of the Michigan District regarding projects and fund raising. Here are a few highlights:

Optimist Club of Alpena has been busy securing grants for their Childhood Cancer Fund. These grants were used to contribute to a local Cancer Center, fund a get-a-way weekend for families with a child with cancer as well as to purchase 25 Companion Books for families to document their experiences.

The Bay City Noon Optimist Nooner(s) participated in the local Relay for Life to raise money for cancer research.

The Breakfast Optimist Club of Kalamazoo held a CCC Golf Outing and doubled their proceeds from last year. The money (over \$2700) will be donated to Childhood Cancer Research at John Hopkins University.

The Brighton Optimist Club held their 20th fishing derby. Over 400 children participated and a new trophy was presented this year—The Optimist Trophy-- to the child with the smallest fish.

The Optimist Club of Keego Harbor awarded a total of \$4,500 among 7 young people for college scholarships.

The Evening Optimist Club of Greater Muskegon sponsored a day of fun at Michigan Adventure for children from Child Haven within their community.

The Optimist Club of West Branch celebrated their 25th anniversary with a dinner and recognition of all 25 Presidents of their club.

The Western International Optimist Club held its 11th annual Respect for Law Program. A judge from the 46th District Court brought her regular court docket to the elementary school so that the students could experience the actual court sessions.

The Roseville Optimist Club was awarded the 2006 Michigan Parks and Recreation Association Community Service Award in Lansing. This award was given to the club for their outstanding work not only for needy families throughout Roseville, but also with the Parks and Recreation Department. They were nominated by the Roseville Parks and Recreation program coordinator.

Just a reminder—information for this article comes from club bulletins or emails received throughout the year. Please submit this information to:

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It's Back. . .The Michigan District EXPO!

Mary Lowery
Michigan District Director of Committees

The Michigan District EXPO was such a great success that we will be offering it again for the 2006-2007 year. The EXPO is a chance for the District Committee Chairs to share information with the members on the many projects that OI offers, including Oratorical, Essay, Scrapbooks, Junior Golf, Tri-Star Sports, New Club Building, Membership, Personal Growth & Involvement (PGI), OI Foundation and Community Project Awards (CPAs).

Our District Meetings offer many wonderful workshops on these items, but as those of you know, there is never enough time to attend all the workshops or breakout sessions. By visiting the EXPO, you will be able to gather information on the various Optimist activities. During the Third Quarter District Meeting in May, 2007, we will also have an area available for clubs to bring displays and information on

their projects and fundraisers. Plan now to share your club's successes with other clubs in the District.

As Director of Committees, I encourage every District Committee Chairperson to use the EXPO to their advantage and share information as well as increase interest in the many opportunities for serving our youth. If you have questions or need help during the next year, please contact me. I am always willing to help where needed. My contact information is:

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Teammates Unite for a Great Optimist Year!

Dan Moss

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Michigan District First Teammate

Most of those who know me are aware of the many positions I have held in the Optimist organization. I've helped to build several new Optimist clubs from Colorado to Michigan. I've served as a club president (three times in three different clubs); I've served as a club Secretary/Treasurer several times in three different clubs as well. I've served on the Board of Directors, committee chairs in local clubs, and considerable involvement at the District level.

I have served on the Leadership Development Committee in the Colorado/Wyoming District, and on the Conventions and Meetings Committee. I've developed a training program for Secretary-Treasurers at the District level as well as the club level. In Michigan I've served as the District Secretary-Treasurer, Leadership Development Co-Chair, Convention and District Meetings Co-Chair, Membership Chair, New Club Building Chair, Finance Chair, and Long Range Planning Chair. I've served as Lieutenant Governor and have attained the status of Distinguished Club President.

Some would say it is quite a resume in the Optimist organization. I am not telling you this to impress you, but to set up the fact that I am about to embark on the most difficult job in the Optimist organization I have ever held. For you see my wife, Lou Moss, is about to serve as the District Governor.

This means I, Dan Moss, will be serving as the "First Gentleman", the "First Mate", "First Partner", and "First Man". Whatever you want to call the position, it boils down to one thing, and it is a chal-

lenging position. For you see, I usually know exactly what Optimists want or need. BUT, this is territory I have never been in. My job this year is to entice the Spouses of our club Presidents, and other District Officers to come to the District Meetings, and then make sure they "Have a Good Time". They should enjoy themselves so much they will want to come back for the next meeting.

To do this, I have to plan events and find interesting and fun things for the spouses to do while their Optimist Mates are attending training sessions at the meetings. Not so easy when you consider I have not met many of them and have no clue what their interests are.

So, I am pleading with you, whether you are an Optimist Member reading this or a Spouse of an Optimist member reading this: write me, call me, email me with ideas of what your spouse might like to do at these quarterly meetings. I will do my best to make this come true, but I just need some input. Elsewhere in this newsletter are the sites and cities where the meetings will be. So if you are aware of any attractions or things to do in these areas, please let me know.

I will do my best to keep the cost in line and still make it fun. Meanwhile, I look forward to this challenging year, and meeting all the spouses in the District. I would like to have the email addresses and birthdates of the spouses as well, so please forward them to me while you are thinking of it.

Mark Your Calendar for the First Quarter Conference Clinton Township, Michigan: October 20, 21, 22, 2006

Barry Burnham

Michigan District Convention and Meetings Chairperson

It's fall in Michigan and we are all excited about kicking off Governor Lou's year with much success. We need your help! The First Quarter Conference will be held October 20, 21, 22, 2006, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn located in Governor Lou's home town of Clinton Township. The convention committee has a special theme waiting to surprise you as you adventure into the World of Optimism starting with the Tropical Celebration at the Friday night party and then continuing Saturday by attending work shops and round tables. A special treat for your travels! Then we will conclude Saturday evening with a gourmet dinner and a Halloween Party. Come in your regular costume or surprise everyone with your favorite Halloween costume. What a frightful experience this could be! Bring your spouse and children as there will be a special day trip planned for both. Hope to see you all there.

DIRECTIONS: All roads lead to Clinton Township

Take I-75 South to M-59 East then South on Gratiot

~OR~

I-94 East to M-59 West then South on Gratiot

~OR~

I-96 East to I-696 East to I-94 East to M-59 West then South on Gratiot.

BEST WESTERN CONCORDE INN

44315 GRATIOT

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN 48036



Register Today For The Michigan Optimists 2006- 2007 First Quarter Conference



Friday, October 20, 2006 Executive Board Meeting/Hospitality Room
Saturday, October 21, 2006 General Business Meeting & Breakout Sessions
Sunday, October 22, 2006 Breakfast with the Michigan District Optimist Family and "Edu-tainment"

Please Use **One** Form Per Optimist Member!

Name: _____

Name for Badge: _____

Phone: () _____

Zone: _____

Club Name: _____

2006-2007 Office: _____

First Timer? ____ Yes ____ No

Any Special Meal Needs: _____

If attending, Spouse/Guest Name: _____

If attending, child's name(s) and age(s): _____

****General Session Starts @ 8:45 a.m. ****

Please check the Workshops and Round Tables you plan to attend:

- ___ Assistant and Lieutenant Governors Training
- ___ Presidents Training
- ___ Secretary/Treasurers Training
- ___ New Club Building
- ___ Membership
- ___ PGI (Personal Growth and Involvement)
- ___ Junior Golf Tournament
- ___ JOOI Youth Clubs
- ___ Essay Contest
- ___ Oratorical Contest
- ___ Achievements and Awards
- ___ Childhood Cancer Campaign
- ___ Tri-Star Sports
- ___ Scrapbooks and CPA (Community Project Awards)
- ___ Working With Difficult People
- ___ Imagineers

Make Your Hotel Reservations Today!!

(Please mention that you are with the MI District Optimists)

Best Western ConCorde Inn
44315 Gratiot
Clinton Township, Michigan 48036
(586) 493-7300

Make Reservations by October 7th

Room Rate: \$85 (Jacuzzi rooms available)

Please Check Which Activities You will Attend:

- Early Registration:** _____ @ \$30 = _____
Must be faxed or postmarked before October 13, 2006.
Registration includes coffee, lunch and meeting room charges.
- Late Registration:** _____ @ \$35 = _____
Faxed or postmarked after October 13, 2006.
Lunch **NOT** guaranteed.
- Spouse's Activity:** _____ @ \$15 = _____
Take a tour of local museums and attractions that helped to shape the area's history. Lunch is not included. Leave hotel lobby at 9:00 a.m.
- Children's Activities:**
C.J. Barrymore's (Saturday Daytime) _____ @ \$10 = _____
Pizza and Pool Party (Saturday Evening) _____ @ \$5 = _____
- Past Governors' Breakfast:** _____ @ Free = _____
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
- Assistant Governors' and Lieutenant Governors' Breakfast:** _____ @ Free = _____
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
- First Timer's and Spouse's Continental Breakfast (8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.):** _____ @ Free = _____
- Saturday Evening Dinner:** _____ @ \$30 = _____
6:00 p.m. Reception for Optimist International Vice-President and Teammate, Dennis and Ann Lane
7:00 p.m. Dinner and Halloween Party (please come in costume)
- Michigan District Optimists Family Breakfast and "Edu-tainment":** _____ @ \$15 = _____
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Total: _____

Please Make Checks Payable To: **Michigan District Optimists**

Send or Fax Registration to:
Doris Modrak, Secretary-Treasurer
17177 Kingsbrooke Drive
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Home Phone: (586) 286-6377 Fax Number: (248) 822-9350

Please note Policy #C7: All requests for refunds of prepaid registrations must be made in writing by the pre-registered individual. Such requests must be received by the Convention Chair or Secretary-Treasurer before the last day of the convention.



Michigan District
Optimist International

Next OptiViews Deadline
December 2, 2006

Submit articles via e-mail to Nicole:
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The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself ~

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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