

Optimist Programs Bring Out the Best in Kids!

Children's Holiday Wish Program with The Bloomfield Hills Optimist Club



Bloomfield Township Police Chief, Don Zimmerman, takes a break from collecting all the presents.

Holiday Greetings to all of you Michigan Optimists out there. This is a time of year when we are all busy personally, professionally and with club activities. However, we have an idea that can have a huge impact on kids in your area.

This year, our small, but enthusiastic, 40 member club is serving over 2500 children in need in Oakland County with our Children's Holiday Wish Program. We will fulfill their actual wishes up to \$40 and the presents will be delivered to

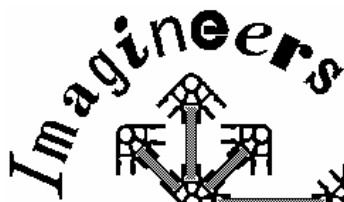
them at their schools. How do we do it? We have partnered with our local provider of human services, Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA), to identify children in our community who are in danger of going without holiday gifts and who are also OLHSA clients. After working through the initial logistics to verify confidentiality, they now annually identify the children for our program, get the necessary parental permission, ask for their actual wishes and give us their information in a spreadsheet. We "rework" that information into wish lists and put them into binders with a promotional poster and tote bag with gift tags and donation envelopes. Then we go out to local schools, companies, government entities and others in the community in October / November and ask them to voluntarily sponsor children. This year we will pick up over 2100 children's wishes, wrapped and individually tagged from these generous sponsors. All from donations off of our books! Our club will provide another 400 gifts from our fund raising efforts throughout the year.

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Design-Build Contest for Fifth-Graders with The Birmingham Optimist Club

fill a need - solve a problem

Imagineers® was created in 1998 by The Birmingham Optimist Club and the Construction Specifications Institute (a professional organization for people in construction) to heighten awareness of Engineers' Week. Since then, public and private schools throughout southeast Michigan have been invited to register, resulting in hundreds of teams, from scores of schools, participating in this contest.

Imagineers® challenges each team to design and build a project to "fill a need and solve a problem" using household materials like foam cups, plastic spoons and picnic plates, K'NEX toys, and 3 mystery items. Judging is based on creativity, functionality, integrity of construction, and effective integration of 2 of the 3 mystery items. Teams compete in 5 contests, each with 2 declared winners, which then enter a grand judging. Prizes are awarded to winners and their respective schools.

Space is limited and only 75 teams can presently be accommodated. This program is so popular that teams are turned away. The Optimist clubs need to consider expanding the program so that all schools and teams can participate.

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“Expect Success” in all you do!

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Thank you Optimist members

The first quarter of this Optimist year has been terrific! My husband, **Dan Moss**, and I witnessed the Installation of Officers for 33 Optimist Clubs in our Michigan District along with several Optimist meetings and events. No matter where we were, it was great to be with our wonderful Optimist family! Everyone made us feel so welcome. I love this job...thank you Optimists!

Our First Quarter “Optimist Family Reunion” was a great success with loads of learning and fun. It was wonderful to have our Optimist International Vice-President **Dennis Lane** and his wife, **Ann**, visiting us for the weekend. They were inspiring and supportive to all of us.

A special thank you to **Cherryl Thames**, District Leadership and Development Chair, her committee, and the Convention and Meetings Chair, **Barry Burnham**, and his committee. They helped to make it a great weekend for all in attendance...full of surprises...exceeding my goalposts of “Expect Success”. A BIG thank you to Past Governor **Jerry Woodthorp** for dressing up for the “Who will be Lou” look alike OI Foundation “pay off”. It sure was great fun seeing him dressed in purple with silver stars...blonde hair and red lipstick too!

Second Quarter Regional “Optimist Family Reunions”

We have a perfect opportunity for ALL Optimist members to enhance their personal development and growth through Optimism. Our Second Quarter Regional “Optimist Family Reunion” for Regions 1 and 2 will be **Saturday, February 10** at Saginaw State University; Regions 3 and 4 will be **Saturday, February 24th** at Marygrove College in Detroit.

In addition to information for all Optimists, **Bob Schiller**, Governor-Elect will be hosting sessions on “Catch A Rising Star” to inform members about leadership positions for the 2007-2008 Optimist year. During the afternoon session, Immediate Past Distinguished Governor **Don Brose** will present awards to clubs and individuals for their merits during the 2005-2006 Optimist year. I encourage all members to attend this one-day “reunion” to energize your Optimism.

OI Regional Meeting: “Fast Lane Midyear Pit Stop”

Frankenmuth, Michigan will be the destination of six Optimist International Districts as we meet for the “Fast Lane Midyear Pit Stop,” March 23-24, at the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Lodge. Optimists from six Optimist International Districts are invited: Michigan, Ohio, Indiana North, Southwestern Ontario, Midwestern Ontario and Central Ontario. Michigan’s own **Michael Angelo Caruso** is our Keynote Speaker Extraordinaire. There will be Optimist and personal growth information...everyone is invited! Please check out the Michigan District website at www.michiganoptimists.org for further details.

Remember our Optimist International and Michigan District Goals

I hope everyone is remembering our goals set out for us by Optimist International President **Ronnie Dunn**: Membership, New Club Building and JOOI (Junior Optimists Octagon International)...service to youth. We embrace the same goals for our Michigan District. Here are a few quick thoughts about each:

Membership: Every club should have one N.O.W. (New Optimists Wanted) event per quarter. Make it fun! If you are having a youth event, social gathering, or fundraiser, make it a point to invite friends and relatives to participate. The membership chair or president should explain the benefits of “belonging” to your club and have members share some of the great things that you do in your club. Pass out membership applications and ASK people to join, then show them appreciation. If for some reason they are not able to be full time members, they can be a “Friend of Optimists”. In November, the **Birmingham Optimist Club** held a fundraiser and **Herb Strather** was featured as the keynote speaker. By the end of the evening, seven people stepped forward to become new members! If you need help with membership, contact our District Membership Chair, **Dorothy Tyler** (313-342-4298). Expect Success!

New Club Building: Every community should have an Optimist Club. There are plenty of youth and community needs which can be satisfied by an Optimist Club. There is no greater service project than to build a new club. We have several that have been promised and a few started in our district this year. It’s time to get them all started and completed! Need some help with a new club? Just contact District New Club Building Chair, **Jan Oord** (269-324-5975).

JOOI: We have 31 JOOI Clubs in the Michigan District. Does your club currently sponsor a JOOI Club? We have a wonderful JOOI Board led by the JOOI Governor **Tessa Hartley**. The board, along with two great advisors, **Jean Dasuqi** (248-625-0504) and **Rocco Romano** (248-435-8173), are ready to help your club start a new JOOI club...just ask! Thank you to the **Waterford Optimist Club** for sponsoring the first new JOOI Club of the new Optimist year, the **Mott Motivate Octagon Club**. Special thanks to Zone 11 Lieutenant Governor **Debbie Berry** for all of her efforts to make it happen.

Pennies for People...Pennies for JOOI

At the 2006 Optimist International Convention in Nashville, President (Elect at that time) **Ronnie Dunn** asked every Optimist Club to collect pennies at meetings and events for the “Pennies for People” campaign.

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Every district was asked to collect the pennies and bring them to the 2007 Optimist International Convention in Montreal. Simply take a jar and pass it around to collect "pocket change" pennies for JOOI. You will be surprised at how quickly it can grow!

Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth

Auburn Hills Morning Optimist Club volunteered to host the Michigan District Competition for the Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth. The "youth" is added at the end of the title since it will vary slightly from the Optimist International competition. The contest will be held on **Saturday, April 28, 2007, at Oakland Community College-Auburn Hills Campus**. There will be a separate contest for grades 13 and 14 (community college students). **Kathy Gaita**, chair, encourages club involvement and sponsorships. If you are interested, please contact **Kathy Gaita** (248-618-6392).

Communication...a key to success!

I really enjoy the club newsletters sent or e-mailed by the clubs. Please check to make sure that your newsletter is being sent to all of the following listed in the directory: **Optimist International; Lou Moss**, Governor; **Doris Modrak**, Secretary-Treasurer; **Bob Schiller**, Governor-Elect; **Julie Howes**, Optimists in Action; **Dr. Joseph Sasaki**, District Historian. Special appreciation goes to **Nicole Ingersoll** for her diligent work on our *Optiviews* newsletter.

Expect Success!

It is heartwarming to me to hear district leaders and club members repeat the "Expect Success" theme. One of the newer clubs, **Rochester Area Optimists**, want to challenge the other clubs in our district to an "Expect Success" cheer at the second quarter regional "Optimist Family Reunions". How creative can your club be? I "Expect Success" in all you do!

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Please feel free to visit our web site, which is under construction, at www.bloomfieldoptimist.org for more information. We will happily give you all the details and materials for free, after January 1st, if you are interested. This can work for your club in your area too! Bye for now, the real fun begins as we marshal our volunteers and trucks to go around town picking things up and delivering the week of December 11th. Happy Holidays!

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This year the program will be held:

January 20, 2007
Summit Place Mall
315 North Telegraph Road
Waterford, MI 48328

The first round starts at 9:00 AM and the last round starts around 4:00 PM. Each round will last an hour with time in between for judging, photos, and set-up.

Policy Change Requests

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Michigan District Policies Chairperson

The policies of the Michigan District embody the guidelines for all of us in performing the functions of the District. They are not intended to give detailed instruction on every aspect of the District but are meant to provide guidelines. Periodically, changes, additions or clarifications are deemed necessary in order to bring this document up to date. If you would like to review these, they are a part of the Michigan District Directory which is in the hands of your Club Secretary-Treasurer, your President and your Lt. Governor. In your review of the policies, please note Article A19. This describes how revisions are to be made

"These policies shall be reviewed at least annually by the district policies committee and be revised as is necessary. All revisions of policy shall be reviewed by the executive committee and approved by the board of directors. Policies may be reviewed and revised by the board of directors at other times as is necessary."

I welcome any of your suggestions for revisions. Send them to me and, assuming that they represent a legal procedure, clarify the article in question or will define a procedure required by the district, I will discuss it with you and take it to the executive committee and to the board of directors. The next opportunity to do that is the 3rd quarter meeting in May at Midland. In the past I have stated that policy revisions must be brought to all of the members of the district in writing and be voted on by a convention of all of the members, not just the board of directors. I still believe that is the best way to do revisions, but as you can see from your policies, it is not necessary.

Have an addition, a correction, a clarification? Let me know and I will work with you on it.




With Love...That's How We Welcome Our New Optimists
New Members Who Joined During 9/01/06—11/30/06

<u>Bay City</u>	<u>Kalamazoo-Breakfast</u>	<u>East Shore-Grosse Pointe</u>	<u>Battle Creek-Harper Creek</u>	<u>Dearborn</u>
Patrick Rokosz	Jim Allen	Donna Handley	Anthony Drake	Barry Murray
Sandra Paulus	Jeanette Meyer	Mary Ruhanna	Patty Blankenship	Mike Kirk
<u>West Branch</u>	Karen Monville	Lorrie Lipa	Lance Dougherty	Bonnie Ordus
Marilyn Louis	Emily Terry	Stephen Lee	<u>Brighton</u>	<u>Detroit-New Prospect</u>
Vivian McCreadie	<u>Kalamazoo</u>	Patricia Verb	Donna Campbell	Tracy Jones
Diane Tompkins	Richard Patterson	<u>Auburn Hills</u>	Robert Campbell	Deborah Taylor
Judith Lezotte	<u>Mason</u>	George Heitsch	<u>Birmingham</u>	Anthony Palmer
Benjamin D Lowery	Nathan Clark	Greg Little	Stuart Irwin	Kimberly Robinson
Scott Kenney	<u>Mt Pleasant-Sunrise</u>	Tim Kroninger	<u>Royal Oak</u>	Kimberly Streeeter
Lindsay Abraham	Julie Rookard	<u>Detroit-Northwest</u>	Allen Pruner	Cokey Adams-Powell
Donald Lehman	Rick Rautanen	Charles Hales	<u>Clawson-Troy</u>	Elaine Griffin
Timothy LaVere	Abbey Price	Learah Gilliam	Amy Reaume	<u>Frankenmuth</u>
<u>Niles</u>	<u>Grand Blanc</u>	Debra Hughes	Bianca Burton	Adele Martin
Bill Walters	Kevin Smith	Katrina McCree	<u>Keego Harbor</u>	Betty Lamski
Mark Tumbleson	Michelle Horton	Phillip Gordon	John Scott	<u>Battle Creek-Pennfield</u>
Shawn Lenfestey	David Sumner	Clyde Lewers	<u>Pontiac</u>	Judy Mackinder
Tammy Blankenship	Carol Haller-Wedel	<u>Detroit-Western Int'l</u>	Chris Northcross	Michael Kelley
Terry Colby	<u>Ann Arbor-Breakfast</u>	Erie Hudgens	<u>West Bloomfield</u>	<u>Jackson</u>
Walter Hornberger	Susan Kung	Peaton Buchanan	Antonia Feldman	Jason Coker
<u>Niles-Riverfront</u>	<u>Clarkston Area</u>	Brian Dupree	Anne Sowden	<u>Manchester</u>
Amanda Gilbert	Robert Kostin	<u>Roseville</u>	Thomas Butler	Kevin Mowrer
Sarah Majerek	Maria Mark	David Volpini	<u>Clinton Township</u>	<u>Flint-Downtown</u>
David Vandyke	Hope Mason	Ryan Peterson	Michael Emmi	David Shun
Scott Majerek	<u>Southfield-Lathrup</u>	<u>Grand Rapids-Kent</u>	Margaret Howard	<u>Flint-Greater</u>
Louis Baigorria	Kevin O'Dell	Suzanne Gruber	<u>Shelby Township</u>	Lanesha Debardeleben
John Lidecker	Julius Readus	<u>Saginaw</u>	James Myny	<u>Ann Arbor</u>
Bob Croteau	Maxine Willis	Jay Smith	Sally Myny	Lloyd Powell
Steve Gonter	Paula Vaughn-Ciszewski	<u>Berrien Springs</u>	<u>Central Macomb</u>	Stever Towery
Peggy Gonter	<u>Northville</u>	Sanford Peck	Kathleen Vatalaro	<u>Bloomfield Hills</u>
<u>Cassopolis</u>	Penny Stocks	Jacqueline Peck	Dorothy Hardy	Karen Miller
Annabelle Harris	Eugene Osentoski	<u>Decatur</u>	Sara Glover	James Lewis
Mary McFarland	Carron Koester	Mary Fosdick	<u>Traverse City</u>	<u>Detroit-Greater Grace</u>
Anthony McFarland	Paul Mullen	Missy Klimczak	Christal Wilcox	Claudia Williams
<u>Muskegon Mona Shores</u>	Jo Ann McKernan	<u>Okemos-Meridian Township</u>	Chester Simonelli	Maxine Chisholm
Freeman Flowers	<u>Scottville</u>	Phil Carter	Lisa Rossi	
Stephanie Smith	Chris Carr	Fred Ruppert	Dennis Shiemke	



Thank You to Our Sponsors for Spreading the Joy of Optimism From September Through November 2006

<u>Bay City</u>	<u>Niles-Riverfront</u>	<u>Clarkston Area</u>	<u>Detroit-Greater Grace</u>	<u>Brighton</u>	<u>Detroit-New Prospect</u>
Karen Monville	Tom Majerek	Kelley Kostin	Janice Hayes	Scot Karevich	Rosalyn Jones
Philip Paulus	John Willis	Don Brose	Annie Greene	<u>Birmingham</u>	Gwendolyn Coleman
<u>West Branch</u>	Lisa Croteau	Robin Brose	<u>Detroit-Western Int'l</u>	Gordon Fox	Shirley Williams
Kirk Louis	<u>Cassopolis</u>	<u>Southfield-Lathrup</u>	Robert Saulsberry	<u>Royal Oak</u>	Velma Hall
Joy Doss	Donna Rhodes	Warren Goodell	Charles King	Bonnie Bourque	Annie Spearman-Sain
Vicky Diehl	<u>Muskegon Mona Shores</u>	Cherryl Thames	Alison Tilles	<u>Keego Harbor</u>	Alice Reed
Nancy Griffin	William Munroe	Denise Murray	<u>Roseville</u>	Edward Simons	<u>Traverse City</u>
Mary Lowery	<u>Scottville</u>	<u>Northville</u>	Shirley Blumberger	<u>West Bloomfield</u>	Timothy Simonelli
Vicky Barnes	Jim Christensen	Ruth Schmidt	<u>Grand Rapids-Kent</u>	Robert Schiller	<u>Frankenmuth</u>
Debra Abraham	<u>Kalamazoo</u>	Lori Dow	Harry Margo	Allen Adelberg	Bonnie Maurer
Richard Bachelder	Dave McKee	Michael Nadolski	<u>Saginaw</u>	Jack Freed	<u>Jackson</u>
Benjamin C Lowery	<u>Mason</u>	James Keskey	Gerald Deslover	<u>Clinton Township</u>	Donald Riley
<u>Niles</u>	Ronald Surato	<u>East Shore-Grosse Pointe</u>	<u>Berrien Springs</u>	Angela Emmi	<u>Manchester</u>
Osceola Skinner	<u>Mt Pleasant-Sunrise</u>	Greg Jakub	Charles Mauro	Cheryl Baxa	Lamont Okey
Rudy Kappe	Nathaniel Lockwood	Judith Latcha	<u>Decatur</u>	<u>Shelby Township</u>	<u>Flint-Downtown</u>
Dana Trowbridge	Eric Vanhevel	<u>Auburn Hills</u>	Edna Ralton	Lou Moss	Michael Murphy
Diane Bass	<u>Grand Blanc</u>	Lane Glenn	Clarence Rex	<u>Central Macomb</u>	<u>Flint-Greater</u>
Tammy Blankenship	Daniel Draper	Brian McBroom	<u>Battle Creek-Harper Creek</u>	Elaine Lyon	Sandra Crichton
Dr. Robert Todd	Don Brose	James Bird	Duncan Bailey	Cindie Szarek	<u>Bloomfield Hills</u>
<u>Kalamazoo-Breakfast</u>	<u>Ann Arbor-Breakfast</u>	<u>Detroit-Northwest</u>	Rachelle Myers	<u>Ann Arbor</u>	Tamara Tazzia
Chris Shults	Jerry Kelley	John Davis	Patrick Dougherty	Carol Tice	<u>Okemos-Meridian Township</u>
Valerie Lippincott	<u>Dearborn</u>	Secialue Porter	<u>Clawson-Troy</u>	<u>Battle Creek-Pennfield</u>	William Magee
Julie Howes	Floyd Addison	Sandra Stanfield	Richard Donahue	Robert Mann	Jerry Cash
Dale Harrison	Tom Laundroche	Patrick Gordon	Gail Avey	Beverly Kelley	

Michigan District College Clubs are on the Rise! Welcome our Three New College Clubs Who Joined During 9/01/06— 11/30/06



<u>Lake Michigan College-</u>	Stephen Mace	<u>Oakland Community</u>	Jolene Lagock	<u>Go Blue-University of</u>	Tamara Marzouk
<u>Bertrand Crossing</u>	Steven Madi	<u>College-Highland Lakes</u>	De Andra Liddell	<u>Michigan</u>	Keiron Mcewen
Laura Baltazar	Patricia McDaniel	Stephanie Bock	Courtney McDonald	Evette Hollins	Andrew Mikolajczak
Jacob Brown	Mukang'Andu Ng'Andwe	Sasha Wardach	Joe Ogg	Karmyn Wedlow	Lolika Moss
Naomi Behnke	Natasha Nsambo	Anna Alcorta	Julie Ogg	Scharnice Ward	Bayyinah Muhammad
Stacy Borr	Chris Reed	Michelle Bednarski	Kelly Ogg	Amanda Browe	Carla Sanders
Barbara Craig	Gibran Routley	Ashley Berry	Steve Ogg	Marie Bryant	Brittany Spear
Ra'Shaun Crawford	Jared Rusher	Debbie Berry	Chima Onyrimba	Jessica Cartek	Nathaniel Stewart
Jeremy Croteau	Paul Smith	Leonard Brown	Natalie Pardington	Jose Esparza	Jenna Toco
Ashlee Donkersloot	Alison Tidwell	Katie Burdick	Jessica Pawloske	Kristen Gates	Janay White
Aurora Eby	Courtney Trautman	Tiffany Evans	Kristin Potter	Alexandria Glispie	Connae Williams
Javaughn Fernandez	Tristan Turner	Tomasz Jaltuszyk	Janet Proctor	Phillip Gray	Alexis Pugia
Gino Galang	Robert Warburton	Isaiah Jones	Victoria Rexford	Eddie Hall	
Brandon Gritton	Tammi Williams	Emily Krause	Melissa Roy	Ashley Jones	
Amber Krycka	Tracey Wreggelsworth	Bonita Kuhn	Sandi Seaman	Patrice Langford	
Brandon Kyles		Chuck Kuhn		Darnell Lewis	



Essay Contest: "I Want to Make a Difference Because..."

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Michigan District Essay Contest Chairperson

It's that time again to recruit talented youth to write essays for the District Essay Contest. Get an Essay Contest Chairperson and start canvassing your local schools, youth groups or perhaps just ask friends and/or neighbors to participate.

The topic this year is "I Want to Make a Difference because...".

If your club hasn't already started, get started and have a contest this year. You could be the chairperson and your club could produce the 1st place winner. "Umm, what a thought!" Encourage those youth around you to write about making a difference.

Help to make this year's contest better than last year. We had 25 clubs participate and this year I would like to see that number doubled. Contact me if you need guideline information. You may also get contest rules at www.optimist.org. If your club is not having a

contest and you have a student who wants to participate, please refer them to our At-Large Chairperson.

The winner at the district level is eligible to win a \$650 scholarship & a winner's plaque. The essay must be between 400-500 words in length and the eligible students must be under the age of 19 as of Dec. 31, 2006.

All individual club essay winners must be submitted to me no later than February 28, 2007. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

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Are You Ready for the Upcoming JOOI Conference?

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Michigan District JOOI Co-Chairperson



The goal of the Michigan District JOOI Board is to start new clubs and keep the ones we have strong. One way is to have participation at the Annual Michigan District JOOI Conference from as many clubs as possible.

This year's conference will be held at Clawson High School, Clawson, Michigan. It will start at 6:00PM Friday night on April 20, 2007 and will end on Saturday April 21, 2007 at 4:00PM. The Friday night activities and overnight stay will be for Middle School and High School JOOI Clubs only. We will only have access to the pool on Friday night. The conference facility will have quiet areas for sleeping, a cafeteria for food, the theatre for conference keynote speaker, presentations, election speeches etc, the double gym for volleyball/basketball, and various classrooms for breakout sessions. Herb Strather will be our keynote speaker.

Few kids get to attend the International Convention but the District Conference is tangible and can be a great experience for our young optimists. We challenge/invite all JOOI club sponsors/advisors to support and encourage participation in the conference by their JOOI clubs.

We have exciting plans for a fun and inspiring weekend. We hope to see many JOOI members in Clawson.

Tentative Agenda

Friday April 20:

- 6:00PM - Registration
- 7:00PM - Get Acquainted/Ice Breakers/Pasta Dinner
- 9:00PM - Gymnasium/Pool
- 11:00PM - Discussion Group/Movies/Free Time/Sleep

Saturday April 21:

- 8:00AM - Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 9:00AM - Welcome/Ice Breaker
- 10:00AM - Break Out Sessions
- 11:00AM - Break Out Sessions
- 12:00PM - Pizza Lunch
- 1:00PM - Comments/Keynote address
- 2:00PM - Election Process/Candidate Speeches
- 3:00PM - Elections/Meet the Officers/Free Time/games
- 3:30PM - 4:30PM - Conference ends



New Club Building

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Michigan District New Club Building Chairperson



"The toughest part is... just getting started!" When you talk to expert Optimist Club Builders, this is what they will tell you. Just like any project you've had on your list of 'to do's', taking that first step is the toughest part. So, how should you get started? Following are a few ideas to help you get out your telescope and focus in on that new star of an Optimist Club in your community:

- ★ Sit down with 2 – 3 of your Optimist friends and brainstorm a list of influential community or business leaders who might be interested in building a new club. When you get a core group of 4 – 6, you will be off and running. With your guidance, this core group will take on the work of building their club.
- ★ Identify a Church that would benefit from partnering with the Optimists to form a club. Many churches have established service projects and would benefit from formalizing as an Optimist Club. Literature is available that is specifically tailored for church groups. Please contact me if you are interested.
- ★ Take a look at a local college or university. Students are looking for opportunities for service projects and resume builders. Think about the future Optimists we are building when we build a college/university club! There are numerous resources designed for building college clubs on the OI website.
- ★ Think about organizations in your community that you might partner with to build a nontraditional club. Many community groups that work with youth in sports, arts or other after school activities would benefit from becoming an Optimist Club. Take a look at your community and think about who you might partner with!
- ★ Schools are filled with people who have dedicated their lives to helping the youth in their communities. There is a great chance that a teacher or parent group at one of your local schools would love to become an Optimist Club and formalize the services they provide for the youth in your community. We have literature available specifically tailored for school groups. Just ask if you are interested.

Don't forget to ask for help! The Michigan District has many members throughout our District with expertise in New Club Building that are willing to help you with any part of the NCB process. Please, just call and ask.

Hall of Fame

Immediate Past Governor Don Brose

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Michigan District Hall of Fame Chairperson

The members of the Michigan District are proud to honor members of our organization who have provided exceptional service, not only to the young people in their community, but also providing exceptional leadership to our District. Qualifications for nominations are available on our website, www.michiganoptimists.org.

Those interested in creating an official policy for the Hall of Fame should contact Don as well. Meetings will take place after our Second Quarter Regional "Optimist Family Reunions" in February and a recommendation will be made at our Third Quarter "Optimist Family Reunion" in May.

Please submit your nominations to Immediate Past Governor Don Brose at broseelectric@msn.com by April 30, 2007. This is a change from announcements at the First Quarter "Optimist Family Reunion", thoughtfully reconsidered by Don and Governor Lou.





Membership: Let it Soar, Let it Soar, Let it Soar!

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Michigan District Membership Chairperson

Sixty-three days into the new Optimist year and our membership continues to soar! Did you see the Membership tri-fold at the First Quarter "Optimist Family Reunion"? Did you see the names of the sponsors and the new members they brought into the land of optimism? Was your name on the board indicating you had brought a new member into optimism? If not, don't you want to be a part of the group as we work to cover the state of Michigan with new members? Do you realize how many more kids will be served because of the additional hands, new ideas/programs that are possible now? Don't you feel enthusiastic about offering hope to that child that perhaps feels no one cares? Don't you want to share that warm feeling you get in your chest when you see a child's face light up because of what you did for him/her? When you were a child, did an adult make a difference in your life? If you answered yes to least two of the above questions, you're on your way to sharing one of the best kept secrets in the world – **Optimist Clubs – Bringing Out The Best In Kids!**

You are going to do your part to ensure that Optimist Clubs aren't a secret, right? Right!

Congratulations to all of you who brought new members into our organization since October 1st. According to Optimist International, we added 29 new members in October and in November. However, after factoring in deletions, our year to date membership is down by -10. **We need to get those members back and add to our membership!**

Deletions are to be expected and it's also the reason why we have to continue to **JUST ASK** others to become members of our club. Remember: ask at least two persons to join your club before deleting one. Statistically speaking, one of the two will join thereby allowing our membership to continue to be positive!

Consider this, if we add 29 new members per month times the next 11 months, we could **add 319 new members to our rolls!** Is it doable, **YES!** We are **OPTIMISTS!** Of course, we would have to

hold a **N.O.W.** Meeting every quarter and continue to ask others to become members at regular meetings as well. It isn't necessary to wait for a **N.O.W.** in order to invite others to become a part of our Optimist Clubs. Remember to try **Member-Get-A-Member** to accomplish membership growth also.

MEMBERSHIP

If members are ...Happy and excited ...
Members will ask others to join...The club will grow
And the club will serve more youth.
"When the fun and laughter stops in an organization, the new ideas stop!"

During the holiday season (Christmas, Hanukkah, New Year, 4th of July, etc.) have an informal gathering at someone's home, a club or a park (in the summertime) and invite prospective members to attend. On a table there should be tri-folds, scrapbooks, programs, etc. depicting some of your club's events. **NEW:** Utilize the "Expect Success Optimist Club" brochure (contact me if you need the template) that contains information specifically about your club's anticipated programs, their dates and time, place of your meeting, contact person, Optimist International (www.optimist.org) and the MI District (www.michiganoptimists.org) addresses. The more you BRAG about the exciting things you do with and for children, the more others who care deeply about kids will want to become a part of your organization.

DON'T KEEP YOUR CLUB'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS A SECRET!

Contact me at (313) 342-4298 or tylerdot@yahoo.com
if you need assistance as we strive to
increase our membership.

Achievements and Awards

Calling All Clubs!!!! Are you ready for some friendly competition? Please fill out your Achievements and Awards report and return to me by January 26th, 2007. This report can be found in the Michigan Directory in Section 8 or also on the Michigan Optimists website, www.michiganoptimists.org. Each club will be in two contests, the first will be competition by zone and the second

Sandy Diederich

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Michigan District Achievements and Awards Chairperson

will be competition with other clubs your size. Fill out the report at your board meeting and involve all members in capturing points for your club. Governor Lou will be blown away by your willingness to "Expect Success" and report on it. Special recognition will be given to clubs who submit their report prior to the deadline. Good luck to all the Michigan Optimist Clubs!



“Catch A Rising Star”

Bob Schiller

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Michigan District 2006-2007 Governor-Elect

There is an old saying, “Time flies when you are having fun.” I must be having a blast because we are already reaching the end of the First Quarter of Governor Lou’s “Expect Success” year! It is hard to believe that time has passed so quickly but indeed it has and it is truly time to begin solidifying plans for the 2007 – 2008 year.

This is the most important time of the current fiscal year and the most critical time for future planning for the Michigan District. Guess who is most important at this critical time? You, each and every one of you that make up the greatest district in the Optimist world because it is a time to make decisions about how you can help your club, your Zone, your Region, your District, and most importantly, the youth of your community. The Second Quarter Regional “Optimist Family Reunions” are where we come together to learn about the successes of this year, and to plan for next year. It is at these meetings where you and I get to explore your growth as an Optimist at the “Catch a Rising Star” breakout sessions. The best thing about the breakout session is that you grow in your knowledge of the District operations whether you are ready to make a decision or not.

The experiences that you will have as an active participant in the District will pay dividends to your club for years to come. The wonderful, talented people that you will work with become friends while you develop a support network that is invaluable to your club’s

success, as well as your personal growth. Best of all, you get to make a difference not only in the life of a child but also in the lives of the members of our District. Your insightfulness, kindness, and support will invigorate our members and help them achieve goals that they once may have thought unattainable.

Please join me to share in a dream for the District. Let me provide you with a vision that embraces tradition yet challenges the future. We will discuss the many ways that you can contribute to the growth and betterment of our District. As Optimists, we all know that dreams do come true.

To close I would like to take you down memory lane. There once was a cereal commercial where three young brothers sat around a table with the two oldest pushing a bowl of cereal between each other trying to get each other to try the cereal first, neither one giving into the new adventure of tasting a new cereal. They then turn to their younger brother and say, “Hey, let’s give it to Mikey. He will try anything! Here Mikey! Try it, you’ll like it!!!” You know the rest of the commercial.

So come to the “Catch a Rising Star” breakout session at Saginaw Valley State University in Saginaw on February 10th, or to Marygrove College in Detroit on February 24th, and “Try It!” I am sure you will “like it”.



On the Web—www.michiganoptimists.org

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Michigan District Webmaster

“I didn’t know the Michigan District Optimists had their own website!” Shame on you if you haven’t taken a look at one of the most valuable resources we have for ALL Michigan District Optimists. Our site has no ads, no popups, and no silly animations -- just lots of easily accessible, useful information.

Our website, www.michiganoptimists.org, first came online during Past Governor Marc Katz’s administration and has been evolving and growing ever since. Among the many handy items you will find on the site are:

- Announcements of upcoming District events
- Registration forms for District meetings and events

- Archive of the OptiViews dating back to 2004
- Directory of District officers and committee chairs, with email links
- Directory of Clubs in the District, with officer email links and Club website links

Please forward any corrections to any of the material on the site to me at jwillis@nilesoptimist.org. Additional material of District-wide interest is welcome and can be sent to me at the same address.

Please bookmark our website and refer to it frequently!



Optimist International Foundation 2006-2007

Past Governor Marc D. Katz

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Michigan District Optimist International Foundation Representative



Thanks to everyone who made contributions to the Foundation at the 1st quarter meeting in Clinton Township. Due to your generosity over \$4,400 was raised thru Dime a Day, Presidents Club, raffles and Club contributions. The Michigan District has two new President Club Members: Dr. Jim Donley and Lieutenant Governor Linda Donley which now makes 33 President Club Members from the District. There are also 35+ Dime a Day contributors so far this year (our goal for the 2006-2007 year is 200+ contributors). The District also has one Christian Larson Contributor (\$1,000 contribution); thank you Past Governor Karen Monville for your contribution.

A special thank you to Past Governors and District Foundation Representatives, Ben Lowery and Harry Margo, for your help at the First Quarter "Optimist Family Reunion" in my absence and making the Foundation efforts so successful.

Besides Dime a Day, Presidents Club, Christian Larson there are many other ways to contribute to the Optimist Foundation, a few additional ways are listed below:

Matching Gifts

Many companies have Matching Gift Programs in which the company will double, and sometimes triple, the amount the employee

contributes to a qualifying nonprofit organization. Check with your employer for specific guidelines and appropriate forms.

Insurance Policy Gifts

Gifts of insurance policies to a charity are tax deductible and are often an affordable way to make a substantial gift. Donors can irrevocably transfer ownership of an existing policy to the Optimist Foundation or establish a new life insurance policy in which the Optimist Foundation is the irrevocable owner and beneficiary and the insured is the donor. Premium payments by the donors are tax deductible. If a donor is interested in purchasing insurance for giving purposes, the Optimist Foundation recommends that the donor establish an Endowment Plus Insurance Policy.

Bequests

A bequest is a transfer, by will, of personal property such as cash, securities or other tangible property to the Optimist International Foundation. For additional information on including the Foundation in your will, check out the Optimist International Foundation website, www.optimist.org.

VISION—Dreams in Action

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Michigan District Leadership Development Chairperson

During his powerful keynote address at the 2006 Optimist International Convention, futurist, author, film maker, independent scholar, and our first Friend of Optimists, Joel Barker, provided us with a major take-away and enriched sense of purpose when he defined *"VISION" for us all as Dreams In Action.*

With the same zeal, our district leaders created their own visions during the "jumpstart" Assistant Governor, Lt. Governor and President – Elect training sessions. If we are true to our International Mission and Vision statement: *By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids* then let us all rally together and keep the dreams alive. With a profound belief in our District's future these are their dreams:

- ◆ All Lt. Governors are Distinguished
- ◆ Healthy competition between clubs when submitting their A&A Reports
- ◆ Improved attendance at Zone & District Meetings by non-President Club members
- ◆ Greater age diversity within the Clubs
- ◆ Zone projects
- ◆ All Clubs are Honor Clubs
- ◆ More Super-Zone Meetings
- ◆ Build a new Club/Build new JOOI Clubs
- ◆ Be Outstanding
- ◆ Each club adopts a community specific project
- ◆ Increased spouse/team-mate attendance at District Meeting and make it an "Optimist Learning" experience for them all

Expect Success!



Montréal

2007

Plan Now for the Optimist International Convention, July 4-7!

Karen Monville

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Michigan District Past Governor and
Optimist International Ambassador

Parlez vous François???? If not, don't worry about it when you are in Montreal. Montreal is the most bilingual city on the continent.

Why should you attend the International Convention?? Here are just a few great reasons:

- ◆ You'll have the chance to meet and network with Optimists from around the world in a spirit of fun and fellowship
- ◆ Take advantage of the outstanding training available for incoming and aspiring club and district officers
- ◆ Determine the future of Optimism, as you voice your club's wishes during discussion and voting on constitution and by-laws amendments
- ◆ Expand your knowledge and experience personal growth and development by participating in the Back-to-School Workshops
- ◆ Bring the family, and enjoy all the great sights and events Montreal has to offer
- ◆ Learn new fundraising and youth service ideas at the House of Optimism exhibits
- ◆ Meet your incoming Optimist International officers
- ◆ Enjoy the fun of Optimist hospitality, food, beverage, and lively conversation in the hospitality suites offered by many Districts, including Michigan
- ◆ Most importantly, to be inspired, motivated, and energized in the Spirit of Optimism and to be renewed in our dedication and enthusiasm for the youth, community service and the purposes of Optimist International

Lorenzo Frazier is preparing travel information for those interested in traveling to the Convention as part of an Optimist group. This information will be available at the Second Quarter Regional "Optimist Family Reunions" in February. Just an FYI....Passports are not required for land border travel until January 1, 2008. Passports are required for air travel January 8, 2007.

Michigan District Hospitality pins are available for \$10. There are a limited number of pins and these will be available at the Regional meetings in February. The funds raised from the sale of these pins are used to pay for the hospitality room in Montreal.

Registration is now open and information for registration is available on the Optimist International website, www.optimist.org. Early registration (\$125) is April 15, 2007 and advance registration (\$135) deadline is June 1, 2007. For more information about Montreal, go to www.tourismemontreal.org. Registration forms for the convention and hotel will also be available at the Regional meetings. The main convention hotel is the Delta Centre-Ville. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. See you in Montreal!!!



Junior Golf Update

Sherri Regiani

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Michigan District OIJGC Chairperson

There may be snow on the ground, but spring will be here before you know it. The 2007 District Registration deadline is June 13. Tournament dates are June 18-19, 2007.

If your club plans to host a Junior Golf Qualifier, you need to supply the following information:

- ◆ Optimist Club Name – Chairperson's name, phone # and email address.
- ◆ Date of event and golf course name

Half the battle is choosing a date. How about a Sunday in early May? Packets will be sent in early March to all clubs planning to host a qualifier, but you can contact me at any time for assistance!



2007 MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN



Come join us on May 5, 2007 at our Third Quarter "Family Reunion" in Midland to participate in the Michigan District Childhood Cancer Walk. The walk will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will be approximately 1 mile.

For \$25.00, each participant will receive a T-shirt. If your unable to attend the walk, you can still make a donation. All proceeds from the walk will go to the Optimist International Childhood Cancer Campaign.

In order to guarantee your T-shirt, please fill out this form and send it in with your \$25.00 to Jeanna Clifford by April 1, 2007.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Phone Number: _____

T-Shirt Size: (Check one) S M L XL 2XL 3XL

*****Please make checks payable to O.I. Foundation*****

Mail Checks To:

**Jeanna Clifford
7460 Atherton
Davison, MI 48423
(810) 287-2530**

For More Information on CCC, contact:

**Terry Sabo, District Chairperson
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Optimists In Action

Julie Howes
Editor

October was the beginning of a new optimist year for all clubs and many dove right into projects, fundraisers, and Youth Appreciation events. Following are just a few highlights of our active Michigan District clubs.

The Auburn Hills Morning Optimist Club has developed a new mentoring program for students at Avondale Academy and also continues to volunteer monthly with the Meals on Wheels program.

The Optimist Club of Birmingham held a Youth Appreciation Breakfast with approximately 150 people in attendance recognizing 44 youth in their community. The club also held a Wine Strolling/Auction event raising close to \$11,000.

Grand Rapids-Kent Optimists are busy selling candles and coloring books as fundraisers for their club.

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe recognized 16 high school seniors at their 25th annual Youth Appreciation Awards Program. They also held their 16th annual "Coats for the Cold" clothing collection for local ministries.

The Optimist Club of Ludington held a Halloween Party for 200 kids, participated in an Applebee's fundraiser which raised \$582 for the Childhood Cancer Campaign and held Oscar Nite at Foster Elementary which honors students and mentors participating in a reading program.

The Traverse City Optimist Club held their 14th Annual Christmas Shopping event in December where 45 children from Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Child and Family Services, and Blair Elementary were able to shop at the Traverse City Target store and spend \$75 on gifts for their families. Optimist members helped the children select their gifts and then helped to wrap them so they would be ready to open during the gift giving season.

Optimist Club of Saginaw – held a Youth Appreciation luncheon program which honored 32 schools.

Reminder—please forward your club bulletins and special club announcements to:

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Learn how to Start More Engines (New Clubs); Re-charge Your Teams; Retain Your Crews; Insure Success by Sharing with other Optimists; Meet New Friends and Renew Old Friendships!
TAKE THE FAST LANE INTO VICTORY LANE!

Michigan District will be joined with other Districts in The Fast Lane Region which include: Indiana North, Ohio, Midwestern Ontario, Central Ontario, Southwestern Ontario.

All Optimists are Invited to Rev Up Their Engines at

The Fast Lane Region Midyear Pit Stop

Friday-Saturday

March 23-24, 2007

**Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Lodge
& Conference Center
Frankenmuth, Michigan**

Details on how to register will be available soon on the Michigan District website, www.michiganoptimists.org.

You may also contact 2006-2007 Optimist International Fast Lane Region Vice President, Dennis Lane and Teammate Ann at (410) 592-2574, (410) 592-7067, or djlane@juno.com

We hope to see you all there.
BRING THE FAMILY!





District Oratorical Contest Coming

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Michigan District Oratorical Contest Chairperson



That's right, the District Oratorical Contest is coming May 5, 2007. So why write about it now? Well now is the time to have your local contests almost done and the winners should be getting ready for the regional contests. We have 5 regions in the Michigan District and we have 5 chairpersons to run those Regional contests. Below is the breakdown of which region your club winners will participate in and who the chairperson of the regional contest will be.

- Region 1** Zones 1, 3, and 5. Excluding: Muskegon-Greater, Muskegon Mona Shores and Muskegon Heights.
Contact: Bob Mirdock, Phone (989)471-2510, Email: murdockr3547@i2k.net
- Region 2** Zones 2, 4, 6, and 7. Including: Muskegon-Greater, Muskegon Mona Shores and Muskegon Heights.
Contact: Tina Atkins, Email: tina-atkins@excite.com
- Region 3** Zones 8, 10, 12, and 13.
Contact: JoAnn Dodick, Email: tosborne9520@charter.net
- Region 4** Zones 9, 11, 15, and 16.
Contact: Toni Hill, Email: toni_hill@comcast.net (there is an underscore between toni and hill that does not show)
- Region 5** Zones 14, 17, 18, and 19.
Contact: Deborah Jones, Phone: (248) 423-7246, Address: 17529 Magnolia Parkway, Southfield, MI 48075-4223

Other things of interest: The topic this year is "My Biggest Challenge Is". The website for all the rules and forms is www.optimist.org (highlight Members then Club and Districts then programs/activities then Oratorical Contest. When you look at that page, the first 3 clicks will give you everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask about an oratorical contest. Hope you have considered holding the local contest. Any questions you might have, please contact your Regional Contest Chair.

The Honor of Leadership

Immediate Past Governor Don Brose

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Michigan District Candidate Qualifications Chairperson

It is a true privilege to lead the Michigan District for a year. Any qualified Optimist who is interested in becoming Governor-Elect for 2007-2008 is requested to submit a letter of intent with qualifications. Candidates will be interviewed by the Candidate Qualifications Committee at the Third Quarter "Optimist Family Reunion" in Midland. Please mail the letter of intent to:

Don Brose

c/o Brose Electric

5897 Dixie Highway

Clarkston, MI 48346

ATTENTION PAST PRESIDENTS!!

Now is the time to express your interest to make a difference in your area by becoming the Lieutenant Governor for your Zone. Your ideas are what we need to create growth and service. It is the best job in Optimism. Don't hesitate to contact your current Lieutenant Governor or myself at (248) 736-8833. I'll guide you in the right direction. Don't miss the opportunity.



Register Today For The Michigan Optimists 2006-2007 Second Quarter "Optimist Family Reunion"



Regions 1 and 2: Saturday, February 10, 2007, 8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State University – Curtis Hall
7400 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI 48710

Region 3 and 4: Saturday, February 24, 2007, 8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221

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: _____

Please Check Which Meeting You Will Attend:

If attending more than one meeting, the cost will be \$15.00 for each additional registration.

Region 1 and 2: February 10, 2007
Saginaw Valley State University
7400 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI 48710

From I-75: Exit 160 to Saginaw Road (M84) West approximately 4 miles to main entrance of campus

From I-675: Exit 6 to Tittabawasee West, turn right at Bay Road (M84), approximately 2.5 miles to main entrance of campus

Early Registration: _____ @ \$30 = _____
Must be faxed or postmarked before January 30, 2007.
Registration includes coffee, lunch and meeting room charges.

Late Registration: _____ @ \$35 = _____
Faxed or postmarked after January 30, 2007.
Lunch **NOT** guaranteed.

Total: _____

Registration Will Begin @ 8:00 a.m.

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

Please check the Workshops and Round Tables you plan to attend (select two):

- ___ Assistant and Lieutenant Governors
- ___ Presidents and Secretary-Treasurers
- ___ Catch a Rising Star
- ___ College Optimist Clubs
- ___ Membership
- ___ New Club Building
- ___ Junior Golf Tournament
- ___ JOOI Youth Clubs
- ___ Optimist International Foundation
- ___ Oratorical Contest
- ___ Respect For Law
- ___ Tri-Star Sports
- ___ Scrapbook and CPA (Community Project Awards)
- ___ Corporate Sponsor and Member of the Year

Special lunchtime presentation:
"Women in Optimism – Celebrating 20 Years"

Region 3 and 4: February 24, 2007
Marygrove College
8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221
(corner of McNichols/6 Mile Road and Wyoming)

Early Registration: _____ @ \$30 = _____
Must be faxed or postmarked before February 12, 2007.
Registration includes coffee, lunch and meeting room charges.

Late Registration: _____ @ \$35 = _____
Faxed or postmarked after February 12, 2007.
Lunch **NOT** guaranteed.

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



After lunch, Immediate Past Governor Don Brose will be presenting awards for the "2005-2006 Illuminate Our Youth" Optimist Year

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
February 24, 2007

Submit articles via e-mail to Nicole:
ingers007@yahoo.com

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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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