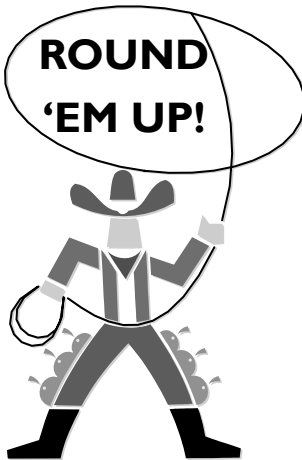


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## Illuminating our Youth

**Don Brose**  
MI District Governor



### Stories of Success

One of the great joys of being Governor of the Michigan District is to open the mail and read about all of the tremendous happenings that take place involving Optimists in our state. Every day I have the privilege and honor to read about youth and community activities. I read about outstanding service projects, great publicity, new members, great fundraisers, establishment of youth clubs, and so much more. I read about special young people and outstanding Optimists, people who care about the future of our state, and who are willing to act on their convictions. It is a true privilege to be working with all of you.

### Trying Something New

One of the most rewarding times that I've had in my Optimist career is when my club members and I take on a new project, something that we've never done before, and we make it a success. I know many of you have had this feeling of pride when that happens. I encourage every club to try something new within the next few months. It may be an international program that your club has never done, or it may be something creative and specific to your area. It will keep your club fresh and you'll meet new and positive people, many of whom are potential members.

### New Optimists

I am very proud to report that as of December 5, 2005, we have introduced 167 people to the joy of being Optimists. That's second most in all of Optimist International! If we go by Optimist International statistics, we are already serving 5,845 new youth this year. I believe it is due to the understanding that we are really doing our fellow community leaders a huge favor by asking. They are honored to be asked to join our organization, and they move quickly to join. I encourage everyone in our organization to bring in a member or two, for you are paying them the ultimate compliment and participating in the ultimate service project...creating more good by creating more Optimists.

### Elevator Speech

When someone asks me what an Optimist is, I respond with "It's a group of community minded people who get together on a regular basis for camaraderie and community information. The result is service to youth". Every person has their own elevator speech, and if every Optimist in your club has one, it would help your club's public relations, and therefore strengthen your club. It's a great topic for that week when your club is lacking a speaker.

### Second Quarter Regional Meetings

We are going back to four second quarter regional conferences in order to bring the enthusiasm of Optimism close to you. All members of your club are invited. All members will be involved in intriguing discussions. All members will inspire and be inspired by the other talented and creative Optimists in attendance. If you can't make your regional meeting, don't hesitate to attend one of the other meetings, for taking the time is something you certainly won't regret. Don't forget that this is the meeting for the 2004-2005 awards Luncheon. Immediate Past Governor Karen Monville will be on hand to honor and celebrate the achieving people and clubs from a very inspirational year.

### Thank You...

For everything that you do. I really look forward to meeting as many Optimists as possible over the next 9 months. I would thoroughly enjoy attending one of your club's events. Give me a call or an email and I will do my best to be there. That's the best part of being Governor - meeting you, experiencing your accomplishments, and spreading them throughout the state.

I wish you good health and good service.

~Don Brose

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## New Member Sponsor Pin

During the 2005-2006 Optimist year, each member who sponsors a new member will be honored with a One-Member Sponsor Lapel Pin. Each Sponsor Member can wear the pin with pride, knowing they have impacted more children by introducing new members to Optimism.

For those members who sponsored a new member between October 1 and December 31, 2005 their names were entered into a drawing for a three-day cruise for two. The ship sets sail March 24. Will someone from the Michigan District be on it?



## Congratulations MI District! Welcome Our New Members (as of 11/30/05)



<b><u>Grand Rapids-Kent</u></b> Kathy Olsen	<b><u>Mt. Pleasant Sunrise</u></b> David Cereska	<b><u>Detroit-Metro Riverfront</u></b> Evette Hollins	<b><u>University of Detroit-Mercy</u></b> Rhonda Pugh	<b><u>Ypsilanti</u></b> Tom Longworth
<b><u>Frankenmuth</u></b> Bonnie Maurer	Mike Hodgins	<b><u>Detroit-Western Int'l</u></b> Alvin King	James Henry Jr.	Dennis McLain
Chris Zimmer	Roy Kranz	Kristie Lewis	Justin Henry	<b><u>Waterford Township Breakfast</u></b> Robin McGregor
<b><u>Saginaw Northwest</u></b> Ricardo Gallegos	<b><u>Flint Central</u></b> Glenita Rubin	Leola Brown	Janice Hill	Kathy Gaita
<b><u>Berrien Springs</u></b> Steve Wright	<b><u>Detroit-Loving Community</u></b> Carrie Bryant	Michael Slater	Charlotte Hill	Martha Toledo
William Gatchell	<b><u>Royal Oak</u></b> Michael Kelly	Wendy Kyler	Michael Flores	<b><u>Clawson-Troy</u></b> Tom Keef
<b><u>Niles Riverfront</u></b> John Willis	Shelia Mitchell	Bruce Lewis	Joyce Clark-Johnson	<b><u>West Bloomfield</u></b> Howard Rosenberg
<b><u>Battle Creek-Harper Creek</u></b> Mike Jaques	<b><u>Auburn Hills</u></b> Charles Granger	Sargent Larry	<b><u>Central Macomb</u></b> Deborah Zolnoski	Sandy Misiak
Steve Wurtzel	John Spicko	Renee Ward	Craig Babcock	Robert Cucco
Eric Gymer	<b><u>Bloomfield Hills</u></b> James Keller	Bishop Miller	Rose Pipia	Robert Merchant
Andrew Tyler	<b><u>Keego Harbor</u></b> Kendra Hearn	Felice Adediran	Donna Onifer	<b><u>Detroit-Greater Grace</u></b> Janice Hayes
<b><u>Kalamazoo Breakfast</u></b> Cindy Courtade	Walter Sands	<b><u>Clinton Township</u></b> Julienne Baxa	<b><u>Detroit-Central</u></b> Doris Forge	<b><u>Grosse Pointe Lakeshore</u></b> Tim Dinan
<b><u>Charlotte</u></b> Roger Carr	Amy Hughes	Michelle Amato	<b><u>West Branch</u></b> Matt Lechel	<b><u>Greater Northeast</u></b> Emma Davis
James Demuth	Anthony Marasco	<b><u>Birmingham</u></b> Rob Glass	Christine Beck	<b><u>Bay City</u></b> Cheryl Ratynski
<b><u>Whitehall-Whitelake Area</u></b> Rhonda Brosco	<b><u>Pontiac</u></b> Josephine Ondik	<b><u>St. Clair Shores</u></b> Kathy Scruggs	<b><u>Muskegon-Mona Shores</u></b> Linda Zuidema	
		James Bobco	Kathy Bazany	
		Lora Gonzales	<b><u>Roseville</u></b> Kathryn Oberliesen	

### Thank You Sponsors...Creating Service by Creating Optimists!

<b><u>Grand Rapids-Kent</u></b> Harry Margo	<b><u>Charlotte</u></b> Tim Frantz	<b><u>Keego Harbor</u></b> Joann Andrees	<b><u>St. Clair Shores</u></b> Dave Rubello	<b><u>Muskegon Mona Shores</u></b> Jone Wortelboer-Benedict
<b><u>Frankenmuth</u></b> Judith Crawford	Michael Bruce	Ralph Behler	Steve Gonzales	Mary Wildfong
James Bartels	<b><u>Flint Central</u></b> Helen Johnson	<b><u>Pontiac</u></b> Jo Ann Legge	<b><u>Bay City</u></b> Gary Ebel	<b><u>Ypsilanti</u></b> James Thorburn
<b><u>Saginaw Northwest</u></b> Lou Diechman	<b><u>Mt. Pleasant Sunrise</u></b> Richard Ervin	<b><u>Detroit-Metro Riverfront</u></b> Sandra Battle	<b><u>University of Detroit-Mercy</u></b> Patricia Henry	Jackie McLain
<b><u>Berrien Springs</u></b> Charles Mauro	James Sisson	<b><u>Detroit-Western Int'l</u></b> Charlie King, Jr.	<b><u>Central Macomb</u></b> Keith Rengert	<b><u>Waterford Township Breakfast</u></b> Debra Berry
Doug Krull	<b><u>Detroit Loving Community</u></b> Fatima Plater	Alison Tilles	Elaine Lyon	Dennis Pittman
<b><u>Niles Riverfront</u></b> Tom Majerek	<b><u>Royal Oak</u></b> Marc Katz	Kristie Lewis	<b><u>Detroit Central</u></b> Brendall Johnson	<b><u>Clawson-Troy</u></b> Roy Rocco Romano
<b><u>Battle Creek-Harper Creek</u></b> David Jaques	<b><u>Auburn Hills</u></b> Derrick Fries	Lamar Nowell	<b><u>Roseville</u></b> Dave Fries	<b><u>West Bloomfield</u></b> Daniel Navarre
Duncan Bailey	<b><u>Bloomfield Hills</u></b> John Cameron	Harriet Cosby	<b><u>West Branch</u></b> James Finlayson	Jack Freed
Gary Gymer	<b><u>Birmingham</u></b> Derek Digiovanni	Wendy Kyler	Nancy Griffin	Alan Laduke
Julie Jaques		<b><u>Clinton Township</u></b> Dwayne Baxa	<b><u>Detroit-Greater Grace</u></b> Lucia Rogers	Anne Jardon
<b><u>Kalamazoo Breakfast</u></b> Laurie Jepsen		Christopher Olzem		<b><u>Grosse Pointe Lakeshore</u></b> Dave Fries
		<b><u>Whitehall-Whitelake Area</u></b> Debra Cincush		<b><u>Greater Northwest</u></b> Fatima Plater



## How Hot is Your Club?



### New Clubs (as of 11/30/05)

#### Cassopolis

Patricia Dresser	Marcia Steffens
Debbie Marshall	Rusty Stitt
Dan Bates	Dale Stump
William Bruneau	Carmen Szumski
Sandy Loux	Dixie Teague
Patrick Dresser	Ray Vanagas
Hiawatha Francisco	Scott Ward
Becky Foster	George Weatherspoon
Adrienne Glover	Brian Winn
Suzanne Hague	Katherine Yoder
Tracy Herstel	
Pete Karlowicz	
Denise Leich	
Doug Martin	
Denise Martin	
Raymond Massey	
Mary McFarland	
Anthony McFarland	
Emily McLoughlin	
Jennifer Ray	
Donna Rhodes	
Arthur Sciorra	

#### Hartford Community

Troy Gardner  
 Evelyn Walker  
 Madge Anderson  
 Betty Appleby  
 Julie Baker  
 Dwight Benning  
 Fred Broach III  
 Donna Burk  
 Linda Clark  
 Willa Clark  
 Dorothy Cocroft  
 John Cosby  
 Nina Donaldson  
 Winifred Duncan  
 Shirley Freeman  
 Clarinda Gordon  
 Karen Hammons  
 Jackie Henderson  
 Diana Hill  
 Allean House  
 Fredenika Jackson  
 Macie Jackson

#### Renee Lee

Jan McCrary  
 Sandra McDermott  
 Robyn Moore  
 Warfield Moore III  
 Shelley Modoban  
 Diana Napolean  
 Cheryl Nelson  
 Lorraine Pasha  
 Ellen Rassol-Jakhel  
 Ora Reece  
 Latonya Reed  
 Alicia Robinson  
 Janet Sangster  
 Jacqueline Shelton  
 Darlene Smith  
 Shirley Stanley  
 Ronald Spears  
 Eleanor Spears  
 Herbert Strather  
 Tiffany Taylor  
 Willie Watt  
 Arlishea Washington

### Clubs +1 in Membership

Grand Rapids Kent  
 Bay City Noon  
 Frankenmuth  
 Saginaw  
 West Branch  
 Berrien Springs  
 Niles Riverfront  
 Muskegon-Mona Shores  
 Whitehall/Whitelake Area

Battle Creek-Harper Creek  
 Charlotte  
 Mt. Pleasant-Sunrise  
 Flint Central  
 Pittsfield Township  
 Ypsilanti  
 Birmingham  
 Royal Oak  
 Auburn Hills  
 Bloomfield Hills

Keego Harbor  
 Pontiac  
 Detroit-Metro Riverfront  
 Detroit-Western Int'l  
 Detroit-Greater Grace  
 University of Detroit-Mercy  
 Grosse Pointe-Lakeshore  
 St. Claire Shores  
 Detroit-Central  
 Detroit-Loving Community



## Are We There Yet?

Dan Moss

MI District Membership Chairperson

Here we are, coming up on the end of the first Quarter, and all we can do is sit back and look at the goals we set for our Optimist year. The only question we can ask is, "Are we there yet?" Have we reached our goals, yet? Are we on track for the lofty goals we set with our Board of Directors at the beginning of the Optimist Year?

Only you will know that for sure, but I can tell you this, some of our clubs are on track to hit their goals.

Based on the latest reports from Optimist International, there are at least 20 clubs in the Michigan District that have added new members during the month of November without deleting any; and there are 6 more clubs that have added new members and deleted the same number of members, (this is the best way to drop members, and that is "replacing" them instead of just dropping them off the roster.). Fourteen of our Michigan District Clubs are at a "NET + 1" since the beginning of October.

Overall, this translates into the following statistic: The Michigan District is up 64 members as of December 7 from the beginning membership of October 1<sup>st</sup>.



Does that mean anything to you? Well, it should. It shows that even during tough economic times, even during rough political times, even during two (supposed) wars, people still respond to one simple act: JUST ASK!

You would be surprised at the people that are your neighbors, friends, or relatives that are just waiting for an opportunity to step forward and be counted among the ranks of those who care. Among those who are making a difference and those touching the life of a child in a positive way.

You have one thing they do not. You had a friend who offered you a chance to do something meaningful, and who saw something in you that you may not have recognized in yourself. With that one tiny act, you were given the chance to make a difference in the life of a child, and ultimately the world in which we live.

So make a pledge to yourself that tomorrow, someplace, somewhere, you will perform a selfless act for the sake of a child. VOW to go out and find one person you can "JUST ASK!" For more information contact at [danmoss@hotmail.com](mailto:danmoss@hotmail.com) or 586-566-7277.

Are you ready for...



*Nashville*  
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Marc D. Katz

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MI District Past Governor & OI Ambassador

Registration is open for the Optimist International Convention that will be held in Nashville, TN July 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> at the Opryland Hotel. You can register online on the Optimist International website, [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org) or you can download a registration form from the website. The early registration (\$125) deadline is April 15, 2006. The Michigan District has a goal of 150 members pre-registered for the Convention. A tentative agenda for the Convention is available on the website.

The 2006 Convention is going to be the most important International Convention that many of us will ever attend. The proposed **Renewal Plan** will be voted on that will affect the future of our organization. If you are not there, you cannot vote and have your voice heard.

The Michigan District Hospitality Pins will be available at the Regional Meetings in February, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting in Holland and also at any Zone Meetings that I am able to attend. The cost again this year is \$10 and there are a limited number of pins available. The funds raised from the sale of the pins are used to pay for the Hospitality Room at the Convention. The more Hospitality Pins that we are able to sell, the better the Hospitality Room that the Michigan District will have. For those of you who have been to an International Convention, you know that Michigan always has one of the best Hospitality Rooms of all of the Districts.



## Seven Habits of Highly Effective Optimists!

Cherryl Thames

MI District New Club Building Chairperson

*"Treat yourself whenever you can to breakfast, lunch or dinner  
with people who have much more on their minds  
than what's on the menu."*

- Johnnetta B. Cole (slightly modified)

If you practice something for 21 days it becomes a habit \_\_\_ true or \_\_\_ false? As a personal career and small business growth coach I have seen attitudes and thereby altitudes change because of a 21-30 day commitment. It is also a matter of practicing what you preach.

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Steven Covey has been a personal leadership guidebook since the 1990s for many corporate professionals. Yet, it only took a few moments for a close friend and fellow Optimist, Scott Griffin (Southfield-Lathrup), to make it a part of my everyday thinking. Voilà -- "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Directors", "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Trustees", "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Volunteers", "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Optimists" and now, how about:

### **"Seven Habits of New Club Building"**

1. Be Proactive – have a vision
2. Begin with the End in Mind – embrace the vision
3. Put First Things First – have a Plan A and a Plan B
4. Think Win/Win – walk the vision, talk the vision, live the vision
5. Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood – active listening is the best for of communication
6. Synergize – creative leadership / when 1+1 can be greater than 2
7. Sharpen the Saw – Lead with the Creed...

Building a new club is no easy task for most of us. It can take weeks of "courting" the community where the club is being built with letters, phone calls, and informational meetings. To everyone in the District that's working to make it happen – THANK YOU. To everyone that needs a little help in a Comcast Cable area – HELP IS ON THE WAY. To anyone that needs some additional support - PLEASE LET US KNOW.

Email: [Cherrylthames@comcast.net](mailto:Cherrylthames@comcast.net)

Phone: (248) 559-5118 / (248) 506-5118

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## Governor-Elect 2006-2007

Karen Monville

MI District Candidate Qualifications Chairperson

Candidates interested in running for the position of Governor-Elect 2006-2007 Optimist need to submit a letter of interest with their qualifications to:

Karen Monville, Immediate Past Governor  
2800 N Euclid  
Bay City, MI 48706

Candidates will be interviewed by the Candidate Qualifications Committee at the Third Quarter District Meeting in Holland.





## Essay Contest

Linda L. Simmons

MI District Essay Contest Chairperson

As optimists we are often reminded that the best way to get new members into the organization is "just ask". This process can also apply to getting our youth to submit an essay for the contest this year. The topic is "I'm Unique Because...". If your club hasn't already chosen a chairperson I am encouraging you to get one now and recruit some talented youth to write an essay for submission.

The guidelines for the contest can be found online at [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org). If you do not have internet access simply contact me and I will mail you the information.

### Suggestions on How to Solicit Prospective Youth Include:

Canvas local schools (English Teachers)

Ask friends, neighbors and relatives

Solicit various youth groups

Eligible youth must be under the age of 19 as of December 31 of the 2005-2006 school year. The essay must be between 400-500 words in length to qualify. The individual club contest winners must have their winning essays submitted to me no later than February 28, 2006. So please set your contest deadlines prior to this date. The District winner is automatically entered in the International Essay Contest and has an opportunity to win a college scholarship.

I am looking forward to seeing many of the clubs participating this year. Please make note of my e-mail address because it was printed incorrectly in the district directory.

Email: [optimisttwin1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:optimisttwin1@sbcglobal.net)

Phone: (313) 834-8646

## Oratorical Contest

David Lusk

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MI District Oratorical Contest Chairperson



**"My future is bright because..."** What a great subject for this year's oratorical contest, especially in light of our Governor's slogan "Illuminating Our Youth".

At a time when resources are scarce for college bound students, the Michigan Optimists have help for those young people who are willing to put together and deliver a four to five minute speech on the topic for this year. We need to actively work with teachers, parents, youth groups and our churches to help us in spreading the news about this great opportunity.

For more information about the oratorical contest go to: [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org) There you will find complete contest rules and an application for the oratorical contest.

My thanks to the regional coordinators:

**Region 1**, Zones 13 & 5

John McKendry

**Region 4**, Zones 9, 11, 15 & 16

Toni Hill

**Region 2**, Zones 2, 4, 6 & 7

Tina Atkins

**Region 5**, Zones 14, 17, 18 & 19

Blondie Hester & Annie Spearman-Sain

**Region 3**, Zones 8, 10, 12 & 13

Terry Carlson

Join us at the 3rd Quarter Meeting in Holland on May 20<sup>th</sup> and help make this year's contest a great one.







## Optimists In Action

Julie Howes  
Editor

The first quarter of the Optimist Year has certainly been a busy one for many clubs in the Michigan District. Many clubs participated in Youth Appreciation events and various other programs and fundraisers.....

**The Bay City Noon Optimist Club** participated in Trunk 'N Treat. This event was held in a mall where cars were positioned throughout the mall with their trunks filled with candy. Kids received candy from each trunk.

**The Optimist Club of Birmingham** held a Youth Appreciation breakfast. Each of 11 public and private schools in the Birmingham School District area were asked to bring 4 students that deserved to be recognized for their contributions to the school and the community.

**The Optimist Club of Central Detroit** celebrated an 'I am Thankful Dinner with the Lloyd H Diehl Boys and Girls Club of Detroit. 90 students, staff and Optimist members celebrated an evening of Youth Appreciation Awards, speeches, A Thanksgiving skit, and Thanksgiving Dinner. They also dedicated a 'Room of Optimism' at the Boys and Girls club, which will be used for weekly mentoring sessions.

**Clinton Township Area Optimist Club** will be starting 2 new JOOI clubs in Clintondale—an Alpha Club at Parker Elementary and an Octagon Club and Clintondale High School.

**The Optimist Club of Keego Harbor** sponsored Pumpkin Decorating at a local school.

**The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe** sponsored 'Coats for the Cold' which is a community clothing collection drive. They also held a Youth Appreciation Awards Program at the Grosse Pointe War memorial where they honored 16 impressive youth.

**The Mason Breakfast Optimist Club** partnered with the Mason High School National Honor Society to work at the MSU Concession during the home football games. They netted the Youth fund approximately \$3,800 for their efforts.

**The Northwest Detroit Optimist Club** sponsored a Youth Appreciation Ceremony honoring over 130 youth at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Detroit. The cost of this event was sponsored by an 'Allstate Hands in the Community Grant'.

**The Optimist Club of Saginaw** held a Las Vegas Nite at a local golf course as a fundraiser.

Would you like to see your club mentioned in future articles? Information for this article comes from club bulletins or emails received throughout each year. Submit this information to:

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Galesburg, MI 49053-9621  
[JLHOWES217@aol.com](mailto:JLHOWES217@aol.com)

## Optimist International Foundation

Jerry Woodthorp

MI District Optimist International Foundation Representative

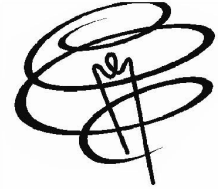


Your continued giving is truly done with the spirit of optimism. Although not all of us can attend the District Meetings, we still have opportunity to give through our own private donations, or through our local clubs. Now there is an opportunity to both give and yet receive with the yearlong 50/50 raffle for the Optimist Foundation. It is very simple: just purchase a \$20.00 ticket to become eligible and we will have one winner. You may purchase more than one to get better odds. The drawing will be held at the District Convention in Windsor, Ontario August 26, 2006. Get your tickets NOW! Call Jerry Woodthorp (810) 658-2681.

Remember all the good that your contributions can do in your own community. The foundation is the resource for many of our programs that kids are involved in and the necessary forms that the clubs use. Many of you have contributed to the Childhood Cancer Campaign and I encourage you to continue. Still we have a need not to restrict how the funds coming in can be used so that we can fully fund all our programs. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!! With this help we can bring out the best in our kids. As Gov. Don Brose wants us to "Illuminate Our Youth" your help is greatly appreciated. Let's continue to show the world that giving is Michigan's best attribute. Thank-you in advance!



## Register Today For The MI District 2005- 2006 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Regional Meeting *\*\*General Session Starts @ 9:00 a.m. \*\**



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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name for Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2005-2006 Office: \_\_\_\_\_

First Timer?  Yes  No

Any Special Meal Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

If attending, Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*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.*

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

Send or Fax Registration to:  
**Jerry Kelley, Secretary-Treasurer**  
3556 Cloverlawn  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Home Phone and Fax: (734) 434-8272

Please Check Which Regional Meeting You Will Be Attending. Registration includes coffee, lunch & meeting room changes. If attending more that one meeting, the cost will be **\$10.00** for each additional registration. If you would like directions and/or a map please email Don Brose at broselectric@msn.com. If directions are still needed on the day of the meeting, you may call his cell phone at (248) 736-8833.

### Saturday, February 4, 2006

Region 2     Kalamazoo Valley Community College M-Tec Center  
7107 Elm Valley Dr, Kalamazoo MI 49033

\_\_\_\_\_ Early Registration (\$25)  
Must be faxed or postmarked before Sunday, January 29, 2006     **Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Late Registration (\$30)     Lunch **NOT** Guaranteed

### Saturday, February 11, 2006

Region 3     Oakland Community College  
2900 Featherstone Rd, Auburn Hills MI 48328

\_\_\_\_\_ Early Registration (\$25)  
Must be faxed or postmarked before Sunday, February 5, 2006     **Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Late Registration (\$30)     Lunch **NOT** Guaranteed

### Saturday, February 18, 2006

Region 4     Wayne Community College  
1001 W Fort St, Detroit MI 48226

\_\_\_\_\_ Early Registration (\$25)  
Must be faxed or postmarked before Sunday, February 12, 2006     **Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Late Registration (\$30)     Lunch **NOT** Guaranteed

### Saturday, February 25, 2006

Region 1     Surline Elementary School  
139 State St, West Branch MI 48661

\_\_\_\_\_ Early Registration (\$25)  
Must be faxed or postmarked before Sunday, February 19, 2006     **Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Late Registration (\$30)     Lunch **NOT** Guaranteed



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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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