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To my East Missouri Optimist Family,

I am honored that you have entrusted to me the title of Governor of the East Missouri Optimist District for the Optimist year 2021-2022. Along with this title, comes a great responsibility. I am dedicated to doing my utmost best to carry out all that entails. My heart has always been led to serve children and community. That is why I became, and continue to be, a member of this great organization.

In the words sung by Michael Jackson, "I'm starting with the man (or woman) in the mirror. I'm asking him to change his ways. No message could have been any clearer. If you want to make the world a better place, take a look at yourself and make a change." I know that I have changed for the better since becoming an Optimist member. I also know that every member of the East Missouri Optimists are dedicated to making the world, or at least our little piece of it, better.

The line of the creed that affects, and infects, me the most is, "To give so much time to the improvement of yourself, that you have no time to criticize others." The reason it stands out to me is because I believe that when I can fully fulfill this line, that every other line of the creed will come naturally.

When we all work together, we can achieve great things. Let's work together to bring out the best in kids, our communities, and ourselves. Together, we will have a great year, and not only grow our clubs and our District, but we will also grow ourselves. We will change our world.

Lauren Dell, Governor 2021-2022

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Please join me by **“Working Together in Optimism”**