

East Missouri Optimists Governor's Choice Awards

(Send all Nominations to theoptimistmike@gmail.com)

((Include Nominee's Name, Award Nominated for & Reason))

- 1. Bringing Out the Best in the Youth Award-** Presented to the Club/JOI Club with the Best Youth Project that Accomplishes One or More of the Three Pillars of the Optimist Mission – “By Providing Hope & a Positive Vision, Optimists Bring Out the Best in Youth, Our Communities and Ourselves.” (Nominations may come from any East Missouri Optimist Member)
- 2. Bringing Out the Best in Our Community Award-** Presented to the Optimist Member who “Brings Out the Best” in his/her Community. This Optimist has reached out to other organizations, businesses, local leaders, and the public to develop partnerships with their Club. This person may have coordinated a group project with one or more of these partners or increased awareness of a Club project by his/her commitment to the sharing of the Optimist Mission. These partnerships may have produced a financial gain for the Club or enriched a project by working side-by-side with these community partners. (Nominations may come from any East Missouri Optimist Member)
- 3. Bringing Out the Best in Ourselves Award-** Frequently we as Optimists dedicate our time to “Bringing Out the Best” in Our Youth & Communities; Much less often do Optimists Celebrate the third pillar of our Mission. It is important to remember that we cannot support others if we do not first support each other. This award is presented to the Optimist that has gone out of their way to Bring Out the Best in themselves and by doing so has encouraged others to do the same. (Nominations may come from any East Missouri Optimist Member)
- 4. Outstanding Member Award-** Presented to the East Missouri Optimist who is set apart from others by his/her Positive, Nurturing & Optimistic Mindset. The recipient has a kind heart and makes everyone feel needed, welcomed & appreciated. They exemplify the characteristics a true Optimist must aspire to by committing to serve the youth, community & others. (Nominations may come from any East Missouri Optimist Member)
- 5. Outstanding District Member Award-** Presented to the Member that goes above & beyond in giving his/her time to promote “Bringing Out the Best in Youth, Our Communities, & Ourselves” through Club, District, & Community Activities. (Nominations may come from any East Missouri Optimist Member)
- 6. Outstanding Rookie Optimist of the Year Award-** Presented to the Rookie who comes out of the gate running, giving his/her all to their Club. They participate in Club events from the time of induction, quickly stepping into a significant role in their Club and/or District. They are enthusiastic and passionate about “Bringing Out the Best in Youth, Our Community & Ourselves”. (Nominations may come from any East Missouri Optimist Member)
- 7. First Time Club President Award-** Presented to the Outstanding First Time Club President. This Club President has focused on “Bringing Out the Best in Youth, Our Community & Ourselves”

while leading their Club through projects, having a presence in the East Missouri District & is in Good Standing with Optimist International. (Nominations may come from any East Missouri Optimist Member)

8. **First Time Lieutenant Governor Award** – This Lt. Governor serving for the first time has aided the Clubs within his/her Zone through Club visitations, Zone gatherings & volunteering. They have gone beyond the basics of the Lt. Governor position by helping Clubs “Bring Out the Best in Youth, Our Community & Ourselves”. (Nominations may come from any East Missouri Optimist Member)
9. **Best New Club-Project Award** – Presented to the Club that has demonstrated the hard work of Bringing forth a New Project for their Community during the Optimist year. This Club has undertaken the task of working with their community to identify a need that was not being met, by using their Energy, Skills & Time to Bring a New Project to Fruition. (Nominations may come from any East Missouri Optimist Member)
10. **Outstanding Veteran Optimist Leader Award**- Presented to a Long-Standing East Missouri Optimist who throughout their membership has continually supported the District through numerous roles. They never fail to perform the duties & responsibilities bestowed upon them in a Positive & Professional manner. They contribute to the overall success of the District by leading others in “Bringing Out the Best in Youth, Our Communities, & Ourselves” (Nominations from Past or Current East Missouri District Governors Only)
11. **Don Sievers Presidential Award** - Don Sievers was the bedrock of Optimism in his community of Jackson, Missouri. Don became equally influential within the East Missouri Optimist District and later, with Optimist International. Don was a calm and gentle reminder of the power of kindness and building life-long relationships. Don truly made everyone feel that there was something in them. The Don Sievers Presidential Award is presented to an individual who embodies this same spirit of gentleness, kindness, and Optimism. (Nominations from Past or Current East Missouri District Governors Only)
12. **Ken Monschein Presidential Award** - Ken Monschein established a reputation of being one of the most prolific builders of Optimism throughout his career. He built 250 clubs and sponsored over 200 members. His success was due to his genuine interest in and compassion for people. Whether he was at a local watering hole or walking the path as Optimist International President, Ken turned strangers into lifelong friends and Optimists. The Ken Monschein Presidential Award is presented to an individual who embodies this same hunger for connecting with people and sharing with them the joy of Optimism. (Nominations from Past or Current East Missouri Optimist Governors Only)