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Fellow Optimists:

I wish to thank you for this wonderful opportunity you have given me to serve as the 2021-2022 Optimist International President. Your passion, sincerity and commitment of Optimism in your communities, reemphasizes the belief I have that Optimist International is truly the best service Organization in the world.

While walking thru the grocery store a few years ago, I happened past the magazine rack – yes, there are still real magazines on the shelves. The cover was entitled “The Art of Optimism” and featured 34 people, thru their artwork, are changing how we see our world. So, I purchased the magazine. One certain article jumped off the pages, and I’d like to share with you Oscar Winner Filmmaker Del Toro’s thoughts: *“Optimism Is radical. It is the hard choice, the brave choice. And it is most needed now, in the face of despair – just as a car is most useful when there is a distance to close. Otherwise it is a Large, unmovable object parked in the garage. Optimism is our instinct to inhale while suffocating. Our need to declare what needs to be in the face of what is. Optimism is not uncool; it is rebellious and daring and vital.”* Powerful words printed almost 3 years ago, but are more relevant today.

The 2021-2022 “Theme” for the year puts our focus on OPTIMISM with a dedicated commitment to increasing our brand awareness, open communication to membership and Net Growth for the year +212. We have the opportunity to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the Optimist Creed and the Optimist purposes, and again, is as relevant today as it was back in 1922. By being Optimists, Together - We all share in that responsibility of serving the youth in our community by developing a philosophy of Life, promoting Optimism, patriotism, and respect for law.

I want to thank each and every member for your decision to being an Optimist and look forward to serving you this year, along with “First Dude” Ken. I encourage you all to stay optimistic- despite the challenges our world has thrown in front of us - Because I know that being an Optimist IS Cool, a bit rebellious, daring and vital to our successes. In Optimism, Patsy Garner