

North Carolina East District Optimist Directory



**2020-2021
Angela Iwaniuk
Governor**



NC East District Events 2020-2021

November 6th-7th
Wilson

February 12th-13th
Fayetteville, NC

May 7th-8th
Cary, NC

September 17th-18th
Wilmington, NC

June 30 - July 2, 2021
Atlanta, Georgia



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Letter from Governor Angela Iwaniuk

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Dear NC East Optimists,

I am honored to represent our District in the coming year! Thank you for placing your trust in me to serve as your Governor this year.

What a strange and uneasy year we have experienced so far in 2020! We have all been more isolated than probably any other time in our lives and we have missed the fellowship with each other in our clubs and in our District meetings. We are not certain when we can resume our normal routines; we will head into the new year with optimistic thoughts and plans and hope for the best!

Although our future may not look so rosy, due to Optimist membership dwindling down each year and now with COVID19 quarantines and policies, I sincerely believe that there is no better time in our history to begin to rebuild our District, our clubs and our great Optimist organization than Right Now!

I am asking each of you to help us all to become a powerful team of Optimists who are thinking only of the best, working only for the best and expecting only the best. Let's all "Choose Optimism" and remember to go the "extra mile" to make things better for ourselves and our communities!

Sincerely,

Angela Iwaniuk
NC East Governor 2020-2021

Secretary

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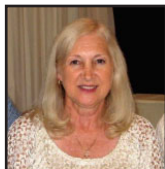
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It is my honor and privilege to serve as your District Secretary for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

I truly appreciate the opportunity to work with all of you. As your Secretary, I am very much aware of the wonderful work each club is doing for our youth.

2020-21 is going to be a fantastic year, so please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in any way.

Optimistically yours,
Carol Collier

Treasurer

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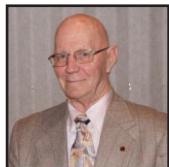
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When seeking reimbursement for expenses please indicate line item number of the District budget.

Keep in mind that, when asking for an expense reimbursement of an item not on the budget approval list, the Executive Board must give their approval.

The approved list of check signers are Wayne Sidelinger, Treasurer, and in an emergency, Carol Collier, District Secretary.

Jimmy Lamm is Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Al Ludlum is Finance Chairman.

Dan Durham is Immediate Past Treasurer.

Letter from the President Optimist International Mark Weinsoff

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Choose Optimism

Optimist International President Mark Weinsoff is on a mission to convert Optimist International from a Service Club Organization to an Optimist Organization that focuses on service to youth. That is why he is asking all Optimist Clubs to Choose Optimism in every gathering. Optimist Clubs provide the five essential elements of well-being and should focus on delivering these things:

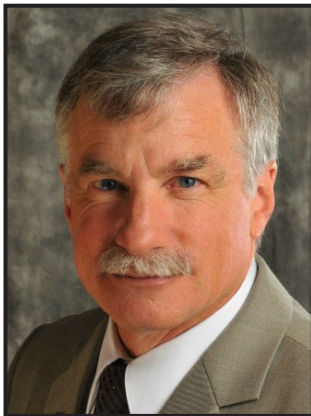
- Optimism
- Purpose
- Engagement
- Relationships
- Accomplishment

In this way, we will fulfill our mission: by providing hope and positive vision Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.

Applied Optimism; three things you can do every day to increase happiness.

Positive Intent: Before getting out of bed in the morning think of something you will do that day to make a positive difference in the world.

Mindfulness: Take time every day to meditate. Even two minutes of focus breathing has health benefit and will refresh your mind. Take time to do this in the middle of the day.



Gratitude: Before going to bed list three things in a gratitude journal you experienced that day for which you are grateful. Focusing on positive moments increases our awareness of positive events and reduces our focus of negative events.

Choose Optimism

For 2020-2021, Choose Optimism is our defining message. Throughout the year we will also share ideas about how and why Optimists choose to be upbeat with our quarterly themes:

Resilience
Happiness
Rally
Success

It is our belief that these themes will spark creativity, encourage engagement, and foster enthusiasm for all Optimist Club members.

Mark Weinsoff is a member of:
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Copied from the Optimist International Fall 2020 issue.



Letter from Governor-Elect Pamela Franks

Hello Fellow Optimists,

Wow! What a year this has been. I'm looking forward to serving you fellow Optimists and the youth as Governor-Elect. I want to learn as much as I can, soak up all the knowledge from fellow Governors.

I believe as an Optimist we are not going to let a little Covid get us down. We are going to come out strong. With that being said I will need all of my Optimist family to help and guide me in the direction we want to go.

My goals are to get younger people involved and get more people to participate in Zone and District Meetings. Most important, let's have some fun doing it. We are Optimists. We are Optimist East of NC. Let's have some fun!

Yours truly,
Pamela Franks



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Letter from International Vice President Terry S. Corle Sr.

Fellow Optimists,

Greetings from our International President, Mark Weinsoff, and the staff of Optimist International. I'm excited to be your International Vice-President for the Mid-Atlantic Region and honored to be able to serve the North Carolina East District with Governor Angela on my team.

President Mark's theme for this year is "Choose Optimism", and what an appropriate theme that is. We as Optimists need to share these traits with the youth of our communities and our fellow members, Hopefulness, Cheerfulness, Positivity, and Enthusiasm. We can do this through activities and membership within our clubs.

What young people hear and see these days is negativity, sadness, conflict, and violence. Let's work together and change those words to Optimism. Giving hope, positivity, and enthusiasm to people is a gift we need to be sharing and who better to do that than an Optimist. I'm excited, I'm enthused, I'm positive, and I'm glad I "Choose Optimism".

Have a great year and enjoy yourselves.

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NC East District History

The NC East District was formed in 1983. Years prior to this, NC East was a part of the North Carolina & South Carolina District (until 1954) and then a part of the North Carolina District (1954-1983). When the North Carolina District was divided up in 1983, central and western NC went into the NC West District, and the eastern part of the state went into the NC East District.

The "grandmother" of most of our clubs was the Asheville club which was formed in 1923, and the first club in the NC East area was the Raleigh club (chartered in 1948) which is the "mother" or "grandmother" to many of the current clubs in the district.

The boundary of the NC East District is east of and including the counties of Person, Orange, Wake, Harnett, Cumberland, Hoke, and Scotland.



NC EAST DISTRICT



JOIN US!



NC East District Past Governors

Max Stephenson
1983-1984

Wayne Sidelinger
1995-1996

Cecil Hamilton
(Deceased)
1984-1985

John Cline (Deceased)
1996-1997

Ed Karnowski (Deceased)
1985-1986

Worth Starling
1997-1998

C. Ben Spradley
1986-1987

Doug Lamm
1998-1999

Douglas Taylor
1987-1988

Tom Taylor
1999-2000

Billy Edgerton
1988-1989

LuAnn Poole
2000-2001

William Mills
1989-1990

Carey Foster
2001-2002

Carlyle Teague
1990-1991

Sandy Cyphers
2002-2003

Sam Zeko
1991-1992

Robert Verne
2003-2004

Terry Pilkington
(Deceased)
1992-1993

Yancey Hines
2004-2005

Bruce A. Phillips Jr.
(Deceased)
1993-1994

Ray Potter
2005-2006

Gary Pender
2006-2007

Darrell Fulcher
1994-1995

Daniel Durham
2007-2008

Barbara Timmons
2008-2009

Auston Pusey
2009-2010

Lou Anna Hardee
2010-2011

Jerry Medlin
2011-2012

Jerry Medlin
2012-2013

Errol Warren
2013-2014

James Lamm
2014-2015

Allan Ludlum
2015-2016

Jim Hart
2016-2017

Carey Foster
2017-2018

Linda Shepherd
2018-2019

Russell Leake
2019-2020

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT

Thompson Greenwood
(Deceased)
1954-1955

Reggie Brown (Deceased)
1959-1960

Bob Goodwin (Deceased)
1965-1966

William C. Taylor
(Deceased)
1970-1971

Cran Cranfield
(Deceased)
1976-1977

Walter Armentrout
(Deceased)
1977-1978

R. M. Williams
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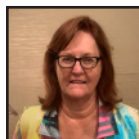
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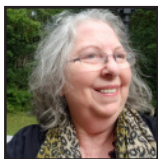
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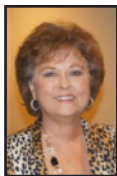
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Optimist Clubs participate in community service programs that are dedicated to bringing out the best in kids. Since each club is autonomous and run by members in their community, Optimists have the unique flexibility to serve the youth of their area in any way they see fit.



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#43472 - Whiteville

Southern Sizzler Restaurant
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Something Different Restaurant
1st & 3rd Mondays at 6:30 am;
Parker's Barbecue
2nd & 4th Mondays @ 6:30 PM

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1st & 3rd Thursdays
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continued

#43480 - Wilson Evening

Parker's Barbecue
1st Thursday @ 6:30 pm;
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3rd Thursday @ 6:30 pm

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#43055 - Rocky Mount Breakfast

The Main Course Restaurant
at Belmont
2nd Tuesday @ 11:00 am

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#43129 - Chowan-Edenton

Optimist Club Building
Mondays
@ 7:30 pm

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#43210 - Greenville

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#43360 - Roanoke Rapids

Jo Story Senior Center
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1st & 3rd Mondays
@ 6:30 pm

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Zone 4

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#43375 – Rocky Mount Evening

Mayflower Seafood Restaurant
3rd Thursday
@ 6:00 pm

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Washington/Beaufort County
Chamber of Commerce
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
@ 7:00 pm

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Zone 4

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#43517 - Blackbird Optimist

Benvenue Country Club
Rocky Mount
1st Thursday
@ Noon

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#43000 - Wake Forest

The Forks Cafeteria
1st & 3rd Wednesdays
of each month
September – May
@ 6:30 pm

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#43003 - Northern Wake

200 E. Young St, Rolesville, NC
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
@ 6:30 pm

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#43215 Henderson

Henderson Country Club
300 Country Club Dr
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@ 6:15 pm

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43380 - Roxboro

LaPiazza
2nd Monday
@ 6:30 pm

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#43502 - Chapel Hill

Nantucket Grill
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#43126 - Raleigh Dinner

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6:30 – 7:30 pm

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#43185 - Garner

Meeting on Zoom
Mondays @ 7 pm

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Types of Membership

Club Member

As Members of Optimist Clubs, individuals have the opportunity to “Bring Out the Best in Kids” along with other like-minded citizens. Through an Optimist Club, volunteers can answer the needs of local youth by organizing meaningful service projects. To pass the idea of becoming an Optimist along to someone you know, see the Membership Brochure, or have them fill out a Member Invitation.

Life Member

Life Membership is an honor often bestowed by a Club on an Optimist who has shown years of dedication to the Club and the organization. Optimists can also enroll themselves in Life Membership. Through Life Membership, a one-time fee is paid and the Optimist pays lower dues for life. See the Life Member Application for additional information.

College Member

Any Optimist Member who is enrolled as a full-time college student (minimum of 12 credit hours) is eligible to have their annual dues reduced.

Friend of Optimists

Individuals can show their support of Optimist International by becoming Friends of Optimists. A Friend of Optimists may be someone who does not have an Optimist Club in their area, or they may not have time to dedicate to a local Optimist Club. Optimist Clubs can also bestow a Friend of Optimists membership on a community member who has shown great support for the Club. To learn more, check out the Friend of Optimists Brochure and read the Frequently Asked Questions.

30 and Under for \$30

Optimist International is offering a one year, introductory membership to civic-minded individuals. Any new traditional Member inclusive of 18-30 years of age who joins an Optimist Club will receive this special dues offer. For one year, young adults can enjoy the benefits of an Optimist Club with less of a financial impact! Expires 12/31/20.

Social, Service and Young Professionals Group (Club within a Club)

The Social, Service and Young Professionals Group is a way for your Club to expand their outreach and strength in their community. A Social, Service and Young Professionals Group could provide a traditional Club with an increased volunteer work force to tackle more complex projects and provide a platform for younger professionals to join an Optimist Club. Social, Service and Young Professionals Group must have a minimum of 15 individuals who have not been Optimist Members or Friends in the past four months.

First Responders Membership Incentive

Police, Firemen, Emergency Medical, nurses and EMT's play an important and essential civic duty and service in every community. To Honor and Recognize the valiant and heroic service that First Responders provide to our communities during this pandemic, Optimist International is proud to offer an incentive for our local Clubs to recruit into our membership these public heroes!

\$30 annual membership fee for the first year to any First Responder that joins an Optimist Club! Incentive to recruit First Responders is open til December 31, 2020.

All Districts are required to waive district dues for the first year.

First Responders would include any Police, Fire, Medical, EMT's, 911 Operators or other civic service providers that provide immediate aid and assistance.



Junior Optimist Info (JOI)

How to Start a Junior Optimist International Club

You may charter a Junior Optimist International Club with only eight Junior Optimist International Members. There is a one-time enrollment fee of \$50, an annual registration fee of \$60 and membership dues are as follows: \$8 per member per year for Alpha Clubs and \$10 per member per year for Junior Optimist and Octagon Clubs. The registration and member fees are prorated depending on the month you charter the Junior Optimist International Club. Also, Junior Optimist International Clubs are only required to pay for the first 50 members.

Below you will find the necessary forms you will need in order to charter your Junior Optimist International Club.

For Forms, please visit:

<https://www.optimist.org/joi/joi3.cfm>



Membership Dues

2020-2021 FACTS ABOUT OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FEES & DUES

PROCESSING FEE FOR NEW MEMBERS

For each new Member added to the Club roster and reported to the International Office on the Club Roster Adjustments form, submit the \$15.00 Processing Fee for regular Members and \$5.00 for college Members. When listing more than one new Member, a check for the total amount of fees required must be enclosed and marked "Processing Fees". If a former Member of any Optimist Club joins the former Club or any other Optimist Club, within one year of being deleted, this addition to the Club roster should be handled in the same manner as if the Member were a new Member.

The same procedure is to be used as in the above paragraph. A \$5.00 Processing Fee is necessary to add any transfer Member to the International Office records. Any former Member who is a fully paid Life Member should be so identified on the Club Roster Adjustments form.

REGULAR ADULT MEMBERS

Yearly \$66.65

COLLEGE MEMBERS (USD)

Any Optimist Member who is enrolled as a full-time college student (minimum of 12 credit hours) is eligible to have their annual dues reduced. College Members in Regular Clubs pay:

Yearly \$23.05

Any Optimist Club that consists of a majority of College Members will be billed once per year on October 1st. They will be billed a \$100 Affiliation Fee and \$10 per College Member. Regular Adult Members still pay full current dues rate.

FULLY PAID LIFE MEMBERS (USD)

Immediately following complete payment of the \$500.00 Life Membership subscription, a Member is permitted to deduct \$40.65 from his or her annual payment of Club dues.

A Life Member's dues are \$26.00

Yearly \$26.00

For additional information, please visit:

https://www.optimist.org/Documents/Dues_and_Fees_2020_2021-en.pdf



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Essay Contest

**Topic for the 2020-2021 school year is:
"Reaching your Dreams by Choosing Optimism"**

Who: Youth under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2020 (and is not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a post-secondary institution) in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean. There is no minimum age.

How To Enter: Interested students must contact their local Optimist Club. They need to submit an essay on the pre-assigned topic. To find out a contact, please e-mail the Programs Department at programs@optimist.org.

The Essay Contest planning pages are intended for use by Optimist Clubs in organizing and conducting a contest in their Club. They contain no information on entering the contest and are of no use to students wishing to enter the contest. Students must contact their local Optimist Club.

When: Students

All Club-level contests are held by early February. Student submissions will not be accepted after the Club-level contests have closed. Please contact your District Chair for more information.

When: Clubs and Districts

The deadline for Clubs to submit their winning essay to the District Chair is February 28, 2021. The deadline for Districts to submit their winner's information to Optimist International is April 15, 2021. Club winners advance to the District contest to compete for a \$2,500 college scholarship. The District-level scholarships are funded by the Optimist International Foundations.

The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity

to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live. The approach can encompass a young person's personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective. In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship!



Club winners advance to the District contest to compete for a \$2,500 college scholarship. The District-level scholarships are funded by the Optimist International Foundations.

Information for Optimist Members planning the contest: District Essay Planning Guide is online. Essay Contest Package - A Program Package for the Essay Contest is available on the Package Programs page of the website. On that page, Clubs can find useful materials to help them get started with a new Essay Contest program.

Support merchandise for this program can be ordered through Shumsky for US and Caribbean Clubs and from Ansell's Awards and Specialties for Canadian Clubs. Contact information for both supply companies can be found online.

To enter, you must contact your local Optimist Club! For additional information, please contact Optimist International Programs Department by e-mail at programs@optimist.org, or call (800) 500-8130.

If your Club or District is sponsoring a contest, certificates of participation can be presented to all contestants.

For forms - please visit:
<https://www.optimist.org/member/scholarships3.cfm>

Oratorical Contest

**Topic for the 2020-2021 school year is:
"Healing the World with Optimism"**

Who:

Youth under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2020 (and is not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a post-secondary institution) in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean. There is no minimum age.

How To Enter:

Interested students submit a speech on the pre-assigned topic to their local Optimist Club. To find out the contact in your area, please e-mail the Programs Department at programs@optimist.org.

Students

The deadline to enter is determined by the sponsoring Optimist Club. All Club-level contests are typically held by late March.

Clubs and Districts

The District deadline to submit winners to Optimist International is May 15, 2021. Optimist International does not set Club/Zone/Regional deadlines.

The Optimist Oratorical Contest gives youngsters the chance to speak to the world. More than \$150,000 in college scholarships funded by the Optimist International Foundations is awarded annually from this program.

First conducted in 1928, this is the second most popular Optimist International Program. Nearly 2,000 clubs participate in this program each year. The winners at the Club level receive medallions and Zone

winners receive a plaque. Districts have the opportunity to provide two \$2,500 scholarships or a first place scholarship of \$2,500, a second place scholarship of \$1,500, and a third place scholarship of \$1,000.

Information for Optimist Members planning the contest:

District Oratorical Planning Guide is online.

Oratorical Contest Package - A Program Package for the contest is available online. Clubs can find useful materials to help them get started with the scholarship contest.

Support merchandise for this program can be ordered through Shumsky for US and Caribbean Clubs and from Ansell's Awards and Specialties for Canadian Clubs. Contact information for both supply companies can be found online.

For additional information, please contact the Optimist International Programs Department by e-mail at programs@optimist.org, or call (800) 500-8130.

Certificates of Participation

If your Club or District is sponsoring a contest, certificates of participation can be presented to all contestants.

For forms - please visit:

<https://www.optimist.org/member/scholarships4.cfm>



Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH)

**Topic for the 2020-2021 School Year is:
"Healing the World with Optimism"**

Who: The contest is open to young people through grade 12 in the United States and Canada, to CEGEP in Québec and grade 13 in the Caribbean, who are educated in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean. Students must submit the results of an audiogram completed no longer than 24 months prior to the date of the contest by a qualified audiologist. Students must be certified to have an uncorrected hearing loss of 40 decibels or more, which must be supported by the audiogram in order to be eligible to compete. Students with permanent correction should compete in the Optimist International Oratorical contest.

How To Enter: Interested students should contact their local Optimist Club. To find out the contact in your area, please e-mail the Programs department at programs@optimist.org.

When: Students

The deadline to enter is determined by the sponsoring Club.

When: Clubs and Districts

The deadline for Clubs to submit their winner to the next level of competition is set by the District. District deadline to submit a winner to Optimist International is June 15, 2021.

This contest offers an opportunity for children who are deaf or hard of hearing to present their thoughts in the community, gaining skills, which can only come from signing or speaking to a large audience. Patterned after the Optimist Oratorical Contest,

the Communication Contest For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing offers hearing impaired youth the chance to compete in speech or sign language. The Optimist International Foundation funds a \$2,500 scholarship to any District that meets the minimum participation criteria.

The CCDHH Contest Planning pages are intended for use by Optimist Clubs in organizing and conducting a contest in their Club. They contain no information on entering the contest and are of no use to students wishing to enter the contest. To enter, students must contact their local Optimist Club.

For forms - please visit:

<https://www.optimist.org/member/scholarships2.cfm>



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We are grateful for all the support Optimists have provided to our children over the years. We appreciate the opportunity to share our stories with you. To schedule a club visit or presentation, call (910) 646-3083.



Junior Golf

The Optimist International Junior Golf Championship is one of the largest and best-known junior golf tournaments in the world. Each year, more than 600 golfers participate in THE OPTIMIST.

Optimists have been involved in the sport of junior golf for more than 30 years by holding local, regional, and international tournaments. More than 5,000 golfers compete in official Optimist District qualifying tournaments. The best of these golfers, along with international golfers from around the globe, advance to the annual Optimist International Junior Golf Championships which will be conducted June 14-29, 2021 at the Trump National Doral Resort and Spa in Miami, Florida.

Former champions and top finishers of the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships include Lexi Thompson, Beth Bauer, Jonathan Byrd, Jason Day, Bill Haas, Brittany Lincicome, Jeff Overton, Stacy Prammanasudh and Jennifer Rosales.

More information may be found at:
<https://www.optimist.org/golf/golf-championships.cfm>.



Childhood Health and Wellness

The Childhood Health & Wellness Program will build on the highly successful Childhood Cancer Campaign to expand our impact. Clubs and Districts will now have the opportunity to initiate projects and services to improve the quality of life for children in their communities across a broader spectrum of needs.

Childhood Health & Wellness will include four focus areas (not limited to the examples below):

- Healthy Lifestyles (Child Obesity, Healthy Eating, Physical Fitness, Happy Heart Advice, March of Dimes)
- Chronic Diseases (Childhood Cancer, Juvenile Diabetes, HIV, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Sickle Cell Anemia)
- Mental Health (Depression, Bullying, Abuse)
- Disabilities – Physical, Intellectual & Developmental (Autism, Special Olympics)

As of January 1, 2019, the Optimist International Foundation will accept contributions for Childhood Health & Wellness with the intent of creating a grant program. Contributions previously made to the Childhood Cancer Campaign (CCC) will be used to support Childhood Cancer.

There is an exciting opportunity to start supporting the Childhood Health & Wellness Program to serve more children in our communities!

Please mail donation checks to the Optimist International Foundation, PO Box 952126, St. Louis, MO 63195 along with a letter stating that the funds are restricted towards the Childhood Health and Wellness program.

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Optimist International, the Optimist International Foundation has available a special commemorative coin to celebrate the milestone. The coin, with the 100th anniversary logo on one side and the Optimist International Foundation logo on the other, highlights the partnership between the two organizations in furthering the mission of Optimism worldwide.

This partnership has helped children and communities in thousands of ways: from scholarships to support of Junior Optimist International, to Club Grants and so much more. The proceeds from the 100th anniversary coin will be dedicated to help the launch of the new Optimist International effort: the Childhood Health & Wellness program. This high-quality keepsake will be a 1.5-inch bronze coin, in a blue velour box. The donation will be \$100 (USD).



Respect For Law/Promotion of Non-Violence

Inspire respect for the law among your local young people! This motivational program can be a community rally against local violence, a get-acquainted event between youth and local law enforcement officials, or a "what peace means to me" poster contest for young kids.

In July 1965, a discussion between Past Optimist International President Carl Bowen and former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover resulted in the birth of the Respect for Law program. This is the fourth most popular program with more than 1,500 Clubs participating last year.

More detailed information about this program is available in the Respect for Law Planning Guide.

Support merchandise for this program can be ordered through Optimist Supply for US and Caribbean Clubs and from OptiPromo for Canadian Clubs. Contact information for both supply companies can be found online. For additional information, please contact Optimist International Programs Department by e-mail at programs@optimist.org, or call (800) 500-8130.

Publicize Respect for Law

Optimist International has begun developing a series of news releases that Clubs can use in connection with their participation in international programs. Online is a sample news release that Clubs can use for their Respect for Law activities. Please note that the .doc version enables Clubs to type their information into fields, while the .pdf files are for viewing only.

For more info:

<https://www.optimist.org/member/activities2.cfm>



For the 2020-2021 year, NC East will be expanding the Respect for Law program into “Heroes in Uniform.”

We wish to continue to honor law enforcement officers, but we also want to recognize all those who put their life on the line everyday while undertaking the responsibilities of their work.

This includes fire and rescue personnel, members of the various branches of the military, as well as our veterans.



Recognition & Awards



A. CLUB RECOGNITION

1. "Bringing Out the Best" Club

(Banner Patch the year bar thereafter)

International Recognition Program ICD-135

- a. Complete two or more service projects each year
- b. Complete the Club Pride Report
- c. Be Current on District and Optimist International dues
- d. Add two or more members
- e. Conduct a Membership Recruitment Drive (i.e. NOW Program)
- f. Recognize a Club member or local community individual

2. Honor Club

(Banner patch, year bar with Club President's name and year; thereafter a year bar with Club President's name)

- a. Complete three or more service projects each year
- b. Complete the Club Pride Report and Club Officer-Elect Form
- c. Recognize a Club member or local community individual
- d. Grow Club by Net of +3 in membership
- e. Appoint a Club Foundation Representative and make a non-restricted contribution to the OIF or CCOF
- f. Conduct a Membership Recruitment/Drive (i.e. NOW) Program
- g. Club President, Club President-Elect (or two Designees) attend District Convention (or two other District meetings/conferences)
- h. Be current on District and Optimist International Dues and Fees

3. Distinguished Club

(Watch for Club President and Secretary and/or Treasurer, a banner patch with the Club President's name; thereafter a year bar with Club President's name and watch)

- a. Meet Honor Club Criteria plus one of the following:
- b. Add Net +15 in membership OR
Build one or more new Clubs OR
Increase by Net + 8 and build two or more Junior Optimist International Clubs

B. DISTRICT RECOGNITION

1. Distinguished Lt. Governor (Desk Clock)

All Clubs in Zone are Honor Clubs OR

- a. Net +6 in membership and charter one or more Clubs (Junior Optimist International Clubs do not fulfill this requirement)
- b. All Clubs current on District and Optimist International Dues (all financial obligations paid by September 30)
- c. All reports filed with Optimist International on a timely basis
- d. 50% of Clubs appoint a Club Foundation Representative and make an unrestricted donation to the OIF or CCOF
- e. Attend 75% of all District meetings/conferences
- f. Attend all Club meetings once or more, including any new Club that is built.

2. Honor District (Governor)

(Lapel pin for Governor and District Secretary/Treasurer and District banner patch)

- a. Grow District by Net +10 in membership
- b. All reports filed with Optimist International on a timely basis
- c. All clubs current on District and Optimist International Dues (all financial obligations paid by September 30)
- d. 50% of Clubs appoint a Club Foundation Representative

- e. \$7500 or more raised in Unrestricted Funds on behalf of the District
- f. Charter one or more new adult Clubs (Junior Optimist International Clubs do not fulfill this requirement)

3. Distinguished Governor

(Governor's Ring plus a District banner patch with the Governor's name and year)

- a. Grow District by Net +25 in membership
- b. All Clubs current on District and Optimist International Dues (all financial obligations paid/submitted by September 30)
- c. District to build three or more adult Clubs (Junior Optimist International Clubs do not fulfill this requirement)
- d. All reports filed with Optimist International on a timely basis
- e. 50% of Clubs appoint a Club Foundation Representative and make an unrestricted donation to the OIF or CCOF
- f. \$7,500 or more raised in Unrestricted Funds on behalf of the District

4. Distinguished Secretary/Treasurer

("Bringing Out The Best In Kids" logo folder with ink pen)

- a. Grow District by Net +25 in membership
- b. All Clubs current on District and Optimist International Dues (all financial obligations paid/submitted by September 30)
- c. District to Build three or more Clubs (Junior Optimist International Clubs do not fulfill this requirement)
- d. All reports filed with Optimist International on a timely basis
- e. 50% of Clubs appoint a CFR and make an unrestricted donation to the OIF or CCOF. \$7,500 or more raised in Unrestricted Funds on behalf of the District

5. Governor Pacesetter Award

- a. Grow District by Net +15 in membership by June 30.
- b. District to build two or more new adult Clubs by June 30.

C. ROOKIE ROCK STAR AWARD

(Can be earned ONLY in the first twelve months of membership as recorded in the records of Optimist International)

(an Optimist pin)

- a. Serve on a Club Committee
- b. Work on a Service Project
- c. Sponsor a New Member
- d. Attend one of the following:
 - District meeting
 - Regional Summit
 - Optimist International Convention

D. BUILDERS OF EXCELLENCE

Up to four Builders of Excellence can be named for each new adult Club, regardless of the number of Sponsor Clubs.

E. SPONSOR PIN INCENTIVE

Sponsor pins shall be awarded to Members when sponsoring 1, 5, 15, 20, and 35 New Members.



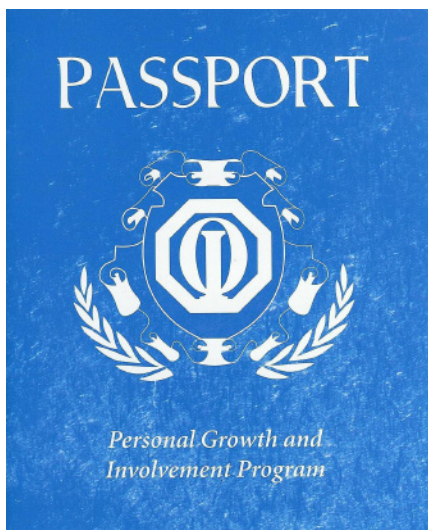
Personal Growth & Involvement Program and Professional Development

The Personal Growth & Involvement (PGI) Program and Professional Development Plan (PDP) are two unique programs that allow all Optimist members an opportunity for personal and/or professional growth at their own pace while providing new avenues for involvement in Club activities.

Request a Passport from your Club Director of Personal Growth, District Director of Personal Growth or call the International Office at 1-800-500-8130, extension 214. Your District Director of Personal Growth serves as the administrator of the program in your District.

For forms - please visit:

<https://www.optimist.org/member/professional-development-program.cfm>



Optimist Coffee Cafe

Optimist Coffee Café offers a casual, fun way to engage and connect with other Optimists. Cafes are scheduled once or twice per week and allow participants to engage in conversations just as if they were sitting together in a coffee shop. Register for and join a session via Zoom, or watch it live on Facebook and participate using the comments. Schedule too tight? Watch it on Facebook later!

These sessions are free but registration is required. Upcoming Zoom sessions and info. (All times are in U.S. Central Time):

optimistcoffeecafe@gmail.com

Optimist Day - February 4, 2021

Members of Optimist International will celebrate Optimist Day throughout the world the first Thursday of every February to promote our efforts in bringing out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.

On Optimist Day, Optimists around the world are asked to wear Optimist attire - shirts, pins, hats, etc. Post your best Optimist attire on social media and tag Optimist International or use the #OptimistDay hashtag. Send your photos to marketing@optimist.org to be featured in future publications.



New Club Building Rules and Requirements

1. A New Club may have up to two Sponsor Clubs, but a Sponsor Club is not required.
2. A minimum of 15 New Club Members are required to qualify for a Charter of a New Club (Refer to Policy IC-51).
3. A minimum of nine of the New Club Members are required to be present at an Official Organizational Meeting to hold the meeting.
4. New US and Canadian Clubs are required to pay \$425 to Optimist International.
5. New Clubs in Tier-2 countries must pay \$325 to Optimist International and new Clubs in Tier-3 countries must pay \$225 to Optimist International.
6. Builders of Excellence:
 - a. If there is one Sponsor Club there may be a maximum of two Builders of Excellence.
 - b. If there are two Sponsor Clubs there may be a maximum of 4 Builders of Excellence.
7. An Authorized Representative of Optimist International must be present to conduct the Official Organizational Meeting and certify the paperwork for a New Club.
8. Optimist International will file for a Tax ID number for New Clubs once the Clubs Organizes and OI has received their paperwork.
 - If a Tax ID is required to open a bank account Optimist International should be informed.

9. A New Club's Charter Roster stays open for 15 days following the Official Organization of a New Club.

For more information, refer to www.optimist.org and International Policies on www.optimistleaders.org.

Optimist International New Club Building Department
phone: (800) 500-8130 ext. 210 Fax: (314) 371-6006
email: newclubs@optimist.org



Optimist International Foundation

Helping Optimists Help Kids

Seeking, receiving and managing funds, and real personal property for the benefit of Optimist International and its Member Clubs in its charitable, literary and educational activities.

Vision Statement

We envision a Foundation that can provide significant funding for Optimist International's youth and service programs and is proudly supported by individual Optimists, their Clubs, and the community at large.

Tax and Charitable Status

The Optimist International Foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States. Within 501(c)(3), the Foundation is a 509(a)(1) public charity.

History

Optimist International Foundation (OIF) was established in 1971 exclusively for the charitable, literary, and educational purposes of Optimist International, a community service-based organization committed to creating a more optimistic future for young people through innovative programs. OIF works with Optimist Clubs located in over 2,100 communities in the United States and the Caribbean.

The Foundation has grown steadily since 1971 and is recognized as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

The Foundation's Board of Directors grants funds to Optimist International each year for the development and improvement of International programs. Programs funded by the Foundation serve 1.5 million children annually. Optimist International Foundation

depends on the support from Optimist Clubs and individual members, the general public, businesses and corporations.

When you shop on Amazon.com, shop through:
smile.amazon.com
and choose "Optimist International" as your charity.
They will receive a percentage of your sale!

Help more Youth when you shop!!

For Foundation forms please visit:

<http://www.oifoundation.org/foundation-forms.html>



May is Optimists in Action Month

Optimists have always believed in making a difference—a difference to children, to citizens in need, to fellow Optimists, to themselves. Optimists also believe that the best way to make a difference is through action—positive action. As a result, the month of May has been declared Optimists in Action Month. During the month of May, Optimist Clubs will create a widespread spirit of unity bringing together Optimist Members and other community volunteers for a variety of local-based activities, fundraisers and special events. During Optimists in Action Month, Optimist volunteers and fellow citizens from all over the world will come together as one to create meaningful and powerful Club programs that bring out THE BEST in kids, their communities and themselves. Start now to plan ahead for your Club's Optimists in Action Month efforts!

Publicity

Optimist Clubs should contact local media with details about their Optimists in Action Month program. Take photos and videos and share your Club's program on social media by tagging #OptimistsInAction. Send Optimists in Action Month success stories to magazine@optimist.org for consideration for future print and digital publications.



NC East District Communications and Resources

website

www.optimistnceast.org

Facebook

Please share your posts to our facebook page!



**North Carolina East District,
Optimist International**

If you have an event coming up - let us know.
We'll post on the District Events calendar!

communications@optimistnceast.org

To email Angela Iwaniuk:

optimistnceast@gmail.com

Did you know that you can buy really cool
Optimist branded stuff at:

optimiststuff.com

There's a ton of resources under the
Membership page at:

<https://www.optimist.org/member/membersmenu.cfm>

There are videos showing our history and training
videos to help with various topics.
Also the latest Optimist news and score boards!

www.optimist.org

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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