



GREAT PLAINS PARALLEL DISTRICT CONFERENCE
"The Great Plains Family Reunion" November 5-7, 2010
HOLIDAY INN & SUITES
3 APPLETREE SQUARE, BLOOMINGTON, MN 55425
(800) 465-4329 - Reference GROUP CODE: OPI

Hotel Rates Rooms - \$79.00 plus tax Suites - \$99.00 plus tax

Nestled alongside the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, but within minutes of the Mall of America, this is the perfect weekend location. All guest and meeting rooms have been renovated; full service café and lounge; daily Happy Hour. Guest rooms feature spacious bathrooms, free internet, microwaves, refrigerators, large flat-screen TVs. Free swimming pool, fitness room and parking (with room to park RVs – no camping please). Free shuttle to and from the Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport and the Mall of America!

EARLY BIRD CONFERENCE PACKAGE HAS BEEN EXTENDED!

(Received by midnight October 22, 2010) only \$98.99 per person

All Early Bird registrants will be placed in a drawing for one free hotel night; must be used at Parallel District Conference!

Conference Package after October 22, 2010 and Onsite: \$119 per person

Conference Package Includes: Registration Fee; Friday & Saturday Mixers (Cash Bar);

Saturday Breakfast, Luncheon and Banquet (Cash Bar); Sunday Continental Breakfast

Teammate Shoptimist's Special (received by midnight Tuesday, October 2, 2010) only \$44.99

Teammate reservation received after October 19th and Onsite: \$53

Teammate Shoptimist's Special allows you to take full advantage of the Mall of America and other area attractions, and still participate in some of the conference events. Fee includes: Friday & Saturday Night Mixers (Cash Bar);

Saturday Banquet (Cash Bar); Sunday Morning Coffee, Juice & Rolls

FOR UPDATED CONFERENCE INFORMATION OR TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS ONLINE:

www.optimist.org/pdc

All Great Plains Region Optimists, Family and Friends Invited!

Alberta, Montana, Saskatchewan & Northern Wyoming (AMS&NW) *** Dakotas, Manitoba, Minnesota (DMM)

*** Iowa (IA) *** Nebraska (NE) *** Northern Wisconsin & Upper Michigan (WINUM) *** Southern Wisconsin (SWIS)***

Special Guests, Keynote Speakers and Faculty Members:

Danny & Jill Rodgers - International President & First Lady

Jim Kondrasuk - International Board Member

Jim Nagel - Senior Director of Member Services, Optimist International

Judi Smith - CEO, OI Foundation & OI Foundation Canada

Kai Gansner, Director of Member Services & Vision Scoping, Optimist International

Ronnie Dunn - Past International President, Certified International Trainer & Wayne Dunn - KYWV Governor

DANNY, JIM K, JIM N, JUDI, KAI & RONNIE WILL BE JOINED BY TRAINERS FROM THROUGHOUT OUR GREAT PLAINS REGION TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A VARIETY OF FIRST CLASS BREAKOUTS, ROUND TABLES AND TRAINING SESSIONS.

Conference Highlights

All Weekend

- JOINT SERVICE PROJECT (with multi-club, multi-district CPA entry)
- OIF AND OIFC FUNDRAISERS
- FAMILY PHOTOS - CONTESTS - SURPRISES

Friday Evening, November 5, 2010

- **ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN** Come early to explore local attractions; start your holiday shopping at the Mall of America!
- **REGISTRATION** (Open at noon)
- **"ASK OI"** (4:30 PM) Join the International Training Team for a panel discussion – bring your questions and your suggestions!
- **DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS** (7:00 PM) District Executive Committees will meet in separate business sessions.
- **JOINT KICK-OFF PROGRAM** (9:00 PM)
- **CLUB PRESIDENTS' AND INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MEETING** (10:00 PM) Club Presidents - don't miss this unprecedented opportunity to sit down with International President Danny. Ask questions, voice concerns, share your ideas!
- **"ASK OI"** (10:00 PM) (REPEAT SESSION FOR THOSE WHO WERE STILL TRAVELING AT 4:30): Join the International Training Team for a panel discussion – bring your questions and your suggestions!
- **"TASTE OF THE GREAT PLAINS" HOSPITALITY ROOM** (10:30 PM) Vote for your favorite dessert; your taste buds – and the OI Foundation and the OI Foundation Canada - will thank you!

Saturday, November 6, 2010

- **REGISTRATION (OPENS 6:00 AM)**
- **JOINT TABLE TOPICS BREAKFAST (6:45 AM)** Start your day off with a delicious breakfast and stimulating conversation. Choose a topic you'd like to explore and meet new Optimists at the same time. Table facilitators will keep track of the great ideas you and your breakfast companions share.
- **JOINT OPENING SESSION HIGHLIGHTS (8:30 AM)**
Opening Ceremony with Posting of Flags of the Region ~ Induction of all District Boards (including Club Presidents) by International President Danny ~ President Danny, Current and Immediate Past Governors present NCB & Membership Awards ~ Special Acknowledgement of First Timers
- **BREAKOUT SESSIONS (not a complete list) (9:30; 10:15; 11:00 AM SESSIONS)**

Club Officer Training	Ask a Busy Person – Time Management 101
District Officer Panel Discussions	Foundation Traditional & Passthrough Grants
Club Foundation Representative Training	All Things that Twitter & Tweet - Online Resources & Opportunities
Rethinking the New Club Building Model	Fundraising & Corporate Sponsorship
Building & Sustaining Successful JOOI Clubs	Calling All Mentors
Membership Retention & Recruitment Resources	Moving from "Just Ask" to "Just Do It"
How to be a Successful NOW Meeting "Closer"	Community Needs Assessments – Not Just for New Clubs
Parliamentary Procedure Made Easy	Publicity – How to Turn Your Club into a 900 Pound Gorilla
- **JOINT MODEL CLUB LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS (NOON)**
New Member Induction - President Danny and District Governors
Optimist International & Optimist International Canada Updates - President Danny & Jim Kondrasuk
OI Foundation & OI Foundation Canada Update - Judi Smith
Jim Nagel, Keynote Speaker: "Membership - The Magic is in the Communication"
- **DISTRICT BUSINESS SESSIONS (1:45 PM)** Districts will meet in separate sessions
- **COUNTRY FAIR (4:00 PM)** Region-wide Showcase of Club Service Projects, Fundraising Projects, and District Information Booths
- **JOINT RECEPTION (6:00 PM) & DINNER (7:00 PM) HIGHLIGHTS**
OIF & OIFC Contribution Announcements
Country Fair "Best of Show" Awards
International President Danny Rodgers - Keynote Speaker
Entertainment – "The Great Plains' Got Talent!"
- **JOINT HOSPITALITY ROOM (10:00 PM)** Help President Danny and First Lady Jill celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary!

Sunday, November 7, 2010

- **COFFEE, JUICE & ROLLS (7:00 – 9:00 AM)**
- **NON-DENOMINATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE (7:30 AM)**
- **OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP MEETINGS**
- **DEPART FOR HOME, OR STAY TO ENJOY AREA ATTRACTIONS**

Check 'Em Out!

1 BLOCK	MINNESOTA VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE	www.fws.gov/midwest/minnesotavalley
2 BLOCKS	MINNEAPOLIS-BLOOMINGTON HIAWATHA LIGHT RAIL LINE	www.bloomingtonmn.org/page/1/bus-light-rail.jsp
1 MILE	MALL OF AMERICA	www.mallofamerica.com
1 MILE	IKEA	www.ikea.com
9 MILES	MINNEAPOLIS	www.minneapolis.org
10 MILES	MINNESOTA ZOO & IMAX	www.mnzoo.com
10 MILES	XCEL ENERGY CENTER (Home of the Minnesota Wild)	www.xcelenergycenter.com
10 MILES	MINNESOTA STATE CAPITAL BUILDING	www.mnhs.org/places/sites/msc/selfguided.pdf
10 MILES	SCIENCE MUSEUM OF MINNESOTA	www.smm.org

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