

## **2015 CONVENTION – EXHIBITORS**

### **SHUMSKY'S**

Shumsky is the official supplier for all clubs in the United States and the Caribbean and has partnered with Optimist International to bring you OptimistStuff.com! Shumsky's offers a fresh perspective on awards and recognition, personalized apparel and custom developed ideas to bring out the best in your Clubs needs. To learn more, stop by and visit our booth in the House of Optimism. You may also visit OptimistStuff.com or call 1-877-678-2582.

### **ANSELL'S AWARDS & SPECIALTIES**

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### **CANADIAN CHILDREN'S OPTIMIST FOUNDATION**

The CCOF exists to Help Optimists Help Kids through raising and managing funds for Canadian Optimist programs, such as Scholarship contests, the Child Cancer Campaign (CCC) and other projects authorized under the Outsourcing program. The CCOF is recognized by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) as a charity that supports Optimist Clubs in their effort to raise funds for their community projects. We issue charitable tax receipts for qualified gifts (registration # 874718950RR0001). Please come to workshops and stop by our kiosk (Thursday 8-6, Friday 9-3 or Saturday 8-noon). We ask that you encourage members and their friends and families to support our Youth work through contributions to the CCOF. If an additional 1% of our Canadian members donated even \$36.50, a dime a day, it would cover the cost of ten scholarships. Please help the Foundation to ensure that Optimist programs are soundly financed for the future.

### **CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN**

The Childhood Cancer Campaign's mission statement is: "Optimist International shall be the leading force to rid the world of childhood cancer." Clubs are asked to donate funds restricted to CCC Research to play an important role in finding the cure.

Information is available at the CCC booth about starting a program at your Club to benefit children affected by cancer in one of three ways. Your Club can raise money in support of the International Program, which offers Clubs matching grants for projects, or support a local pediatric cancer center through a Pass Through Program or raise funds to fulfill the remaining commitment made by Optimist International to Johns Hopkins Cure Childhood Cancer Campaign.

Optimist International has met a \$1 million commitment to fund an Endowed Research Fellowship at Johns Hopkins. During the 2011-12 Optimist year, a new pledge of \$500,000 was made to Johns Hopkins in the new Cure Childhood Cancer Campaign.

Come by and meet pick up materials for starting your own program or pick up some coin banks for use in your campaign. A limited supply will be available at no cost to those Club representatives. Additionally come by and speak to a Johns Hopkins representative about how they are putting Optimist International funds to work in the pursuit of a cure.

## **SAVE THE CHILDREN**

Save the Children invests in childhood – every day, in times of crisis and for our future. In the United States and around the world, we are dedicated to ensuring every child has the best chance for success. Our pioneering programs give children a healthy start, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. Our advocacy efforts provide a voice for children who cannot speak for themselves. As the leading expert on children, we inspire and achieve lasting impact for millions of the world's most vulnerable girls and boys. By transforming children's lives now, we change the course of their future and ours.

## **NEW REGIONAL/WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ORATORICAL CONTEST AND NEW & IMPROVED TRI-STAR SKILLS CONTESTS**

Stop by and get information to take to your club on these new improvements to Optimist programs.

## **BRAGGER'S HALL**

Looking for something new for your club to provide to your community? Check out some interesting programs that other clubs are doing. Vote for your favorite! The club with the most votes will receive a free convention registration to send a delegate to next year's convention.

## **FUTURE CONVENTIONS**

98th Optimist International Convention

Québec City Convention Centre

**Hilton Quebec**

**June 30 - July 2, 2016**

The Québec City area is easy to get to by plane, train, or car: it's well served by an efficient highway network, and Jean Lesage International Airport is just 16 km from downtown. It is a favorite destination, with world-class tourism facilities that offer visitors all the modern conveniences and comforts of city living. You'll love the safe surroundings and warm hospitality. The birthplace of French North America and the only walled city north of Mexico, Québec is an open-air treasure chest that will delight history and culture buffs alike. Its European background and modern North American character are set off by a heady blend of history, traditional and contemporary art, and French language culture to make Québec City a destination like no other. Visitors flock to Old Québec. This fortified part of the city exudes Old World charm, with winding, cobblestoned streets and a profusion of boutiques, museums, and attractions. From timeless Grande Allée to the trendy Saint-Roch neighborhood, Québec City is a place to slow down and savor the finer things in life. In Québec City, summer lasts from June to September, with a succession of festivals accompanying the sunshine and good cheer, much to the delight of visitors. **See you next year in Quebec City!**

Stop by the future conventions booth in the House of Optimism.

Information about the 2016 and 2018 Optimist International Conventions will be available!

## **ISADEX**

Club Ux is an exciting website system that empowers Optimist Clubs and Districts to manage and communicate with members, promote their accomplishments and upcoming events, coordinate meetings, and accept online registrations for members and participants.

**COUNTRY LIGHTS SOY CANDLES, LTD**

Country Lights specializes in fundraisers all across the United States. Many organizations have benefited from our top quality product and outstanding program. We believe our fundraisers are user friendly and profitable.

**FUNDCRAZR**

FundCrazr is a web-based fundraising and social sharing platform that allows organizations of all kinds across the country to manage every aspect of their fundraising campaign from start to finish, featuring an attractive discount program as well as a wide variety of sweepstakes programs.

**KLASSYE CREATIONS**

Gourmet coffee and tea sample packets along with k-cups for single serving give aways.

**PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS**

Background screening for coaches and volunteers.

**GIVE-A-BOOK**

Give-A-Book partners with Optimist Clubs to give books to children and schools in their local communities. Books will be available for purchase.

**HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP (HOBY)**

HOBY is a premier youth leadership organization that empowers individuals to achieve to their highest potential.

<http://www.hoby.org/>

**JOOI**

Visit the most energized part of our organization. JOOI Advisors and JOOI Board Members will be here to talk to you one on one about how YOUR Optimist Club can bring out the best in YOUR kids in your community.

Contact: Amy Keller (800) 500-8130 ext. 218

**NEW CLUB BUILDING**

Stop by and learn about one of the greatest service projects an Optimist can accomplish: Building a new Optimist Club! Chat with Members of the International New Club Building Committee and learn more about what you can do to bring Optimism to a new community.

Contact: Danny Schuette (800) 500-8130 ext. 226

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