

# Convention Planner

## 93rd Optimist International Annual Convention

Baltimore, Maryland -- July 3-5, 2011



March 2011



### Optimist Night at Oriole Park

Arrive early in Baltimore and join the fun at Pre-Convention Optimist Night at Oriole Park at Camden Yards. The Baltimore Orioles take on the St. Louis Cardinals at 7:05 p.m. Thursday, June 30, 2011. [Click here](#) to download the ticket order form.

---

### Dining in Baltimore

Planning a District Dinner? Check out this link for [local restaurants, private dining options and coupons](#).

There is a lot to see and do in the [Inner Harbor](#) plus all the [Deals, Discounts and Coupons](#) available.

Little Italy - *Piccola Italia* - a cozy neighborhood located in the heart of downtown renaissance Baltimore just outside the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront. Nestled between the Inner Harbor and historic Fells Point, visit Little Italy to dine at its [almost 30 restaurants](#). Simply stroll through the friendly narrow streets to experience a bit of the *sapore* (flavor) and *ambiente* (ambiance) of the old country - *Italia*.

[http://littleitalymd.com/main\\_page.htm](http://littleitalymd.com/main_page.htm)

---

### Time to take action

The time to speak up is now. Please take time to re-evaluate the Optimist International Bylaws and make sure they continue to effectively serve the organization. By

### Quick Links

[Tentative Agenda](#)

[Online Registration](#)

[Housing](#)

[Travel Discounts](#)

[Youth Adventures](#)

[Exhibitor Prospectus](#)

[Baltimore Inner Harbor Area](#)

[Water Taxi](#)

[Baltimore Deals and Discounts](#)

### Volunteers Needed

for Pre-registration Assistance

Contact Sherman Phillips

Res: (303) 979-4343

Fax: (303) 933-2418

Or (303) 978-1183

[swphil@comcast.net](mailto:swphil@comcast.net)

Appreciation Luncheon

Table Host/Hostess

Contact Mickey Price

[pawprice@gmail.com](mailto:pawprice@gmail.com)

or 410-771-4425

doing this, you and your Club can help shape and improve Optimist International.

If your Club wants to recommend a revision to the Bylaws, it must submit a proposed amendment citing the article and section, and exact proposed wording change to all articles and sections cited, along with a written rationale (in 200 words or less) for the change. The Club must submit the proposal on Club letterhead signed by the Club President. The proposal may be e-mailed or faxed to the International Office, but the original Club letter must be received in the International Office in order for the proposal to be considered. The rationale as submitted will be printed in the May issue of the *Hotline*. All submitted changes will be brought before the 2011 Convention delegates for vote and possible endorsement.

All proposed change submissions for the Bylaws must be received at the International Office by 5 p.m. (CST) April 4, 2011. Items postmarked on or before but received after April 4 will not be accepted. Please mail them to: Dana Thomas, Executive Assistant, Optimist International, 4494 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108.

### Resolutions: Another option

The Convention Resolutions Process can be used for any aspect of the organization not covered in the Bylaws. Clubs must submit resolutions by May 4, 2011, to the Resolutions Committee. The committee will choose the strongest resolutions and report them to Convention delegates on Tuesday, July 5, for debate and vote (note: Resolutions endorsed by Convention delegates are non-binding and are sent to the International Board of Directors for further consideration and study).

Please type resolutions on Club stationery and include you Club name, Club number and Club President's signature. All resolutions should be written in standard resolutions format:

"Whereas..., Whereas..., Whereas..., Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of Optimist International is asked to consider..." Please mail resolutions to: Resolutions Committee, Optimist International, 4494 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108.

Youth Chaperones  
Contact Sharon Parton at  
[Sharon.parton@optimist.org](mailto:Sharon.parton@optimist.org) or  
(800) 500-8130 ext. 207.

### Exhibiting at the Convention

National Hole-In One  
Association  
Flair Pins  
Lady Jayne  
Promotions Corall