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- Location – Gaylord Palms, Kissimmee, Florida.
- Dates July 8-11, 2009
- All events held under one roof
- Link to the Optimist website

Convention Questions

Contact the

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Published for the Convention Ambassadors to help promote the International Convention in Kissimmee, Florida at the Gaylord Palms

Plan for all Club President's-Elect to attend

Club President-Elects need training to effectively guide a Club through the year. Convention workshops have been designated for Club President-Elects. The workshop includes how to appoint officers, develop a budget, how to organize their club, setup Club meetings, perform service projects, file reports, add Members and build New Clubs.

Expenses Clubs should allocate to send their Club President-Elects to Convention

- Hotel room
- Airline Ticket
- Earlybird Registration
- Club President-Elect Breakfast Ticket
- Plus daily allotment for meals/tips, etc.

How to budget? If Club dues won't do it, hold Club

fundraisers specifically dedicated to help pay the expenses to the International Convention. Don't let your Club President-Elect miss the opportunity to take part in this innovative training program.



Exhibitors and Sponsors Wanted

New
Discounted
Exhibitor
Rates.

Advertise in the Optimist Program

Sponsor an Event

Do you know of a

company that would work well in the House of Optimism (Exhibit Hall)?

A company that has a product to sell, a great fundraiser to present or a member benefit to impel or just a great idea?

If so, we want to offer a spot in the House of Optimism. All we need is a company name, contact, phone and email. Contact the Meeting Services

team at Optimist International (800) 500-8130 ext. 207 or partons@optimist.org.

We're looking for

- Fund-raising Firms
- Insurance Agencies
- Self-improvement Firms
- Professional Development Companies
- Youth/Member Organizations
- Charities

2008-2009 International Convention Committee

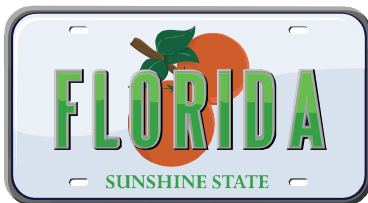
**Ron Whitaker, Chair (Oklahoma), Ken Ritter (Florida)
Dave Schmitt (Florida), Norm Teltow (Colorado),
Sandy Williams (Arizona), Harry Margo, (Michigan)**

Location – Gaylord Palms, Kissimmee, Florida

Optimist International Convention events take place at the Gaylord Palms



Everything Under
One Roof



Check out:

www.optimist.org
www.gaylordhotels.com
www.orlandoinfo.com

*You can dream, create,
design and build the
most wonderful place in
the world, but it requires
people to make the
dream a reality.*
Walt Disney.

Housing

To make your housing arrangements, go directly to the Optimist International Convention/Housing page of the Optimist website www.optimist.org to link to the Gaylord website or call to secure your hotel room at the Gaylord Palms (407 586-2000 be sure to mention you are attending the Optimist International Convention.

A group rate of \$152.00 has been established. (Resort fee of \$10.00 per night plus 13% tax is added to the nightly room rate).

The Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center brings excitement to life through world-class restaurants, dynamic on-site recreation, and breathtakingly beautiful gardens under glass. Atriums, tropical and lush,

recreate three Florida environments immersing you in the sights and sounds that make the Sunshine State a top vacation destination. Located 1.5 miles from the front gate of Walt Disney World® and in close proximity to other Orlando theme parks.

Support Optimist – book inside the housing block!

Optimist International contracts a number of rooms with our convention hotel. Booking your room at an Optimist hotel makes it easy for you to

secure quality accommodations, be close and convenient to all the action and near your friends. Attendees must reserve a percentage of these rooms or a

monetary penalty is imposed upon Optimist International. Please consider this when making your decision on hotel accommodations.

Ask your District Governor for time on Agenda at the Quarterly Meetings

- Utilize the Convention Planner to help in your promoting
- Have a table setup with registration forms and housing information
- Have a DVD Player available to show promotion video footage of the facility and the location.
- Checkout the Convention website at www.optimist.org, Gaylord Palms at www.gaylordhotels.com or for Orlando info at www.orlandoinfo.com

Special Registration Incentive

Buy a package deal in advance for a savings of \$16.00 includes

- Full Registration
- Appreciation Luncheon
- Old Timers' Breakfast/Fellowship Breakfast
- President's Banquet

ALL THIS FOR ONLY

\$250 (us) Earlybird or \$285 (US) after April 15 Not available onsite and cannot be split amongst attendees.