



Optimist International Convention General Information



Advertise in the Official Convention Program

Do you want to

- market your personal business,
- thought about running for the Board of Directors,
- personal or club birthday or anniversary announcements,
- congratulate people in your Club or District?
- Get your name and face out to everyone at the convention.
 - Full page \$100.00
 - ½ page \$75.00
 - ¼ page \$50.00

For details contact Sharon Parton at partons@optimist.org or (800) 500-8130 ext. 207.

Airport Transportation:

Orlando International Airport (MCO) is approximately 20 minutes from the Gaylord Palms. MEARS Shuttle Airport Transportation \$19 per person one way / \$32 roundtrip.

Attire

Business attire is appropriate for all sessions and meal events. Formal attire is appropriate, but not required for Saturday President's Banquet. Casual dress is the accepted fashion any other time.

Back-to-School Workshops

Choose from many exciting workshops that will expand your education. Topics will vary from Optimist specific to personal development. There is no pre-registration for these sessions; seating is "first-come, first-served." A schedule will be available onsite.

Bulletin Board

A bulletin board will be provided for posting messages, ticket swap forms, and district hospitality information. The bulletin board may only be used for information pertaining to the convention.

District Chairs Designate Training

The Activities, JOOI, Leadership Development, New Club Building, Membership and Club Services District Chair Designate training will be held on Wednesday, July 8. The focus of these sessions will be to provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to be a successful District Chair. Chairs will receive more information closer to the convention!

Discount Themepark Tickets available at www.optimist.org

Disney -- Purchase tickets to Disney attractions in advance, AT A DISCOUNT or by visiting www.disneyconventioneer.com/OI Website expires July 8, 2009.

Universal Orlando® Resort is proud to offer exclusive tickets to both Universal Orlando® theme parks. At www.universalorlando.com/convention

Evening of Entertainment

Due to the vast array of local attractions and feedback taken from recent surveys – you requested more free time. Thursday has been allotted for an afternoon and evening of free time. The theme parks are offering Discount tickets (See Discount section).

Hotel Housing

Call now to secure your hotel room at the Gaylord Palms (407) 586-2000 be sure to mention you are attending the Optimist International Convention or go directly to the International Convention page of the Optimist website www.optimist.org to link to the Gaylord website.

House of Optimism

Featured in this area are exhibitors of fund-raising products, endorsed organizations, displays of Optimist International programs, as well as an extensive array of Optimist International logo items by Promotions Corall and Shumsky. All vendors are allowed to sell their products.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Wednesday at 8 am

House of Optimism hours

Wednesday	8 am – 6 pm
Thursday	7:30 am – 1 pm
Friday	7:30 am – 3 pm

Name Badges

You will receive a name badge when you pick up your registration. Badges must be worn to all Optimist functions for admission.

Orientation for First Timers

Is this your first time attending an Optimist International Convention? Plan to attend the First Timers Orientation Wednesday at 1:00 pm to orient yourself and learn your role as a delegate of the International convention.

Official Convention Program

You'll receive an Official Program when picking up your packet. The program includes schedules, maps and details on the International Convention.

Refunds For Meal Tickets

There are no refunds on meal tickets. A form will be available at the registration desk to sell or purchase meal tickets with other members. Swap forms can then be posted on the bulletin board.

Registration/Meal Tickets Hours

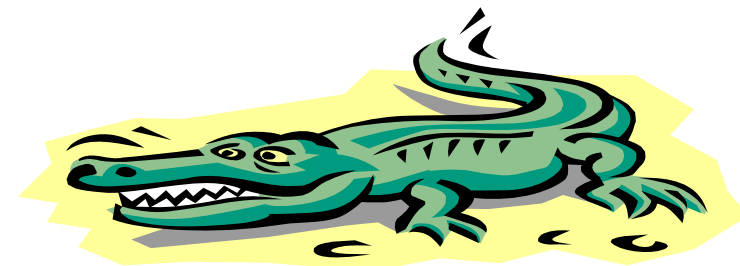
Tuesday	10 am - 6 pm
Wednesday	8 am - 6 pm
Thursday	7:30 am - 1 pm
Friday	7:30 am - 5 pm

Shuttle Service to Theme Parks

Gaylord Palms offers complimentary scheduled shuttle bus service to Walt Disney World theme parks, Downtown Disney, Universal Orlando, Wet 'n Wild, and SeaWorld. A daily schedule is available at the concierge desk. Advance reservations may be required.

Special Requests

If you require special needs or have a medical condition that requires a special dietary meal, please inform the Convention Department at (800) 500-8130, or E-Mail: convention@optimist.org



Volunteers Needed

Appreciation Luncheon host/hostesses
Youth chaperones
Pre-registration assistance

Contact Sharon Parton at
partons@optimist.org or
(800) 500-8130 ext. 207.

Training For Elects --

Club President-Elect, Club Secretary-Treasurer Designate and District Lt. Governor-Elect

Club President-Elect and District Lt. Governor-Elect training will be provided on Saturday from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. The workshops include how to appoint officers, develop a budget, how to organize their club, setup club meetings, perform service projects, file reports, add members and build clubs.

Responsibilities of a Delegate and Obtaining your Credentials

After picking up your Convention Registration packet, proceed to the Credentials Desk to pick up your voting material. Accredited delegates have the privilege and honor of representing their Club at this Optimist International Convention.

It is the responsibility of each accredited delegate to attend all business sessions of the convention; participate fully by listening and debating the issues within the framework of the convention rules and to vote on issues.

IMPORTANT: Credentials will not be available for distribution during business sessions. In the event of loss, the Credentials Committee may issue duplicate credentials during the times specified.

Credentials Hours

Tuesday 10 am - 6 pm

Wednesday 8 am - 6 pm

And **one hour only** preceding business sessions on **Thursday, Friday and**

Saturday as noted in Robert's Rule of Order.

To decrease the amount of time you stand in the registration and credential lines, pre-determine with your club members who will be picking up credentials for the club and verify with your Club Secretary-Treasurer prior to convention that the club is paid in full. The club listed on your badge is the club you will be obtaining Credentials (if applicable).

Rental Car Discounts

Enterprise - Special discount available. For reservations call 1-800-261-7331 or www.enterprise.com. Mention the Optimist Discount number **GE1025** and enter the code **OPT**.

Avis - Special discount available. The Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) Number is **B038399**. Please use this AWD number when calling Avis directly at (800) 331-1600.

Airfare Discounts

Air Canada Airlines

www.aircanada.com
Promotional code AUNVNF61
Or (888) 247-2262 agent fees may apply.

American Airlines - The discount code is A2779AC www.AA.com or call the AA Meeting Services Desk at (800) 433-1790. There is a \$10 (US) charge for tickets purchased via phone.

Northwest Airlines - A discount is available by making reservations online at www.nwa.com. Follow these instructions:

- From the "Flights" tab, click on "Do you have a Discount Travel E-Cert or other voucher?"
- Complete the "Flight Options" section of the "Flight Search" screen.
- In the "Additional Search Options" section, navigate to the section labeled "E-Cert."

- Find where it asks "Do you have a Discount Travel E-Cert, Electronic Credit Voucher (ECV), Meeting Agreement or an NWA Extras Voucher?" Select "Yes."
 - From the drop-down menu, select "Meeting Agreement."
 - Enter NM2MW as the Meeting Agreement code in the box provided, and complete your transaction.
- Or call (800) 328-1111. A \$20 ticketing fee when apply when calling.

Youth Activities Ages 5–18

Wednesday 1:30 – 4:30 pm
Wonderworks (Optional Tour for \$20.00 U.S.)

Wednesday evening - 6 to 9 p.m.

Meet and Greet Party

Thursday –8:30 – 11:30 am

Clearwater Cover Water Activities Playground

Friday - 9:30 am-3:00 pm

Jungle Adventure

Saturday - 9:30 am -3:00 pm

Wet'n Wild Water park

Saturday evening -6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Farewell Party and Dance



**Breakfast
and Lunch
Meal Vouchers
NOW AVAILABLE**

Don't want to waste your money on meals. Here's an affordable way to save money on breakfast and lunch each day – Breakfast and lunch will be served each day in the House of Optimism. Vouchers must be purchased in advance of arriving onsite. Breakfast \$8.00 – Lunch \$12.00. A convenient way to pay now and eat later. Saving you money that you won't have to fork out onsite.

MEAL EVENTS:

Tickets are collected at all meal functions. All pre-paid tickets will be included in your registration packet. Additional tickets may be purchased at the On-site Registration Desk. Tickets are sold based on space availability. You must be registered to purchase tickets.

Club Presidents-Elect and Lt. Governors-Elect Breakfast

If you are Club President-Elect or District Lieutenant Governor-Elect, you are invited to attend a breakfast on Friday 7 – 7:30 am with International President-Designate, Mark Shriver.

Appreciation Luncheon

Friday Noon – 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is "ENJOY A FLORIDA SAND DOLLAR KIND OF DAY". The luncheon is held in honor of all the spouses/guests who support members and Optimist activities. Kids Entertainment provided.

Old Timers' Fellowship Breakfast

What better way to start your day than with a hearty breakfast and a lot of laughs! Saturday from 7 – 9 a.m. Breakfast served promptly at 7 am.

President's Banquet and Ball

Celebrate the end of the Convention by joining President Don and First Lady Anita -- Saturday 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm. Formal attire is optional for this event. You will receive a coupon for each banquet ticket purchased. *The coupon(s) will be in your registration packet if purchased in advance. The coupon must be exchanged during the appropriate times as noted on the coupon. A reserved seating system will be used; tables of ten will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis*