

Optimist International 96th Annual Convention

Las Vegas, NV • July 10—12, 2014

GENERAL INFORMATION

Advertise in the Official Convention Program

Do you want to market your personal business, congratulate people in your Club or District, and/or have personal Club birthday or anniversary announcements? Get your/their name and face out to everyone at the convention:

- Full Page \$100
- ½ Page \$75
- ¼ Page \$50

For details contact Heidi Schertzer at: Heidi.schertzer@optimist.org or call (314) 881-1321
Deadline: May 4

Airfare Discounts

Air Canada

Discount Code: K4CM8G31
Ticketing agent fees may apply for phone reservations.
Travel valid July 3-19, 2014

American Airlines

Discount Code: 5764DB
A \$25 US ticketing fee applies if purchased by phone.
Travel valid June 28 – July 15, 2013.

Delta

When booking online, select Meeting Event Code and enter NMGVW on the Search Flight page. A ticketing fee applies if purchased by phone (800) 328-1111
Travel valid June 27 – July 15, 2014

Airport Information

McCarran International Airport (IATA: LAS) is less than 5 miles from the Convention located at Caesars Palace.

Amtrak Discounts

Reservations cannot be booked via Internet
Call 1 (800) 872-7245
Discount Code: X70Q-980
Travel valid between
June 28 – July 15, 2014

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.

Credentials Hours

Wednesday	2 - 6pm
Thursday	7:30am – 6pm
Friday	7:45 – 8:45am
Saturday	7 – 8:45am

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 for which you will be obtaining Credentials (if applicable).

District Chairs Designate Training

The District Leadership Development, Membership, New Club Building Traditional, and New Club Building Non-Traditional Chair Designate training will be held on Thursday, July 10 from 1 – 5pm. 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 prior to the convention.

Dress Attire

Business attire is appropriate for all sessions and meal events. Formal attire is appropriate, but not required for the Presidential Banquet on Friday, July 11. Casual dress is the acceptable fashion for any other time.

House of Optimism

Featuring exhibitors of fund-raising products, endorsed organizations, displays of Optimist International programs, Braggers Hall as well as an extensive array of logo items by our supply company. All vendors are allowed to sell their products.

House of Optimism Hours

Thursday	10am – 4pm
Friday	8am – 4pm
Saturday	8am – 2pm

Housing

Convention delegates are encouraged to make hotel reservations at Caesars Palace, where the Convention is located. For additional information on the hotel, please visit the website listed below.

Caesars Palace

Phone Number: 866-227-5944
Group Name: Optimist International
Group Code: SC0IN4
Website:

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SC0IN4>

Standard room rate (king or dbl/dbl)
\$119 + taxes

**Be sure to mention you are attending the Optimist International Convention in Las Vegas*

Las Vegas Workshops

Choose from many exciting workshops designed to 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 in advance online at www.optimist.org and onsite.



Meal Events

Tickets are collected at meal functions. 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.

Old Timers' Breakfast

Friday, 7 – 8:30am

Entertainment provided. What better way to start your day than with a hearty breakfast and a lot of laughs. Breakfast served promptly at 7am.

Presidential Banquet and Ball

Friday, 6:45 – 11pm

Join President Ron Huxley and First Lady Debbie Huxley to celebrate the annual convention. Formal attire is optional for this event and business attire is required. At the conclusion of the banquet, those that have not purchased a ticket are welcome to join the group for the Ball. You will receive a coupon for each dinner 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.*

Club Presidents-Elect and Lt. Governors-Elect Breakfast

Saturday, 7 – 8:15am

If you are a Club President-Elect or District Lt. Governor-Elect, you don't want to miss this breakfast with International President-Designate, Ken Garner. Breakfast served promptly at 7am.

Appreciation Luncheon

Saturday, 12 – 1:45pm

The luncheon is held in honor of all the support members and participants in Optimist activities. Entertainment is provided at this event.

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Name Badges

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

Orientation for First-Timers

Is this your first time attending the Optimist International Convention? Plan to attend the First-Timers Orientation workshop on Thursday to orient yourself and learn your role as a delegate of the International convention.

Official Convention Program

You will receive an Official Program when you pick 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. Swaps forms can be posted on the bulletin board.

Registration/M Meal Tickets Hours

Wednesday	2 – 6pm
Thursday	7:30am – 6pm
Friday	7:30am – 5pm

Rental Car Discounts

Budget

Discount Code BCD#: U160153

Call (877) 516-7275

Enterprise

Discount Code: GE1025 and code OPT

Call (800) 261-7331

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 the International Convention. It is the responsibility of each accredited delegate to attend all business sessions; 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.

Speaker Series

Saturday, 2 - 4pm

(Details to come)

Special Requests

If you require special needs or have a medical condition that requires a special dietary meal, please contact Heidi Schertzer at:

Heidi.schertzer@optimist.org

or call (314) 371-6000 ext.221

Volunteers Needed

- Registration assistance
- Appreciation Luncheon Host/Hostess
- Youth Chaperones

Contact Heidi Schertzer at Heidi.schertzer@optimist.org or call (314) 371-6000 ext.221

Youth Activities Ages 5-18

A fun-filled program with meals included for only \$145 per child with an optional Thursday tour for an additional \$20

Thursday:

1:30 – 5pm (\$20)

*Off Site Location – TBD
(no meal provided)*

5 – 5:30pm

*Youth Information Meeting with
Parents and Kids*

6 – 9pm

*Get Acquainted Party – On site
(dinner provided)*

Friday:

9am – 4pm

*Off Site Location – TBD
(lunch provided)*

6 – 9pm

*Youth Party – On Site
(dinner provided)*

Saturday:

9am – 4pm

Off Site location – TBD