

South-East Region Parallel District Conference (#1) November 16-18, 2012 (Agenda in a nutshell)

Friday November 16

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Registration
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	House of Optimism
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Early Bird workshop
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Executive Meetings
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception-hosted by North Florida Dist

Saturday, November 17

7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Registration
7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast meetings - governors and presidents
7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	1 st Timers Session

8:30-10:15 Opening Ceremony

- Recognition of Past and Present District and International Leaders
- Performance by the Largo High School Madrigal Singers
- Keynote address **Dr Carol Jacobs-Haynes**
- Address **Pres. J.C St Onge**

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	1st General Session
	○ Growth by membership retention

LUNCH 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	MORE CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS
3.30 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.	District breakouts
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Pre Banquet Cock tail Reception (Cash Bar)
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Banquet with a Latin Flair
9:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room

Sunday, November 18

7:00 a.m. - 8:10 a.m.	LT Governors Breakfast meeting
8:00 a.m. - 8.30 a.m.	Let's get together and share our optimism
8.35 a.m. - 8.45 a.m.	First timers wrap up
8.45 a.m. - 9.15 a.m.	Have 'fun' fund-raising - Pres J.C St Onge
9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	2nd General Session (Closing)
	○ OIF Presentations
	○ The Changing Face of Volunteerism
	○ International Convention Promotion
	○ Presentations
	○ Closing remarks - Pres J.C & IVP Sonia

WORKSHOPS

Parliamentary Procedures

This meeting is called to order! Are you ready for your executive meeting?

This early bird workshop scheduled just before the districts' executive meetings is for every member who wants to be able to participate fully in quality business meetings. It will give the information necessary to help leaders as they participate/chair their meetings and help them to understand their responsibility and power as part of the executive/board.

Growing through membership retention:

It's always good to be able to welcome new members into a club, but it's just as good to be able to dedicate an activity to the member who is celebrating 5, 10, 20, 30 years of service through their Optimist club. Retaining members means that your club will always have experienced optimists to guide the new recruits. Let's talk about the qualities of a club that finds a way to get their members coming back year after year ... after year.

Communication

How do voluntary movements such as Optimism emerge from the shadows of 'quietly doing good' and into the public light of recognition and support for its life-changing service to humanity. Why are our creative problem solving skills not being brought to bear...making the positive beam of Optimism illuminate the newspaper pages and television screens; resonate across the radio waves; pop on every interface on the new social media platforms? Why is the movement not as present in the public's mind as it ought to be? Communication!

Creative Problem Solving

Some see problems, Optimists see challenges. Let's look at our challenges carefully and then consider how others have faced them in the past considering new and innovative ways to find solutions. Together we will explore creative tips that will turn those challenging moments at the office, at home or at your club meeting into "aha!" moments that everyone can cherish.

Leadership Paradigms

Our Objective may be basically the same, as it was 90 years ago, but the world has changed. Have our leadership methods kept up with the changes? If not, now is the time to think about making some serious changes. As leaders we are called on to create clubs to which people want to belong. We have to manage relationships, communication systems, social networks, and more to ensure that we are still able to attain our Optimist and life goals.

Team Building

Not all groups are teams but a group can become an awesome team or can be made up of many motivated teams. In an ideal world all of your members will be good friends who like each other but in the real world this might not be the case. Good leaders can use creative methods to get people working together. With our children as our incentive we know that we have to find ways to build high functioning teams that will bring out the best in our children.

Fund Raising

Join President J.C as he shares tips to make your fund raisers not only financially viable but lots of fun, fellowship and a great opportunity to inspire others to join our movement

The Changing Face of Volunteerism...

...Optimists diversifying and managing the change to build a stronger organization.