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By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.

VISION STATEMENT

Optimist International will be recognized worldwide as the first volunteer organization that values all children and helps them develop to their full potential.

PURPOSES OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

To develop optimism as a philosophy of life utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed; To promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; To inspire respect for the law; To promote patriotism and work for international agreement and friendship among all people; To aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world.

THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise Yourself-

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet. To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
To look at the sunny side of everythin

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true. To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best. To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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2018-19 Optimist International First Family: President Rebecca Butler Mona, First Gentleman Mike Mona, and their children Amanda and Alex, pictured in front of the Iowa State Capitol.

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PROMISE YOURSELF... TO BRING OUT THE BEST

President Rebecca Butler Mona





From her childhood days growing up in the small town of Red Oak, Iowa, to her years as an active student leader on the Drake University campus, to her long career at IBM, President Rebecca Butler Mona has always believed in finding ways to make a positive difference in the lives of others in her own community and beyond those borders. Her involvement in her local Optimist Club - the Noon Optimist Club of Western Des Moines began as a Charter Member shortly after college and has been a significant part of her life for nearly 30 years. Optimists are like family for President Rebecca, and she and her own family husband Mike, daughter Amanda and son Alex are very excited to be serving as International President and "First Family" during this unique and important milestone of our 100th anniversary for the 2018-19 Optimist International Centennial Year. Together with Optimists from around the world, they look forward to "Bringing Out the Best Into the Next Century!"



SMALL TOWN ROOTS TO GLOBAL STAGE



Born in Omaha, Nebraska, Rebecca moved with her family to her parents' home town of Red Oak, Iowa, just before she started kindergarten – so it's always been "home" to her. Her parents, Rich and JoAnn Butler, owned and operated the Sears Catalog store on the downtown square for 25 years, and that was the first job for Rebecca and her younger brother, Dan.



Rebecca notes, "We were fortunate to grow up surrounded by caring people with a belief in hard work and taking care of your neighbors." Sadly, Rebecca lost her father to a sudden heart attack while she was serving as

Optimist Governor, just before her District Convention which her parents had planned to attend. He was only 54. "I am blessed to have many wonderful memories of my dad, and an amazing mom who continues to be a great support for me and for all four of her grandchildren," she says.

Rebecca enjoyed school, participated in a variety of sports, and loved fine arts such as theater, speech, music, and art. She was involved in a range of school clubs and activities, as well as outside service in church and the community. These interests continued as she attended Drake University in Des Moines, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with majors in Marketing and Human Resource Management. In addition

to highest honors (Summa Cum Laude), Rebecca received the Oreon E. Scott Distinguished Service Award as the outstanding graduating senior at Drake for her leadership and service to the university. She has continued her service to Drake in a variety of alumni volunteer roles over the years.

Following graduation from Drake University, Rebecca began her career with IBM as a sales representative in Des Moines, and recently retired following a 32-year career in a range of national and global marketing executive roles spanning IBM's portfolio of software, services and systems and travel to over 30 countries. Most recently, she served as Director of Global Marketing for IBM's consulting business responsible for global marketing strategy and demand generation. She concurrently served five years as Senior State Executive for IBM in Iowa, a voluntary leadership role responsible for IBM's employee community engagement and government relations a role which gave her the opportunity to make a difference in her home state of Iowa.

OPTIMIST FAMILY

Shortly after becoming a Charter Member of the Noon Optimist Club of Western Des Moines in 1989, Rebecca was asked to take on the role of Club President, serving in that role for another Honor Club year, and was then elected Lt. Governor for the ten Clubs in and around the Des Moines area. During that year (1991) at a "New Optimists Welcome (NOW)" Membership event, she met her husband Mike attending as a guest and prospective Member! As they tell the story, the two lived only seven blocks away from each other, but they had never met. Suddenly, they began running into each other virtually everywhere. Mike continued to attend meetings but had not yet joined, and eventually invited Rebecca to lunch to "talk about some questions he had about the Optimist Club."

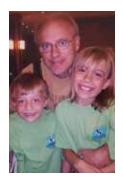




Mike did join the Club and has since been an active Member, going on to serve as Club President and Lt. Governor. He has also been a great support as "First Gentleman / First Dude" when Rebecca was Distinguished and Outstanding Governor of Iowa (1993-94), International Vice President (1998-99) and now, as International President. Mike and Rebecca were married October 3, 1998 to kick-off their year as Vice President – followed by five District visits five weekends in a row (an extended Optimist honeymoon). As we begin the 2018-19 year in October, the couple will celebrate their 20-year anniversary!



Rebecca and Mike's children, Amanda and Alex, have grown up in Optimism, joining their parents at many lowa District and International Conventions over the years. Amanda (17) is headed into her senior year at Des Moines Christian School and Alex (15) will be a sophomore. Both are active in show choir, marching band, theater and more. They recently started a



new Junior Optimist Club and attended the Junior Optimist International (JOI) Convention in Ottawa this past summer. With two busy high school students and the year ahead as Optimist International President, 2018-19 promises to be an exciting time in the Mona family household!

Rebecca points out, "Over the past nearly 30 years, Optimists have become like family to me and to my own family, and we are blessed with truly countless dear friends in our home lowa District and across this great organization. We are grateful for those who have inspired and encouraged us over the years, and look forward to making new Optimist friends in the year to come!"



OPTIMIST100: PROMISE YOURSELF!

At our recent Optimist International Convention in Ottawa, Canada, President Rebecca and President Nick Prillaman teamed up to jointly introduce our Centennial Celebration. They reminded attendees of the vision and mission for our organization, and spoke to the importance of our Centennial as an occasion to not only reflect back on our great history, but to position us effectively for the future – instilling pride in our Members, expanding external recognition of Optimism, and growing our positive impact in current and new communities. They introduced the Centennial logo and theme of "Bringing Out the Best Into the Next Century" to convey our positive impact for the past 100 years and our plans to do even more in the coming century.

As Rebecca reminds us, "Each of us has an Optimist story – a favorite memory that tugs at your heartstrings of a child's face or a parent's grateful words of thanks following a Club project. Many of us have memories of the positive impact being an Optimist has had on us as individuals as well, not just on those we serve. Sometimes we do not even know the impact we have, but it matters, even if it makes a difference to just one."

Rebecca's personal theme is "Promise Yourself" and she says, "I hope that resonates with each of us not only with our Optimist Creed, but with the commitment we each make to bring our own personal best to everything we do – to make things better for our Clubs, our communities, the young people we serve, and each other."

During this coming year, Rebecca encourages all Members to make a difference and earn the "Promise



Yourself" award by sponsoring a new Optimist Member, getting involved in at least one Club project, and sharing their personal Optimist

story / testimonial. Together, we can do more to "Bring Out the Best."

OPTIMIST CENTENNIAL YEAR GOALS

As we look to the 2018-19 Optimist Centennial year to position our great organization for "Bringing Out the Best Into the Next Century," our team has **four simple goals** for our year together:

<u>Growth:</u> Expand the impact of Optimist International through positive membership growth and 125 new Clubs

<u>Engagement/Training:</u> Strengthen Optimist Clubs and Members through effective involvement and leadership development

<u>Marketing:</u> Raise the profile of Optimist International and Optimist Clubs both internally and externally

<u>Financial Strength:</u> Ensure sound financial budget management (expenses and revenue) and reduce reliance on Club/Member dues to support priorities

To help us be successful in each of these areas, we have a series of plans and strategies, tailored by each Region Vice President and Governor to their geographic areas. Of course, most of what we do as Optimists happens at the local level.



YOUR ROLE IN THE OPTIMIST CENTENNIAL

Every Optimist Club should strive to be at least an Honor Club as that is simply a great tool to ensure our Clubs are healthy, active and strong. In this Centennial year, we have some very special opportunities for your extra efforts to be recognized. President Rebecca encourages Optimist Clubs to strive to be a "Centennial Distinguished Club" and for individuals who start new Optimist Clubs to be a "Centennial Builder of Excellence." In addition, every Member should aim to earn the "Promise Yourself" Award by being involved in their Club, sponsoring a new Member and sharing their Optimist story. Rebecca would love to be able to recognize your efforts and positive impact!

Start thinking now about planning an Optimist Centennial Celebration in your own community, and use it as an opportunity to recognize the impact your Optimist Club has at a local level. Invite community leaders, young people and organizations you have helped, and prospective Members who may want to join you. Consider inviting local media as well, as they may be quite happy to cover a "positive news" story like yours! We have new videos and marketing materials to help you have a successful program, and expand your ability to serve in your own community, as well as by extending Optimism into neighboring communities.

I PROMISE...

As Rebecca says, "Who we are and what we do as Optimists are more important and more needed now than ever before. We have a wonderful opportunity – and a responsibility – to leave our Clubs, our Districts, our Members, and our entire organization in a much better place following our service. This is about 'Bringing Out the Best' and truly preparing us for the Next Century of Optimist impact. I ask each of you to 'Promise Yourself' to bring your personal best to

everything you do, to bring out the best in your teams and your communities, and each other. And you have my promise to do exactly that."





Optimists Accomplish P.G.I. Goals

The following Optimists submitted their requirements for achieving Levels VII and X of the Personal Growth & Involvement Program between June 1 and August 1:

LEVEL VII

Pamela Barckholtz MI AMS&NW Eric Christian **Greg Griffin** ОН **Shirley Jarrett** CAR Alice Kuzniak **GATE** Jacques Lapierre **OUCE** Wilma Van Loo MI Terry Watson OK Lee Welszhaar AMS&NW Margaret Wright CAR

LEVEL X

Jack Akerman ОН Dennis Andolsek **CALSO** Jodi Arriola **WINUM Dorothy Baker CALSO** Pamela Barckholtz MI Merleen Hercules CAR Calvin Hunter CAR Carlene Hunter CAR Kathleen Manchec AC Carl McCarthy IA Diane Moore STX William Pluma **PSW** Timmy Quade **MDSD** Sandy F. Uslander **CALSO**

2018-19 WEBINARS

The Leadership Development Committee will be offering the following FREE webinars during the upcoming 2018-19 year. Continue to check upcoming Leadership Hotlines and communications from Optimist International for registration links to sign up for the webinars. For questions, contact leadership@optimist.org.

- A Goal without a Plan is Just a Wish October 8 Presented by Susan Fix
- ▶ 100 Stronger: The Centennial Mission November 12 – Presented by Tracy Huxley
- ➤ Sharing is Caring
 December 10 Presented by Diane Siefkes
- ► Engaging Our Youth

 January 14 Presented by Patrick Prendergast
- ► Select and Elect
 February 11 Presented by Tracy Huxley

- NOW is the Time
- March 11 Presented by Patrick Prendergast
- ▶ The Difference between a Job and a Title April 8
- Forms: Why Waste Your Time
 May 13 Presented by Venus Sanford
- ▶ Transitioning Leadership: Continuing Success
 June 10 Presented by Mark Weinsoff
- September Checklist: Are You Really Done?
 September 9 Presented by Daniel Rich

Reel Optimism Winners

The 2018 Reel Optimism contest attracted a number of video submissions by adult Optimist Clubs, and Junior Optimist Clubs. Based on the topic "Living the Creed," the videos submitted illustrated the Optimist Creed with Member testimonials, Club events, inspirational quotes, and more.

Optimist Members, Junior Optimists and the general public voted for their favorite videos via an online-based contest hub. During the voting period, over 18,000 votes were cast!

Congratulations to the following category winners:

"Living the Creed" - Adult winner: Breakfast Optimist Club of Kalamazoo, Michigan

"Living the Creed" - Youth winner: Junior Optimist Club of Farmington Steam Academy, Michigan

Each of the Clubs received a \$1,500 Club grant courtesy of Optimist International, the Optimist International Foundation and the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation.



Breakfast Optimist Club of Kalamazoo used the grant to fund a Respect for Law movie night event. Children were able to interact with public safety personnel with a movie at dusk. The Club wanted to participate in the contest to promote their Club and the Optimist Creed. They encourage other Clubs to submit a video and use the submission to promote Club activities and Optimism in their own local communities.



Junior Optimist Club of Farmington Steam Academy participated in this contest in the hope of winning the grant to start a project that would make an impact in our community. The Club plans to either use the grant for a water fountain for dogs at a local park, a Cricut cutting machine for the local library, or a Gaga octagon pit for the local park. The Club also encourages other Clubs to participate in future Reel Optimism contests because it was an exciting experience for Clubs to plan and record the video together.

Club grants are funded through the generous support of the Optimist International Foundation and the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation.

To view the videos of the winning Clubs, in addition to all other Reel Optimism submissions, go to www.optimist.org/ReelOptimism. Stay tuned for information about the 2019 Reel Optimism video contest!

#Optimist100

Based on the success on the Optimist Strong conferences held last year, 37 Districts will be holding **#Optimist100** conferences in conjunction with their first quarter conferences.

These half-day conferences will have training sessions designed to engage Members, expand leadership skills and highlight our International goals for the upcoming year. An Optimist trainer from outside the District will coordinate the training which will include topics such as "We and Them is US!" and "100 Years Let's Celebrate!"

For more information, contact the Optimist International Leadership Development Department at leadership@optimist.org.



2018 OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ORATORICAL

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Third Annual Optimist International Oratorical World Championships brought together 38 contestants to compete in person at the Saint Louis University Center for Global Citizenship, six contestants for the St. Lawrence Region in Montreal, and ten other students from the United States, Canada, Belize, Russia, Myanmar, Pakistan, and

ORATORICAL

Haiti via virtual technology. The event began on Wednesday, June 27 with a meet and greet and contestants determining speaking orders. The Regional and World Championships competition took place Thursday, June 28 and Friday, June 29.

Congratulations to the Regional winners of the 2018 Optimist International Oratorical World Championships. Each Regional winner received a \$5,000 scholarship. These students advanced to the World Championships contest to compete for the title of Optimist International Oratorical World Champion:

Global Region: Belize - Clementina Ojo

Northeast & Great Lakes Region: Southwestern Ontario –

Allison Nguyen

Great Plains Region: Dakotas-Manitoba-Minnesota - Kelsey Frost

Mid-Atlantic Region: North Carolina West - Clayo Kulczyk

Southeast Region: **South Carolina – Caleb Smith** Southwest Region: **North Texas – Asia Alcorn**

Middle America Region: Kansas - Christopher Burrell

West Coast Region: Pacific Southeast – Dominique Ruedaflores

Saint Lawrence Region: Québec East-North Shore - Yeva Côté-Paradis



WORLD CHAMPION - CALEB AVERY SMITH Charleston, South Carolina (South Carolina District) \$22,500

"I would urge youth to compete in the Oratorical World Championships because it is important to understand the power of your words. The ability to engage the writing process and refine the oratorical speaking skills necessary to deliver it properly, is so beneficial to learn at an early age, and this competition definitely prepares you to gain the necessary skills to do that. More importantly, I would urge the youth to simply aspire to inspire others. Personally, I am so grateful that I made it as far as I did, and was able to matriculate through all the competitive levels, but at the end of the day, I always looked at the competition as a platform to change at least one person's

outlook on life. If I were to do that, and had not even made it past the state level, I would have achieved my goal. I desire to encourage any young person that is thinking about participating in this competition, to do so, because they have a voice, and the ability to change the world with their words."



2ND PLACE - DOMINIQUE RUEDAFLORES Alhambra, California (Pacific Southeast District) \$17,500

"The Oratorical World Championships taught me a valuable lesson that I will forever cherish. Growing up, I was extremely competitive in all facets of life, whether it was soccer or school, I was always driven to win. Winning was the most important thing to me and the importance of the journey never mattered. When I arrived in St. Louis, the friendly spirit and dedication of my fellow Optimists was unbelievably refreshing. Watching all of the astounding speeches, I couldn't wrap my head around the fact that I was actually in St. Louis, competing in Public Speaking, something I've struggled with my whole life. I live 1,819.4 miles away from St. Louis; yet, I was given the

awesome opportunity to share my story. In that moment, I realized that the journey is so much more important than the end result. The hard work, 7:00 a.m. practices, and perseverance was all worth it and truly was the reason I was selected to compete. In that moment, I was immensely proud of how far I came. Everything that followed was icing on the cake. For once in my life, winning wasn't as important because the journey superseded everything."



3RD PLACE - CHRISTOPHER BURRELL Wichita, Kansas (Kansas District) \$12,500

"The Oratorical World Championships have changed me for the better by allowing me to put confidence behind my voice. My favorite part of the Oratorical World Championships was meeting and hearing other teens speak from all over the world. It is an amazing opportunity that allows for youth to network, build relationships with other teens, make many new friends, and public speak!"

To watch the speeches of the three winners, and learn more information about our Oratorical Program, visit www.optimist.org/oratorical.

Special Thanks

Diana Carlin, Chair of the Optimist International Oratorical World Championships • Saint Louis University Staff All of the volunteers that helped make this event a success!

Special Guests

Sandy Williams, 2017-18 Optimist International Foundation President • H. Nick Prillaman, 2017-18 Optimist International President • Rebecca Butler Mona, 2018-19 Optimist International President Dave Bruns, Past Optimist International President • Kevin Ailara, 2017-18 Activities Committee Chair

SUPPORT THE ORATORICAL PROGRAM

Help to make education affordable by donating to the Optimist International Oratorical World Championships! The Oratorical program is the longest running Optimist program and Optimists can be proud of the quality of young people competing in the contest – all speaking each year on the topic of Optimism. For more information about the contest, contact programs@optimist.org.

You can help fund the scholarships by contacting the Optimist International Foundation, the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation or donate directly to the contest at www.optimist.org/oratorical.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONTESTS 2018-19



ORATORICAL CONTEST

Beginning in 1928, the Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program of Optimist International. The contest is designed for young people to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with an opportunity to compete for multiple college scholarships with a pre-assigned topic.

Topic: "Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?"

District Scholarships: First Place: \$2,500 • Second Place: \$1,500 • Third Place: \$1,000 with a chance to win up to \$22,500 at the World Championships level





ESSAY CONTEST

The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live. The approach can encompass a young person's personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective. In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship!

Topic: "When All the World's Problems are Solved, is Optimism Still Necessary?"

One District Scholarship of \$2,500



COMMUNICATION CONTEST FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

This contest offers an opportunity for students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing to present their thoughts in the community, gaining skills, which can only come from signing or speaking to a large audience. Patterned after the Optimist Oratorical Contest, the contest offers youth the chance to compete in speech or sign language with the chance to win a college scholarship.

Topic: "Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?"

One District Scholarship of \$2,500



KIDS SPEAK OUT! SPEECH CONTEST

All young people can compete in the Optimist Oratorical Contest. The "Kids Speak Out" contest is a "pre-Oratorical" program that provides a more equitable competition for younger speakers.

Follow complete Official Rules posted on www.optimist.org

CENTENNIAL RECOGNITION 4Q 2018 and 2018-19

CENTENNIAL DISTINGUISHED CLUB

Criteria

- Honor Club requirements +
- Net +10 in Membership
- Build a New Adult Club
- \$100 unrestricted contribution to Foundation

Award

- Banner Patch and Certificate (President and Secretary-Treasurer)
- · Gavel award with Centennial logo



Criteria

- Distinguished District requirements +
- Net +100 in Membership
- \$10,000 unrestricted contribution to Foundation

Award

- Banner Patch and Certificate (Governor and Secretary-Treasurer)
- Gavel award with Centennial logo



Criteria:

• Build a new adult Club between Ottawa Convention and September 30, 2019

Award

- Special Centennial BOE pin for medallion ribbon
- No limit to how many an individual can earn







Centennial "Promise Yourself" Awards 2018-19

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

Criteria

- Sponsor a New Member
- Participate in a Club Project
- Submit a testimonial / "Optimist Story" to Optimist International

Award

• Centennial "Promise Yourself" logo pin

CLUB PRESIDENT

Criteria

- Personally earn the Individual Member award
- 20% of Club Members earn Individual Member award

Award

Centennial "Promise Yourself" logo letter opener





Centennial "Fast Start" Awards

(promote Convention attendance and growth)

DEADLINE MARCH 31 / END Q2

CLUB "FAST START"

Criteria

- Build a New Adult Club
- Net +5 in Members end of Q2 (on track for +10 year-end)

Award

 Every Member of Club eligible for \$100 Convention registration in Louisville

DISTRICT "FAST START"

Criteria

- Build 2 new Adult Clubs
- End Q2 at + 15 Members

Award

 Every Member of District eligible for \$100 Convention registration in Louisville



Membership Incentive

"Homecoming" Centennial Promotion

Objective

 Increase membership through special promotion targeting former Optimist Club members using the Centennial celebration as an occasion to capitalize on member pride and enthusiasm to fuel growth

Target audience

Former Optimist Club members

Promotion

- \$30 fee to join for first year (covers member fee and international dues, similar to Teachers Incentive and 30<30)
- Timeframe: 2018-19 Optimist year

Parameters

• Promotion can only be utilized for a "former member" once (i.e. cannot drop and re-add during the year at \$30 rate)

Note: Teacher incentive and \$30<30 both continued for 2018-19



Congratulations

to the Optimist Club of Riverside, Ontario: 2016-17 Overall Optimist Club of the Year!

Optimist Club of Riverside plans and hosts a number of community service and youth projects throughout the year including (but not limited to) an Easter egg hunt, pumpkin decorating, kite day, fishing derby, and Skate with Santa.

The Club also participates in a number of Optimist International programs, such as hosting Club contests for the Oratorical and Essay Program, and Tri-Star Basketball. A number of youth events the Club plans are sensory friendly for special needs children. For example, special needs children were able to hunt for eggs 30 minutes without limitations or crowds before the large Easter egg hunt. The Club encourages other Optimist Clubs to simply try making minor adjustments to their Club events to better include children with special needs.

The Club actively hosts NOW events at each event they host in the community. During one of the NOW events during the 2016-17 year, the Club added 17 Members. The Club also has a number of Members participating in the PGI Program. Many Members attend the District Convention and the International Convention.

The Optimist Club of Riverside, Ontario 2016-2017 Leadership Team:

Dwight Phillips, President
Heather Dresser, Secretary
Marlene Phillips, Treasurer
Michael Cogliati, Foundation Representative







Congratulations to all 2016-17 Optimist Club of the Year finalists:

Boardman Optimist Club, Ohio
Golden Circle Optimist Club of Wilson, North Carolina
Lambton Central-Pertrolia Optimist Club, Ontario
Optimist Club of Port Stanley, Ontario

Sawnee-Cumming Optimist Club, Georgia Searcy Optimist Club, Arkansas Two Rivers Optimist Club, Wisconsin

Optimist Club of the Year



The Optimist Club of the Year is the highest achievement an Optimist Club can attain in the Optimist organization. The recipient of this prestigious award will be chosen regardless of number of members, or region and will be known as the "Best Overall Club" in Optimist International.

The Optimist Club of the year award is presented annually to the most outstanding Club in the organization based on the following criteria:

Service projects sponsored by the Club 30 Points

Member Development Programs a year, i.e. PGI Program, Optimist International Conventions and Summit, etc. 25

25 Points

Club Growth and Increased Community
Awareness Campaigns, i.e. NOW Program,
Marketing Campaign, etc. 2

25 Points

Increased Volunteer Member Base

10 Points

New Community Efforts

10 Points

Points in each category will be awarded by independent judges based upon community outreach, impact on children and Members, new and innovative ideas; and benefits to the individual Club Members.

All Clubs wishing to participate, will submit an application to Optimist International no later than December 31, 2018 for the Optimist year ending September 30, 2018.

The Club named Overall Optimist Club of the Year will receive one round-trip airline ticket to the Optimist Convention, a banner patch, an award, and a special article in *The Optimist* magazine and on the Optimist website.





100TH CONVENTON

The 100th International Convention attracted over 1,000 Optimists this summer in Ottawa to kick off our Centennial Year! The convention started Saturday, July 7 and concluded Tuesday, July 10.

The excitement began with people arriving extra early to explore the many unique and historic sites of Ottawa! Plenty of Optimist Members and guests arrived early to register, visit the Expo, attend pre-convention training sessions and gather for fellowship with some old and some new friends. President Nick Prillaman and the 2018-19 team of leaders were also seen in line to pick up their registration materials!

Sunday started early morning with workshops and training sessions to attend for many including an orientation session for the First Timers.

The Community Involvement Expo was open Saturday-Monday and featured a variety of vendors and Optimist International Club project displays.

The Opening Ceremony on Sunday evening was filled with entertainment, introductions and a surprise visit from Motivational Speaker Captain I Can and Mrs. Sonshine. Blast Off! Members also enjoyed entertainment by the MacCulloch Dancers performing traditional Highland and Celtic Step Dancing under the direction of Deborah Wheeler, the De La Salle Senior Vocal Ensemble students of the Vocal Music program of the Artistic Excellence Centre at De La Salle high school under the direction of Robert Filion, and the Capital Youth Jazz Orchestra under the direction of Musical Director, Nick Dyson. The Junior Optimist International Board of Directors, Members of the Junior Optimist International Laterrière and Alma Clubs from Québec, and Members of the Hagerty Octagon Club from Florida served as flag bearers for the parade of flags. Everyone remained standing as a member of the Royal Mounted Police sang the Canadian national anthem. The ceremonies continued with introductions of our organization's current and past leaders and inspiring words from 2017-18 Optimist International President Nick Prillaman and Junior Optimist International President Mathew Nacev.

On Monday, 2018-19 Optimist International President Rebecca Butler Mona hosted a special breakfast for Club Presidents-Elect and Lieutenant Governors-Elect followed by a morning business session. The session included award presentations, Centennial Kickoff presented by our current and incoming International Presidents Nick Prillaman and Rebecca Butler Mona, and keynote speaker Sebastien Sasseville took the stage encouraging Members to 'Finish the Race!' Immediately after the First Business Session, participants headed to the Appreciation Luncheon to enjoy the performance by the Campbell Trio + Solid Sound! Members were free for the evening to enjoy fellowship and fun at District dinners.

Before the business session resumed on Tuesday, the day started with entertainment by impressionist, Houston MacPhearson at the Old Timers Breakfast! The afternoon closing session covered the bylaws report and voting and included inspirational messages presented by our current and incoming International Presidents Nick Prillaman and Rebecca Butler Mona! The finale was the President's Banquet and Ball, where many sang karaoke and danced the night away to music played by local DJ and singers Lynn Lanthier and Lucille Prégent!

What a great way to spend a few days away from home – experiencing another part of the world, having fun, learning and sharing ideas with over 1,000 other Members of our Optimist Family! Be Optimist Strong, Be the Difference and have a good time! A huge thank you to everyone that attended, with an extra special shout out to Joanne Ganske and Laurel Schirmer of the International Convention Committee and Ann Donkers and her Host Area Committee for all they did to organize such a great and successful convention!

See you next year in Louisville!

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY DERBY AND OUR

RUN FOR THE RUSES

A story shared by President Rebecca Butler Mona

The next time many of us will be together is a year from now in Louisville, Kentucky, which is very special to me for many reasons. Of course, Louisville is the home of our first Optimist International Convention in 1919, and it's amazing that we are all going back there to celebrate our Centennial in 2019! In

addition, Louisville is a special place for

me personally. Our 75th anniversary celebration was held there when I was Governor-Elect in 1993. It is also memorable in my family.

My dad always loved horses. As a child growing up, we had a couple of quarter horses and rode horses at our cousin's farm. When I was nine or ten years old, we drove to Kentucky to visit friends who had moved there from Red Oak, and even went to Churchill Downs. Quite a trip for our family! Many years later when our Optimist International Convention was in Cincinnati, we drove with our family and stopped overnight in Louisville so we could take the kids to visit Churchill Downs. When we drove into the parking lot, we saw a big horse being led across the lot, with a little gray horse by its side.

We went inside and explored the extensive museum. We were told that they had video of every Kentucky Derby ever run with the 144th running this year. The man at the counter suggested that everyone should watch the race from the year they were born, and then watch 2009, so we did.

Mine That Bird won the 2009 Kentucky Derby. As we watched the 2009 race, we couldn't believe what we saw. Mine That Bird's nearly impossible win was a spectacular finish from dead last to first. He had the longest odds at 50:1 (in 85 years) and biggest margin of victory at 6 ½ lengths (in 60+ years).

Very exciting, right? Now, as Paul Harvey used to say, here is the rest of the story...

Remember that horse I told you about in the parking lot and the little gray horse with him? That was Mine That Bird and his little friend and traveling companion, Winston!



excited to "meet" this celebrity racehorse.

And as we all head into this Centennial Year and our "run for the roses" leading to Louisville and beyond, let's set high goals. Whether you are like Secretariat, or this year's Justify who won the Triple Crown and ran races leading so far out front that no one thought they could keep up the pace, or you are like Mine That Bird with long odds and starting out at the back of the pack... You can achieve your goals if you have the commitment, the heart, and surround yourself with a good team (or your own "Winston").

My friends, we have each taken on a special leadership role as Optimists in the upcoming 2018-19 year. We have a wonderful opportunity and a responsibility to leave our Clubs, our Districts, our Members, and our entire organization in a much better place following our service. This is about "Bringing Out the Best" and truly preparing us for the Next Century of Optimist impact.

I ask each of you to "Promise Yourself" to bring your personal best to everything you do, to bring out the best in your teams and your communities, and each other. And, you have my promise to do exactly that.

I look forward to our Centennial year ahead – thanks to each of you!



Submitted by: Ronnie Dunn and Paula Reyling, Louisville Host Area Committee Co-Chairs

The Ottawa Convention is now history. What a grand time we had in a gorgeous city! Many thanks to our Canadian Optimist friends who worked hard for our enjoyment.

Now we turn to Louisville, where we will celebrate Optimist International's 100th Anniversary. This is a very special time for our organization, and we are dedicated to making the convention memorable for everyone who attends. In order to do that, we need all the resources we can garner! On behalf of our Fundraising Co-Chairs for the Louisville Convention, Sandy Ruman and Patti Scott, we are inviting all Optimists, Clubs, Optimist groups (i.e., District Past governor Associations), and businesses to contribute to our efforts.

The levels of giving will be noted in the convention program as follows:

\$2,500 and above	Triple Crown
\$1,000 - \$2,499	Winner's Circle
\$500 - \$999	Win
\$250 - \$499	Place
\$100 - \$249	Show
Under \$100	Jockey's Club

So that we will have time to plan, we welcome your contributions by March 31, 2019. The sooner you give, the more time we will have to arrange for entertainment, speakers, youth activities, etc.

Checks can be made to **Optimist International** and mailed to:

Optimist International Attn: Louisville Host Area Committee 4494 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63144

It is our sincere hope that everyone will come to this centennial convention. We promise you a great time!

^{*} There are limited tax-deductible opportunities.

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2018 OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to the 2018 champions of the Optimist Junior Golf Championship!

The three-phase tournament at PGA National Resort & Spa
in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, began July 17 and ended August 1.

BOYS 16-18

Yuki Moriyama (Japan) 71-70-70-69 – 280

Shiv Kaura (Championsgate, Florida) 70-69-71-73 – 283

Agustin Segundo Oliva Pinto (Argentina) 65-69-76-73 – 283

Hole-in-one: Justin Zheng Zhong Kuk (Singapore)

GIRLS 15-18

Jillian Bourdage (Tamarac, Florida) 74-69-75-75 – 293

Giovanna Fernandez Lopez (Paraguay) 75-74-75-72 – 296

Viviana Prette Reyes (Paraguay) 77-72-72-78 – 299

BOYS 14-15

Rachata Winwon (Bluffton, South Carolina) 75-70-72 – 217*

Eric Boulger (Walpole, Massachusetts) 73-70-74 – 217*

Andy Luo (Canada) 73-70-74 – 217*

GIRLS 13-14

Thanchanok ladpluem (Thailand) 76-69-71 – 216

Madison Reemsnyder (Canton, Ohio) 75-71-75 – 221

Lauren Daiana Olivares (Mexico) 72-80-71 – 223

Hole-in-one: Rachel Penzenstadler (Centennial, Colorado)

BOYS 12-13

Nicholas Pevny (Aspen, Colorado) 72-73-72 – 217

Zhengfei Han (China) 72-73-74 – 219

Alex Papayoanou (The Woodlands, TX) 75-74-71 – 220

GIRLS 10-12

Alisa Inprasit (Thailand) 70-69-73 – 212

Clarisa Temelo (Mexico) 70-71-73 – 214

Mariane Johnson (Gulf Breeze, Florida) 75-77-73 – 225

Hole-in-one: Mariana Vega (Colombia)

BOYS 10-11

Jack Roberts (St. Marys, Georgia) 70-70-72 – 212

Dujuan Snyman (South Africa) 72-72-75 – 219

Miguel Anaya (Mexico) 76-74-71 – 221

* Indicates Sudden Death Playoff













Thank you to the following sponsors for their support of the 2018 Optimist International Junior Golf Championship!

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2019 OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP

Optimist Junior Tour Events

These 36-hole junior golf tournaments are for ages 11-18. These are qualifiers for the 2019 Optimist International Junior Golf Championship held at Doral Resort and Spa. Registration for these events includes two tournament rounds, range balls prior to play, golfer's lunch on both tournament round days and an Optimist Golf gift package. Junior Golf Scoreboard ranks these tournaments.



Green Valley Ranch

October 13-14, 2018

Denver, Colorado

Qualifying spots available: Boys 16-18 (Top 3), Boys 14-15 (Top 5), Boys 11-13 (Top 4), Girls 14-18 (Top 6), Girls 11-13 (Top 5)



Junior Players Golf Academy at Orange County National

1126 October 27-28, 2018

Winter Garden, Florida

Qualifying spots available: Boys 16-18 (Top 3), Boys 14-15 (Top 3), Boys 11-13 (Top 3), Girls 14-18 (Top 3), Girls 11-13 (Top 3)



14th Annual Optimist International Tournament of Champions

November 3-4, 2018

ChampionsGate Golf Club, Orlando, Florida

An invitational event for Boys 11-13, Boys 14-15, Boys 16-18, Girls 11-13 and Girls 14-18 which is ranked by Golfweek and the Junior Golf Scoreboard and is included in the AJGA Performance Based Entry process.

To register and for more information: www.optimist.org/golf



2018 Junior Optimist International Convention

The 2018 annual Junior Optimist International Convention took place in Ottawa, Canada.

Attendees participated in the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup service project on the first day. They picked up litter to help clean up the shoreline. Since 1994, there have been 19,400 cleanups and more than 1.2 million kg of trash has been collected across Canada's shorelines.

The President of Teens Learn to Drive, Anne Marie Hayes, and volunteers presented a great project to the group. The Sweet Life Road Show was a highly interactive event where the attendees participated in games, role-plays, and activities that will help them make better driving decisions.

The Junior Optimist International Board and Committee premiered the first joiNATIONS! program. The purpose of Junior Optimist International Nations (joiNATIONS!) is to promote the pillars of Junior Optimist International by creating an event at the International Convention that encourages global cooperation through public speaking opportunities. Overall, joiNATIONS! presents Members with an opportunity to enhance their public speaking with a topic they feel passionately about, creates a scenario that forces critical thinking centered on global

topics, and impacts an issue that has worldwide effects. After the top five topics were decided on, the attendees voted on 2018-19 World Initiative of Mental Health. Visit www.junioroptimist.org to find out more information on this World Initiative!

A special panel discussion was organized in collaboration with Radio Jeunesse Outaouais, Canadian Children Optimist Foundation, Québec West District, and André Therrien Consultant Inc. The panel was composed of President Matthew Nacev, Miss Canada Maria Giorlando, Past-President O'Hara Wickham, Keynote Speaker Sébastien Sasseville and Board Director Nicole Pacquette. The theme for the live broadcast was "The Power of Positive Thinking."

The panelists were invited to share their experience and provided their views on the importance of positive thinking in the world today.

The Convention included tours of Parliament, workshops, District and future officer training, an awesome talent show, elections, and concluded with the President's Banquet, where several Optimist International Members attended to support Junior Optimist!

Junior Optimist International Numbers

Since October 1, 2017, there are 55 charter Clubs and 1,225 charter Members. 2017-18 President Mathew Nacev reached his goal of 1,200 charter Members!







The Next

YEARS

Submitted by: Robert "Bob" Schiller, Past International Junior Optimist Chair

As Optimist International begins its celebratory 100th year of service to communities around the world, we remember all that was, all that has made us one of the largest service volunteer organizations in the world, and begin to focus on all that we can be in the 21st Century. It was these thoughts that began the 2017-18 Junior Optimist International Legacy year.

On September 25, 2017, the Junior Optimist International Board and Committee met to plan the next 100 years. The group left the Optimist International Headquarters, filled with Optimism, and prepared with various assigned tasks. The Junior Optimist International Program was undergoing major changes designed to carry us into the future. We scheduled a minimum of monthly Zoom Video Conferences, focused on changes that the Board of Directors knew needed to be reworked. You could feel the energy, the excitement, the desire to meet again.

Then it happened, our first video conference came... and so did Hurricane Irma. Two of our very own Board of Directors were located in areas affected: Tianda Carty in Anguilla, and Amanda Heinzmann in Florida. The reports told us that Anguilla was devastated; we were trying to reach Tiandra, but to no avail. To our surprise, Amanda called my cell phone to apologize "for not being able to participate in the Zoom meeting."

"Are you safe?" I asked.

"Well, we were going to go to a shelter, but it is now underwater."

"Where are you calling from?"

"We are under the staircase..."

Step 2 of the "Legacy Journey" happened in an instant with the leadership of International President Mathew Nacev.

"Okay guys, let's divide up the Districts Tiandra and Amanda communicate with until they are able to follow up."

The "steps" began happening at a faster pace with that first video conference.

"Let's have a video conference with all the District Governors."

"Well, why limit it to the Governors? Why not include Club Presidents?"

"Couldn't we have a Zoom conference with the Optimist International District Junior Optimist Chairs?"

"How about creating a protocol letter to help us communicate with everyone?"

The Board of Directors and the Committee Members became the Junior Optimist Committee Team. The framework for a new Junior Optimist International Program "foundation" took shape right before our eyes. We would have open discussion, open debate, without the fear of offending each other. It was okay to disagree and voice your reasoning, okay to say no, okay to say "Here is what I think," and have everyone listen with an open mind, an open heart, and a laser focus on their "Vision for the Future of Junior Optimist International."

Successive Legacy Steps became almost routine as our Teams (one Committee Member and one Board Member) refined their programming tasks.

In **Technology:** the re-design of the Junior Optimist website with the involvement of the Optimist International Technology Department, joiConnect (think Pen Pals with a modern twist), joiNUS (Building new Junior Optimist Club made easy), joiCon (Junior Optimist Convention details and forms), and joiTalk (the first forum platform for Junior Optimist Members only).

In **Communication**: the implementation of monthly Zoom meetings with the Members, both Junior Optimists and adults, pre-convention discussions with the Junior Optimist Advisors and chaperones, weekly messages from the Board to all Club Presidents with video attachments.

In "Vision for the Future": the creation of "joiNATIONS!" (JOIN), the program that brought together the World of Junior Optimist International as one voice, focused on an annual "World Initiative" that advances Optimism, promotes relevance and awareness to our Junior Optimist Program for the 21st Century.

The 2017-18 Junior Optimist Board of Directors has established their legacy in the annals of Optimist history through their creativeness, awareness, and desire to stand out as Champions of Optimism through their actions, their deeds, and their desire to advance a program that they love. Having had the privilege to work with them, I have learned and answered important questions for myself. The more involved we become, the more we understand how to be an Optimist.

Let me leave you with this final statement: October 1, 2018 marks the 100th year of Optimist International. It also marks the first year for the next 100 years for your Clubs and Districts. What do you want Optimist International to look like in the next 100 years?

Congratulations to William H. Harrison Society Life Members

Optimist International Foundation Board of Directors proudly introduced the inaugural class of the William H. Harrison Society Life Member Class. This prestigious group of gracious donors was unveiled at the Optimist International Convention in Ottawa on July 8.

The inaugural members are:

Gary Addison

Muncie Optimist Club of Delaware County, Indiana

Patricia Beuoy

Optimist Club of Fort Walton Beach, Florida

Bob and Toni Garner

Optimist Club of Miami-West Kendall, Florida

Ron Graves

Optimist Club of San Antonio, Texas

Karen Monville

Bay City Noon Optimist Club, Michigan

Herb Strather

Optimist Club of Northwest Detroit, Michigan

This distinguished group have made a lifetime commitment to making Optimism a way of life. They have been energetic and passionate leaders in their

Clubs, Districts, and Optimist International. In addition, they have exceeded \$100,000 in lifetime giving to the Optimist International Foundation.

Optimist International Foundation would like to thank each member for their gracious and heartfelt giving over their Optimist career. They have made a difference in not only their community, but in communities far and wide, due to their generosity. Our organization has benefitted from their leadership, kindness and passion.

2017-18 Optimist International Foundation President Sandy Williams commented, "It is such an honor to recognize our Lifetime Harrison Members. Seven Optimists that have made tremendous contributions to benefit children our Optimist Clubs serve. We appreciate all of you and your continued support."

Each individual was presented the Optimist International Foundation Flame. This award represents the idea that individually, they have been a beacon of light to lead others in the mission of Optimism and the Optimist International Foundation cause. Truly, they are each a shining example of how making a difference in the lives of others is the "Optimist Way."

"I support Optimist International Foundation because it affords me the opportunity to multiply myself many times over in numerous ways to help children I will never know personally or see face to face. I will always have confidence that because of the mission of the Foundation, my contributions will make a difference in the lives of youth all Optimists serve." – Ron Graves



"I'm very honored to be a recipient of the William H. Harrison Life Member award. I believe in our great Optimist organization and am happy to be able to financially support the Foundation. We need to continue to educate our membership on the importance and benefits of donating to the Optimist International Foundation. It is disappointing to me that only about 5% of our membership donates to the Foundation. If we could increase our Dime A Day donations to 50% of our Members, this would provide more than \$1,000,000 in additional funds to support current and new Optimist International programs to serve our youth." — Karen Monville

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Optimist International Foundation Announces Board Opening

The Optimist International Foundation is seeking nominations for an upcoming opening on the Foundation Board of Directors. The four-year term for the Board Member will begin October 1, 2019. Nominations will be accepted on the Foundation's website, www.oifoundation.org, until December 31, 2018.

The open Board position is for a Member at large. Members interested in nominating themselves or others may visit the Foundation website to submit an application. Please review the candidate qualifications before submitting a nomination.

For more information, call (800) 500-8130 or visit www.oifoundation.org.



CLUB OPTIMISTE DE CAP ROUGE SPREADS RELIEF IN QUÉBEC CITY



"They can even follow the score. Instead of music notes, they read colored rounds. Eventually, some of them may even be able to compose music."

– Ms. Boivin

On June 4, Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation President Raymonde Michaud attended a very special concert at the Madeleine-Bergeron school in Québec City. The musicians were teenagers with special needs and they played an instrument you probably do not know: the Skoog. The school acquired the instrument thanks to the Club Optimiste de Cap Rouge and the Spread Relief program!

A Skoog is a musical instrument that anyone can play. This customizable electronic device is designed to be inclusive and accessible to those unable to play conventional instruments. This cute colored cube with five touch-sensitive surfaces plugs, via USB, into a computer or a tablet. The musician can choose whatever sound they want to hear, from guitar strings to xylophone, including about any regular instrument you may think of. They can produce sounds by pressing, tapping, rolling, shaking and twisting the Skoogs. One of the young musicians even played with his head, thanks to a homemade support.

Marie-Dominique Boivin is the music teacher at the Madeleine-Bergeron school. Her students have many physical and mental disabilities. In her classroom, all kinds of instruments are hanging on the walls, but many of her students cannot play traditional instruments. For them, the Skoog is quite a miracle, as they can now play music and be part of the class orchestra, like everyone else.

When the idea of buying Skoogs began, asking the Optimist Club for help was one of the first things that came to their mind. The Club Optimiste de Cap-Rouge is very active in the Québec City area. With the help of \$1,500 in seed money allocated by the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation, the Optimist Club and the Madeleine-Bergeron school are now building a partnership that will last. The young musicians may participate in the Walk Against Bullying, one of the Club's most popular projects.

The closer you are to a community, the more you recognize their needs. The Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation believes Optimist Members and Clubs are well placed to know how they could serve youth in their community.

Does your Club have a childhood health and wellness related project needing a little monetary boost? Apply to the Spread Relief program and you could receive up to \$3,000 in seed money to help you initiate your fundraising.

Visit <u>www.ccof-foec.org</u> for more information about the Spread Relief program and the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation.







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Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation

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\$15,920.77

\$15,825.10

Pacific Northwest Earl Pollock \$71.58 Alberta, Montana, Saskatchewan Douglas Kirby \$41.41

& Northern Wyoming

Dakotas-Manitoba-Minnesota

Jo-Anne Pelzer

\$24.46

\$2.7.0

District Representative Total Contributions

Alberta, Montana, Saskatchewan Douglas Kirby \$33,984.46 & Northern Wyoming

Southwestern Ontario Edward Stevens \$22,349.50 Québec Center Joanne Guay \$22,249.67

Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation

Donor Listings

This is a record of lifetime accumulation levels achieved from April 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018, for individuals and Clubs. This listing is for gifts recorded up to the deadline date for the printing of *The Optimist*.

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NORTH CAROLINA EAST Optimist Club of Wilmington - Cape Fear, NC

SILVER BENEFACTOR - \$25,000

GATEWAY

Forsyth - Cumming Optimist Club, GA

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That would be age discrimination"



"My mother wants me to be a strong-willed, independent woman with a mind of her own, as long as I do everything she tells me to do."

Doctor: "Hello, did you come to see me with an eye problem?"

Patient: "Wow, yes, how can you tell?"

Doctor: "Because you came in through the window instead of the

door."

Why couldn't Mrs. Dracula sleep properly? Because of Dracula's coffin.

It is evening. Little Johnny and his friend are sitting by a camp fire. They've been plagued by swarms of mosquitoes already for an hour and the assault only worsens when the darkness sets in. Suddenly, fireflies appear. Little Johnny swears, "These darn mosquitoes! Now they've even brought lanterns with them to find us!"

A husband returns home from his first day of his new job. His wife asks how his first day was. He responds, "They have a strange custom in the office. The food has names. For example, I got a sandwich out of the fridge and its name was Michael."



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR GOLF ANNOUNCES

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