

# STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT & CIRCULATION

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## CIRCULATION DATA:

Average No. Copies Each Issue During Preceding 12 Mths.

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|---|--------|
| A. Total no. copies printed (net run)                                       | 70,994 |
| B. Paid Circulation   |        |
| 1. Paid outside-county mail   | 51,885 |
| 2. Paid in-county mail subscriptions  | 0      |
| 3. Sales: dealers, carriers, street vendors, counter sales and outside USPS | 15,790 |
| 4. Paid distribution by other classes mailed through USPS                   | 0      |
| C. Total Paid Circulation   | 67,675 |
| D. Free Distribution by mail:   |        |
| 1. Outside-county   | 0      |
| 2. In-county  | 0      |
| 3. Other classes mailed USPS  | 0      |
| 4. Outside the mail   | 3,144  |
| E. Total Free distribution  | 3,144  |
| F. Total distribution   | 70,819 |
| G. Copies not distributed   | 175    |
| H. Total  | 70,994 |
| Percent Paid  | 95.6%  |

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## CIRCULATION DATA:

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| A. Total no. copies printed (net run)                                       | 70,928 |
| B. Paid Circulation   |        |
| 1. Paid outside-county mail   | 51,016 |
| 2. Paid in-county mail subscriptions  | 0      |
| 3. Sales: dealers, carriers, street vendors, counter sales and outside USPS | 15,592 |
| 4. Paid distribution by other classes mailed through USPS                   | 0      |
| C. Total Paid Circulation   | 66,608 |
| D. Free Distribution by mail:   |        |
| 1. Outside-county   | 0      |
| 2. In-county  | 0      |
| 3. Other classes mailed   | 0      |
| 4. Outside the mail   | 4,220  |
| E. Total Free distribution  | 4,220  |
| F. Total distribution   | 70,828 |
| G. Copies not distributed   | 100    |
| H. Total  | 70,928 |
| I. Percent Paid   | 94%    |

I certify that the statements above are correct and complete. - Dennis Osterwisch, Managing Editor

## Optimists Strive to Reach PGI Goals

The following Optimists submitted their requirements for achieving Levels VII and X of the Personal Growth & Involvement program between August 6 to December 9, 2014.

### PGI Level VII Recipients

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Watolah Epps  | AC   |
| Paul Grant    | INDS |
| Lestina Potts | SC   |
| John Grover   | SC   |

### PGI Level X Recipients

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Juanita Sanders | SC |
| Benny Benson    | AZ |
| Linda Ingersoll | MI |
| Rich Slayton    | MI |
| Lise Pelletier  | QC |
| Watolah Epps    | AC |
| James Weaving   | SC |

## CORRECTION from Fall 2014 Optimist

THE FOLLOWING OPTIMIST HAS SUBMITTED HIS REQUIREMENTS FOR ACHIEVING LEVEL X OF THE PERSONAL GROWTH & INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM BETWEEN APRIL 8 AND AUGUST 5, 2014.

- LARRY BARBARA, SWIS

# FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Optimist International Foundation is accepting applications for the 2015 Club Grant Program. Grants will be awarded to Clubs that start a new project that impact the youth in their community. The Club Grant Program provides 20 matching grants of \$500 to Optimist Clubs. In the 2013-2014 Optimist year, 358 Optimists helped over 116,215 children through the Club Grant Program.



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### JANUARY 2, 2015

Applications available online at [oifoundation.org](http://oifoundation.org) and by fax or mail upon request.

### MARCH 6, 2015

Applications are due! Applications must have been received in the St. Louis office. Please do not send applications to the Foundation's P.O. Box.

### MAY 15, 2015

Winners are notified and asked to identify someone to receive a check at the International Convention in New Orleans.



{ The Optimist Club of Mansfield, OH used their Club Grant to build a "Friend of Youth" room in the Little Buckeye Children's Museum in downtown Mansfield, Ohio. }

## Examples of how some of the Optimist Clubs used their grants last year:

- The Crawford County Optimist Club, Arkansas, converted a school bus into a mobile library
- the Optimist Club of Sissonville, West Virginia, provided middle school students with personal hygiene kits
- The Breakfast Optimist Club of Clinton, Indiana, implemented a new leadership program for high school students
- The Optimist Club of San Diego Downtown, California, created a garden and educated students on the science involved in gardening
- The Optimist Club of Downtown Corpus Christi, Texas, hosted a Muscular Dystrophy support program

Fifteen additional Clubs received grants to start new projects that impacted their community.

Any eligible Optimist Club that has a new project or event should apply by visiting Optimist International Foundation's website at [www.oifoundation.org/](http://www.oifoundation.org/). Applications must be received by March 6, 2015.

## Any Adult Club served by OIF is eligible to apply as long as they meet the following guidelines:

- The project must be new to the Club.
- The project must start and finish between April 2015 and March 2016.
- Grants to Clubs will be matching grants, with Clubs expected to show plans for matching the money and reporting the results. Clubs will complete follow-up reports.
- Grants are only for one year.
- Club dues must be current.
- Clubs might consider using the Pass Through Program to obtain donations from local businesses and Foundations.