



Jacksonville, Florida
108th ANNUAL CONVENTION

SCHEDULE ~ As of June, 2026

Friday & Saturday, June 26 & 27

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. VP/GOV ELECT Conference

Sunday, June 28 – OI DAY / BEE GRATEFUL

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. VP/GOV ELECT Training

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1:00 – 5:30 p.m. REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. FIRST TIMERS Program

6:25 p.m. RIBBON CUTTING w/ President Tom

6:30 p.m. DOORS OPEN for Opening Ceremony

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. OPENING CEREMONY

Monday, June 29 – CLUB DAY / BEE KIND

7:45 – 8:45 a.m. COFFEE BREAK
Sponsored by Optimist International Foundation

7:45 – 8:45 a.m. CREDENTIALS

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. REGISTRATION & HOUSE OF OPTIMISM (EXPO)

8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. OPTIMIST CLUB PROJECT SHOWCASE

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. sponsoring Club Representatives
available for Choice of Convention voting

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. GENERAL SESSION w/ Keynote Matt Stewart

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SERVICE PROJECT

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. LUNCH (optional-advanced purchase)

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. CREDENTIALS

1:30 – 3:45 p.m. LEADERSHIP TRAINING

1:30 – 2:30 & 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. WORKSHOPS

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. MEMBER FEEDBACK SESSION

5:15 – 6:45 p.m. FOUNDATIONS DONOR APPRECIATION RECEPTION (by invitation)

8:00 – 10:30 p.m. TRIVIA NIGHT

Tuesday, June 30 – DISTRICT DAY / BEE AN OPTIMIST

8 – 9:30 a.m.	MEET THE 26-27 TEAM (Breakfast) (optional–advanced purchase)
8:45 – 9:45 a.m.	CREDENTIALS
8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.	REGISTRATION & HOUSE OF OPTIMISM (EXPO)
8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.	OPTIMIST CLUB PROJECT SHOWCASE 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. sponsoring Club Representatives available for Choice of Convention voting
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	COFFEE BREAK Sponsored by AMBA
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	TOWN HALL & GENERAL SESSION
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH (optional–advanced purchase)
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	WORKSHOPS
1:00 – 3:15 p.m.	LEADERSHIP TRAINING
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.	WORKSHOPS
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	WORKSHOPS
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	HARRISON RECEPTION (by invitation)
6:30 – 8:45 p.m.	DISTRICT DINNERS
9:00 – 11:00 p.m.	CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, July 1 – PRESIDENT DAY / BEE THE CHANGE

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.	FOUNDATIONS PAST PRES BREAKFAST
8:00 to 1:00 p.m.	BANQUET COUPON EXCHANGE
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	HOUSE OF OPTIMISM (EXPO)
8:45 – 9:45 a.m.	CREDENTIALS
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	GENERAL SESSION
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH (optional–advanced purchase)
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	CREDENTIALS
1:30 p.m.	BUSINESS MEETING / CLOSING GENERAL SESSION
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	PRE-BANQUET RECEPTION
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.	PRESIDENTS GALA DINNER
9:30 – 11:30 p.m.	PRESIDENT’S GALA DANCE