

**REPORT TO THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
BY THE**

INTERNATIONAL JOOI CLUBS COMMITTEE

**July 2, 2011
Baltimore, Maryland**

A. JOOI NUMBERS

39 New Clubs
575 Clubs
15,427 Members

B. 2011 JOOI CONVENTION

The JOOI Convention will take place at the Baltimore Renaissance Harborplace Hotel July 5-7, 2011. (Attachment A & B)

The convention attendees will participate in a service project at a local organization called Living Classrooms whose mission is the following: Living Classrooms strengthens communities and inspires young people to achieve their potential through hands-on education and job training, using urban, natural, and maritime resources as “living classrooms.” Everyone will participate by renovating the building both inside and out.

One of our guest speakers will be fellow Optimist Jim Boyd, who is a member of the Urbandale Optimist Club in Iowa. Jim has been to several OI and JOOI Conventions and the Board and Committee are honored to have him speak this year. Patrick George will be another guest speaker and each attendee will receive a copy of his new book called *You Can't Fry Chicken in 8 Minutes*.

C. JOOI LEGACY FUND

Each year the JOOI Board and Committee members sell a Legacy Fund pin at the International Conventions. The JOOI Legacy Fund is a designated fund within the Optimist International Foundation. It is a discretionary fund to be used by the JOOI Board of Directors, with at least \$1,000 spent annually for service outreach. This year the JOOI Board will donate \$250 to the Living Classrooms Foundation and \$750 to disaster relief.

D. JOOI OF READING MONTH

A contest was held for the most unique JOOI of Reading activity. The winners of the JOOI of Reading contest are the following:

First Place: Junior Optimist Club of Fayette, Missouri (\$100)

Second Place: Norfolk Panther JOOI Clubs, Nebraska (\$50)

Third Place: Progressive Youth Octagon Club, Caribbean (\$25)

E: INTERNET SAFETY

The JOOI Board and the Programs Department has been collaborating to launch the Teenage Internet Safety Program. There will be a video and informational kit available to the Clubs the beginning of the 2011-2012 fiscal year. There will be four scenes in the video: Identity Theft, Posting Harmful Materials on Social Networking Websites, Internet Predators and Cyber-bullying. In August the video shoot will take place at OI Headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri.

F: POLICY FOR GOVERNANACE

There are several Policy changes that will be voted on at the July 6th JOOI General Session.

(Attachment C)

Respectfully submitted by Kayleigh White, JOOI President and Luke Hearn, JOOI Committee Chair.

