

## Optimist International Convention (July 12-14, 2012)

# General Information

### Advertise in the Official Convention Program

Do you want to market your personal business, thought about running for the Board of Directors, personal or club birthday or anniversary announcements, congratulate people in your Club or District? Get your name and face out to everyone at the convention.

- Full page \$100.00
- ½ page \$75.00
- ¼ page \$50.00

For details contact Sharon Parton at [sharon.parton@optimist.org](mailto:sharon.parton@optimist.org) or (800) 500-8130 ext. 207. Deadline: May 4

### Airport Information

General Mitchell International Airport (MKE) is approximately 10 miles from the Frontier Airlines Center, Hilton, Hyatt and Doubletree.

### Back-to-School Workshops

Choose from many exciting workshops that will expand your education. Topics will vary from Optimist specific to personal development. There is no pre-registration for these sessions; seating is "first-come, first-served." A schedule will be available in advance online at [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org) and onsite.

### Bulletin Board

A bulletin board will be provided for posting messages, ticket swap forms, and District hospitality information. The bulletin board may only be used for information pertaining to the convention.

### District Chairs Designate Training

The Leadership Development, Membership, New Club Building Traditional and New Club Building Non-Traditional District Chair Designate training will be held on Thursday, July 12 from 1 – 5 pm. The focus of these sessions will be to provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to be a successful District Chair. Chairs will receive more information prior to the convention!

### Dress Attire

Business attire is appropriate for all sessions and meal events. Formal attire is appropriate, but not required for the Friday President's Banquet Dinner. Casual dress is the accepted fashion any other time.

### House of Optimism

Featured in this area are exhibitors of fund-raising products, endorsed organizations, displays of Optimist International programs, braggers hall as well as an extensive array of Optimist International logo items by our newest supply companies. All vendors are allowed to sell their products.

#### Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Thursday, 8 am

### House of Optimism hours

Thursday 8 am – 4 pm

Friday 8 am – 3 pm

### Housing

Convention delegates can choose one of three downtown Milwaukee hotels -- the Hilton Milwaukee City Center, where some of the Convention events will take place, the Hyatt Regency or the DoubleTree Hotel. The Hilton and Hyatt Hotels are connected and the DoubleTree Hotel is adjacent to the Frontier Airlines Center located downtown Milwaukee. For additional information on each hotel, go to their websites listed below. One night room and tax is due at time of booking.

#### Hilton Milwaukee City Center

Headquarter Hotel

(414) 271-7250

Standard room rate (King or dbl/dbl)

\$125.00 + tax.

#### Hyatt Regency Downtown

(888) 421-1442

Standard room rate (King or dbl/dbl)

\$129.00 + tax

#### DoubleTree by Hilton Downtown

Call (414) 273-2950

Standard room rate (King or dbl/dbl)

\$129.00 + tax

Hotel website links are provided at the Optimist Website

<http://www.optimist.org/e/Member/convention1.cfm>

### Name Badges

You will receive a name badge when you pick up your registration. Badges must be worn to all Optimist functions for admission.

### Orientation for First Timers

Is this your first time attending an Optimist International Convention? Plan to attend the First Timers Orientation workshop on Thursday to orient yourself and learn your role as a delegate of the International convention.

### Official Convention Program

You'll receive an Official Program when you pick up your packet. The program includes schedules, maps and details on the International Convention.

### Refunds for Meal Tickets

There are no refunds on meal tickets. A form will be available at the registration desk to sell or purchase meal tickets with other members. Swap forms can then be posted on the bulletin board.

### Registration/Meal Tickets Hours

Thursday 7:30 am-6 pm

Friday 7:30 am-5 pm

### Special Requests

If you require special needs or have a medical condition that requires a special dietary meal, please contact Sharon Parton at (800) 500-8130 ext. 205 or E-Mail: [sharon.parton@optimist.org](mailto:sharon.parton@optimist.org)

## **Volunteers Needed**

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- Pre-registration assistance
- Appreciation Luncheon host/hostess
- Youth Chaperones

Contact Sharon Parton at sharon.parton@optimist.org or (800) 500-8130 ext. 207

## **Training for Elects**

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### **Club President-Elect, Club and District Secretary-Treasurer Designates and District Lt.**

**Governor-Elect Training** will be provided on Thursday from 2- 6 pm.

## **Responsibilities of a Delegate and Obtaining your Credentials**

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After picking up your Convention Registration packet, proceed to the Credentials Desk to pick up your voting material. Accredited delegates have the privilege and honor of representing their Club at this Optimist International Convention.

It is the responsibility of each accredited delegate to attend all business sessions of the convention; participate fully by listening and debating the issues within the framework of the convention rules and to vote on issues.

IMPORTANT: Credentials will not be available for distribution during business sessions. In the event of loss, the Credentials Committee may issue duplicate credentials during the times specified.

## **Credentials Hours**

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Thursday	7:30 am - 6 pm
Friday	7:45 - 8:45 am
Saturday	7 - 8:45 am & 1 - 1:45 pm

Decrease the amount of time you stand in the registration and credential lines, pre-determine with your club members who will be picking up credentials for the club and verify with your Club Secretary-Treasurer prior to convention that the club is paid in full. The club listed on your badge is the club you will be obtaining Credentials (if applicable).

## **Rental Car Discounts**

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**The following rental car companies are offering discounts**

### **Avis**

www.avis.com  
Discount Code B136001  
Call (800) 331-1600

### **Budget**

www.budget.com  
Discount Code BCD# U160153  
Call (877) 516-7275

### **Enterprise**

www.enterprise.com  
Discount Code GE1025 and code OPT  
Call (800) 261-7331.

## **Amtrak Discounts**

Reservations cannot be booked via Internet  
Call Amtrak at (800) 872-7245.  
Discount Code X98H-935  
Travel valid between July 8-18, 2012.

## **Airfare Discounts**

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### **Air Canada**

Go to www.aircanada.com  
Discount Code FQ4E74C1  
(888) 247-2262. when calling, ticketing agent fees may apply.  
Travel valid July 2-23, 2012.

### **American Airlines**

Go to www.aa.com  
Discount code 9772BF  
Call (800) 433-1790. A \$25 (US) ticketing fee if purchased by phone.  
Travel valid July 4-27, 2012.

### **Delta**

Discount is not available by booking Online  
Call (800) 328-1111  
Discount code NM8C7  
Travel valid July 4-25, 2012.

## **Youth Activities Ages 5-18**

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A three day fun-filled event with meals included for only \$135.00 per child with an optional Thursday tour for an additional \$20

### **Thursday, 1:30-5pm (\$20)**

(no meal included)  
Discovery World Museum

### **Thursday evening, 6-9pm**

Get Acquainted Party and Dinner

### **Friday, 9am-4 pm** (lunch included)

Dennis Sullivan Ship/Kite flying and scavenger hunt

### **Friday evening, 6-10 pm**

Games and Dinner

### **Saturday, 9am-4 pm** (lunch included)

Urban Ecology Center and Pettit Center  
Ice Skating

## **MEAL EVENTS:**

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Tickets are collected at all meal functions. All pre-paid tickets will be included in your registration packet. Additional tickets may be purchased at the On-site Registration Desk. Tickets are sold based on space availability. You must be registered to purchase tickets.

## **Club Presidents-Elect and Lt. Governors-Elect Breakfast**

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Friday, 7- 8:15am

If you are Club President-Elect or District Lieutenant Governor-Elect, you don't want to miss this breakfast on with International President-Designate, JC St-Onge. Breakfast served promptly at 7am

## **Appreciation Luncheon**

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Friday, Noon-1:45pm

The luncheon is held in honor of all the spouses/guests who support members and Optimist activities. Entertainment provided by "Kids from Wisconsin"!

## **President's Banquet and Ball**

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Friday, 6:30-10pm

Celebrate by joining President Jack and First Lady Sue. Formal attire is optional for this event. You will receive a coupon for each dinner ticket purchased. *The coupon(s) will be in your registration packet if purchased in advance. The coupon must be exchanged during the appropriate times as noted on the coupon. A reserved seating system will be used; tables of ten will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis*

## **Old Timers' Breakfast**

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What better way to start your day than with a hearty breakfast and a lot of laughs as we are entertained by John McGivern LIVE! Saturday, July 14, 7-8:30 am. Breakfast served promptly at 7 am.