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Dear Optimist Friend(s),

Thank you for joining me in Arlington for your 105th International Convention, July 2-5, 2023!

That's right, your International Convention. Get ready to have a lot of fun and fellowship! And that's not all. You will be inspired, you will be informed, and you will be entertained as well. We will have four full days together to celebrate Optimism. One day will be themed, "Bringing Out the Best in Youth," another, "Bringing Out the Best in Communities," and the third, "Bringing Out the Best in Yourself." The fourth day will be a mix of it all, as we venture off to enjoy the area's attractions together. Keep an eye out for the group tour sign-up form.

All convention activity will take place at our host hotel, the Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan National Airport.

Click on or copy and paste this link <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/WASRC/G-RSUD> in your internet browser to book your room if you have not already taken care of that.

The Convention and Host Area Committees are working hard to create a memorable experience so get ready for the new and exciting things in store for you in Arlington!

Have you seen our Charlie Brown Tree? We are looking for donors to help fill in the tree with leaves to *Build a Tree of Optimism*. Proceeds will be used to benefit the youth groups we hope to hire as entertainment during the convention.

If you are interested in volunteering at the convention, we have plenty of work to go around. Send an email to convention@optimist.org with a description of your skill set so you can be placed where you will be the most comfortable and successful. Contact Dale Hoffert at dhoffert516@gmail.com if you are interested in helping at the registration desk.

Please review the Registration Confirmation information that has been sent to you. To make changes, use the link in the confirmation email. Contact convention@optimist.org or call Ronda Vaughn at 314-881-1305 if you need further assistance.

Visit the convention page of your Optimist International website at www.optimist.org/convention for more information about all there is to see and do in the Arlington, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., area. The nearby metro station will take you from Arlington to the attractions in Washington.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

REGISTRATION – pick up your registration packet at the advance registration desk

YOUTH ACTIVITIES – If you have registered children for the youth activities program, their registration credentials will be included in your packet. Then check in at the youth activities information desk for the latest information and schedule of activities.

CREDENTIALS/VOTING – If you are the voting delegate of your Club, after you pick up your registration materials, proceed to the credentials desk to pick up your voting credentials. Badges must be worn at all optimist functions.

CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be submitted in writing to Optimist International by email at convention@optimist.org, fax at 314-371-6006, or mail at Optimist International Convention, 4494 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis MO 63108.

Registrations may be canceled on or before April 1, 2023, for a full refund of fees paid.

Registrations may be canceled April 2 to June 26, 2023, for a refund of fees paid less a processing fee of \$30 USD / \$40 CAD per registrant.

Registrations canceled after June 19, 2023, will receive no refund.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE FOR MEAL FUNCTIONS AFTER JUNE 14, 2023.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Arlington!

Yours in Optimism,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob McFadyen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bob McFadyen 2022-2023 International President