

ANNUAL HIGHLIGHT FOR JOOI Members



The 2014 JOOI Convention was conducted July 6-8 in San Diego and was a great success. Members from four countries including the United States, Canada, Jamaica and Anguilla attended. The keynote speaker was Scott Backovich, who presented during the Opening Session. Backovich also hosted leadership and team building activities. Javier LaFianza, President and CEO of Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) also made a speech to the attendees. A beach clean-up service project at Coronado Beach rounded out the activities. Attendees enjoyed the fellowship, leadership training and fun.



SEEKING STORIES OF LONG-TERM SUCCESS

The JOOI Board of Directors wants to hear from you! Junior Optimist Octagon International is planning to produce a high-quality brochure to promote JOOI to those unfamiliar with the organization. The best way to promote Optimist youth Clubs is through long-term success stories that tell how JOOI has affected a young person's life, inspiring them to attain the success they now enjoy as adults.

Optimists are asked to share their stories of memorable JOOI Members, their accomplishments in JOOI and what they are accomplishing now. While full stories are appreciated, please feel free to provide a name and contact information for the JOOI Board to follow up with for further details. If you have worked with a former JOOI Member who can inspire others, please contact **Amy Keller, JOOI Director at (800)500-8130 or youthclubs@optimist.org.**

SPECIAL THANKS GO TO:

Allied Gardens Optimist Club
Jody Bethea, Boy Scout Master Troop 816
Bonita Optimist Club
California South District
Coronado Optimist Club
Del Mar-Solana Beach Optimist Club
El Cajon Optimist Club
Terri Fuller, previously of Vista Optimists
Imperial Beach Optimists
Lakeside Optimist Club
Point Loma Optimist Club
Southern California Boy Scouts
Uno Hit, Chamorro Dancers at Luau
U.S. Navy Band Southwest

A JOOI-FUL WELCOME

Junior Optimist Octagon International is pleased to announce that as of July 25, the organization has welcomed 63 new Clubs and 1,276 New Members during the 2013-2014 year!