

OPTIMISM HAPPENS IN VEGAS

The International Convention started with a schedule packed with top-notch training for Optimist leaders, quality workshops for Members and the House of Optimism. The Opening Ceremony was an event to remember, featuring entertainment by childhood cancer survivor, Austin Gatus, the parade of flags, introductions of the organization's current and past leaders and inspiring words from 2013-2014 International President, Ron Huxley.



The fun continued into Friday, which started off with lots of laughs at the Old Timers' Breakfast. There were additional workshops, the House of Optimism and the First Business Session, filled with Member awards and recognition, voting on important issues, and a well-known guest speaker, Jack Canfield. The Presidential Banquet included a fantastic meal and great entertainment.

“ My favorite part was the great workshops and being together with over 1,000 Optimistic people all there for the same purpose - learning how we can serve more youth! I'm looking forward to New Orleans! ”

- Julie Milliken Robison,
Optimist Club of
Elkhart-Luncheon, IN

On Saturday, 2014-2015 International President, Ken Garner hosted a special breakfast for Club Presidents-Elect and Lieutenant Governors-Elect. The Closing Business Session included inspirational messages from Ron Huxley and International President Ken Garner. The afternoon included one final group meal event, the Appreciation Luncheon. What happened in Vegas will not stay in Vegas as Members took ideas, memories and excitement for the new year back to their Clubs!

