

From the Foundations

New Member Elected to Foundation Board



The Foundation is pleased to welcome Ms. Sandy Williams from Arizona as the newest member of the Optimist International Foundation (OIF) Board of Directors.

Sandy has been an Optimist since 1993. She has been supportive of the Foundation and has served on various Foundation committees. She is a Presidents Club Member, William H. Harrison Society Member, Christian D. Larson Partner and Women's Philanthropy Council Member. Sandy currently serves on the Planned Giving Committee and is the District Foundation Representative for Arizona. She is a small business owner with an accounting background and will bring those skills and experiences to the Board.

"I am excited about this opportunity. I believe the future of our organization depends heavily on the success of the Foundation. Without the funds our Members donate, the programs we believe in can't be continued. It takes a lot of dedication and donations from our membership to maintain the programs our Members

need to succeed," said Sandy. "I will devote my time and effort to help accomplish the goals of our Members. I will work diligently to educate our Members and show them why the Foundation is so important to our organization. Ultimately, it is the children we work for. The smile on their faces is what it is all about."

Sandy will be serving on the Foundation Board for a four-year term beginning in October.

In Search of Purses, Handbags and More!

The Women's Philanthropy Council and the Optimist International Foundation will be hosting their annual "Purse Snatching" during the 2014 Las Vegas Convention.

The Foundation needs your help! The WPC and Foundation are looking for donations for this event. All new or gently used purses, handbags, wallets, golf bags, backpacks, luggage pieces, suitcases and briefcases are welcome.

The items will be auctioned off at convention. Every bag that is donated goes to support a great cause! All the money raised from the Purse Snatching will go to the Foundation. Any bag left at the end of the auction will be given to a local women's shelter.



The Women's Philanthropy Council increases awareness about the Foundation, raises money to go towards its mission, and funds Club Grants and a Girl's scholarship every year.

Please send bags to the Foundation office at 4494 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108.

For more information about donating a bag, please contact Allyson Pope at 800-500-8130 ext. 249, or by email at allyson.pope@oifoundation.org.

Club Foundation Representatives Help Optimists Help Kids

The Optimist International Foundation (OIF) and Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation (CCOF) encourage every Optimist Club to appoint a Club Foundation Representative (CFR).

The CFR is an important member of the Foundation team because they serve as a liaison between the Foundation and their Club. The CFR is responsible for informing their Club about opportunities the Foundations offer throughout the Optimist year and supporting the Foundations' mission to raise funds.

To learn more about what being a CFR entails or how to appoint a CFR, visit www.oifoundation.org (for all US and Caribbean Clubs) or www.ccof-foec.org (for all Canadian Clubs).