

# NEWS



## The Polls Are Open

Voting continues through June 30 at 5:00 p.m. CDT in the first-ever online election of Optimist International officers. All Clubs are eligible to vote for the International President-Elect, two new International Board members and their Regional Vice President.

Club Presidents were sent information in June on how to cast their Club's votes online. If your Club has not voted yet, please remind your Club President that they have until the last day of June to do so.

This is the first time in Optimist International history that every Club in good standing can participate in the election of leaders for the organization. Previously, only Clubs represented at the International Convention could vote in the election. Announcement of the election results will happen in early July and be sent to all Club Presidents and posted on the Optimist website

## Optimist Successes Should be Shared

Optimist Clubs sponsor programs to "bring out the best in kids" in their communities. That is definitely something to brag about! Clubs are invited to share information on their brag-worthy projects at the

International Convention.

A Bragger's Hall will be held during two consecutive workshop sessions. Clubs are encouraged to share information about their creative community service projects or successful fundraisers. Each participating Club will be assigned a table where they can display project materials such as posters,

brochures or other items that might educate other

Members about how to run the program. Participating Clubs are responsible for transporting their own materials.

Convention attendees will be invited to visit the Hall to meet with the Club

representatives and learn how to organize similar projects in their own communities. A representative from the participating Club must be present during the entire session to talk to visitors and answer questions.

As an incentive for Clubs to participate, a special prize will be offered to the Club with the best project displayed! As visitors leave the Hall, they will be asked to vote, and the winning Club will be announced at the Closing Business Session. The winning Club will be awarded one free registration to

the 2015 International Convention in New Orleans!

If you would like to participate in the Bragger's Hall, please contact the Programs Department at (800) 500-8130 or via e-mail at [programs@optimist.org](mailto:programs@optimist.org) for a registration form. Clubs must complete the form and submit it to Optimist International by June 30 in order to ensure space availability.

## Convention Offers Premier Training for Every Member

The International Convention is about many aspects of Optimism, including training. The Leadership Development Committee has planned a variety of workshops and training sessions on Thursday and Friday, July 10 and 11. There will be something for everyone and all convention attendees are encouraged to attend.

There will be District Secretary-Treasurer Designate Training to explain the who, what, where, when and why of this important position as the

District Governor's right hand person. Club Secretary-Treasurer Designate

Training will also be conducted to outline the importance of this position and provide strategies to benefit your Club.

