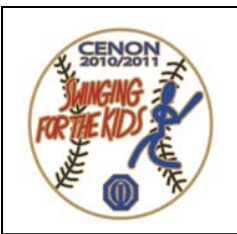




Central Ontario District

Message From Governor Jim Lyngé



After 14 months of planning and various training sessions from O.I., the day has finally arrived. This is indeed an honour to take on this task after 33 years of Optimism. As I have said many times, I feel that I owe back to this organization everything that it has given me. Past Governor Tom and Carilyn did an outstanding job this past year and I am extremely grateful for all their help and guidance with this transition. I am thankful for the fact that I have met and became friends with so many key people at District level who I know will be there for any help I need. I am grateful that Gord Holly has accepted the position as District Secretary Treasurer. He has a wealth of experience in this post. I will be counting on him to set me straight on many things.

I have two mentors this year who I have counted on for guidance in different ways. Past International President Ken Loach I have known since day one, and has guided me from the beginning since I became my Club President in 1979 (Scarborough). Also, Past International Vice President Alex Ansell has always been my “go to guy” regarding anything to do with District responsibilities. I am grateful that he has accepted the position of Parliamentarian this year.

I am proud that over the years I have been a Distinguished President, Distinguished Secretary and Distinguished Treasurer, however I believe my proudest honour was being a “Builder of Excellence” for a new club some years ago, because that introduced 25 new people to Optimism.

CENON Objectives Committed to Optimist International in 2010-2011:

- 20% addition of new members.
- 2 New clubs or rebuild at least 2 existing clubs who are inactive.
- \$30,000+ in collective contributions to OIF of Canada and CCC



There are changes this year for Recognition Awards regarding honour clubs. We are asking for each club to add 20% of their existing club's roster. There is no penalty for deletions. i.e. if you have a club of 25 members at October 1, 2010, we are asking you to add at least 5 new members. The reasoning for not being penalized for the deletions is that sometimes it is better to "clean house" of those members who don't pay dues and are, obviously, not involved at all. A club can take advantage of those new members with some "new blood."

Lets get'er done!

Yours in Optimism,
Governor Jim

NEW ADDITION TO THE TEAM

I am following Past Governor Tom with a sports theme this year. His passion is hockey, mine is baseball and my motto this year is "Swinging For The Kids" as reflected on the new District pin. I have a mascot who is apply named Jose. As any Blue Jay fans know, a record number of home runs have been hit for his team. I believe our Jose can do the same.





**CENTRAL ONTARIO
1st QUARTER PARALLEL DISTRICT CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 22, 23, 24, 2010**

NIAGARA FALLS HILTON
6361 FALLSVIEW BLVD.
NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO L2G 3V9
1-800-370-0325

VISIT FROM OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DANNY RODGERS
ADDITIONAL ACCOMODATION HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE AT
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7737 LUNDY'S LANE
NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO L2H 1H3
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1-800-667-3407

MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION ON THE CENON WEBSITE ..www.cenon.org
OR ON www.optimist.org/pdc

Future District Conferences & Convention

Second Quarter Conference is February 11/12, 2011 at the Markham Holiday Inn, 7305 Woodbine Ave., Markham

Third Quarter Conference is June 3rd, 2011 at Ambassador Hotel and Resort, 1550 Princess St., Kingston

Convention is August 26/27/28, 2011 at Blue Mountain Resort Village Suites, 108 Jozo Weider Blvd., Collingwood



Message from Optimist International President Danny Rodgers

Dear Optimists:

Isn't it great to be an Optimist? Aren't you truly happy that one day, someone thought enough of you to invite you to join an Optimist Club? I know that being an Optimist has been a tremendous blessing to me. It has been great for my heart. What a privilege it is to serve you and all other Optimists as President of Optimist International. Wow!

Chances are that you, too, are an Optimist leader. Congratulations! I think it is awesome that we have the opportunity to lead together this year. Leadership is many things. It is setting the example. It is making decisions. It is building and maintaining a team. Leadership is about listening - with your heart. Leaders are inspiring - with words well delivered, and the silence of fierce determination. Leadership is staying in the arena. I promise you that I will do all of these things every day as your President - and I invite you to do the same.

It is very important that you and I develop new ways of service and membership so that we can attract those we have not yet reached. All of us as Optimists have an investment in this organization and should be a part of the solution. Our growth must be real and sustained. Together we can make this happen.

I hope that your Club is easy to join and easy to belong to while also providing amazing opportunities to bring about positive change in the youth of your community and in your Members. I urge you to embrace all of the available technology to facilitate meaningful communication. Stay on the lookout for new ways to respond quickly and effectively to our ever-changing and increasingly challenging world.



I look forward to the opportunity to meet you face to face so that I can say, "Thanks for all that you do." I am excited that we are on this journey together. I promise that it will be an exciting year. While we can't know everything that will happen, we can be assured that in the end, every heart we touch and every life we change will know that Optimists do indeed bring out the best in kids.

Very truly yours,

Danny Rodgers
2010-2011 Optimist International President

Message from Bulletin Editors

Please send your club bulletins via mail to susanlynge@rogers.com or mail to 19 Shieldmark Cres, Thornhill, ON, L3T 3T6. There will be awards for the top three bulletins after the end of the fiscal year. Also, if you have items of note, or projects, that you wish to be published, please forward to us.

Jim and Susan Lynge

District Chairs for 2010-2011

The following are the new chairs. We encourage you to seek them out for any guidance.

Secretary Treasurer	Gord Holly
O.I. Foundation	Brian Wick and Mary Cooper
Gov Assistant	Mike Sossin
Activities/Recognition	Lauralee Reily
Candidates Qualifications	Tom McNaught
C.C.C.	Ted Simmonds
Club Services	Governor and Committee
CCDHH	Jim Dallimore
C.O.L.S.	Janet Lewis
Conference/Convention	Sheril Thomson
Essay	Terry Twocock
Finance	Brian Wick
Historian	Mac McDonald
Internet Safety	Susan Montgomery
JOOI	Ted Simmonds
Junior Golf	Dennis Kwasnicki
Leadership Development	Denise Nacev
GROWTH	Governor and Committee
Oratorical	Gus Amodeo
Parliamentarian	Alex Ansell
Sgt at Arms	Floyd Smelser
Webmaster	Brian Wick
O.I. Convention and Ambassador	Linda Mitchinson
Hospitality	Jody Caperchione and Marijke Coffa
Bulletin	Jim and Susan Lynge
Governor Elect	Anne Donkers

NOTICE RE CHANGES TO ESSAY AND ORATORICAL

The 2010-2011 Oratorical Contest will be open to students **under the age of 19** as of December 31 of the current school year. The intention in opening the contest to older students was to generate more interest in the Oratorical competition and make it easier for Zones and Districts to find students to meet the 3-participant minimum to conduct a contest.

There will be an International level to the Essay Contest for the 2010-2011 year. One first-place International winner will be chosen and awarded a plaque to commemorate the achievement. There will be no scholarships at this level of the competition. The \$2,500.00 scholarship remains at the district level.

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself-

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

HAIL TO OPTIMISM

Hail to Optimism

Inspiration Blessed

Spreading smiles and gladness over all the rest

Rally 'round our standard

It shall sure prevail

Optimism on forever

Hail, Hail, Hail