



Central Ontario District

Message From Governor Jim Lyngé

I hope that everybody had a great holiday season. I know I did.

I managed to put 3000+ clicks on the beater visiting many clubs in October and November before the winter sets in. I am so encouraged by the enthusiasm of all Clubs that I have visited over the last few weeks. I attended some board inductions and most importantly the induction of new Optimists.

It appears that the Parallel District Conference in Niagara Falls was a great success. Something new was tried out in this organization and there was great attendance at all Regional Conferences across North America.

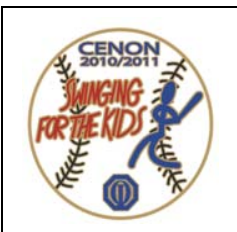
As of today 37 new Optimists by 19 Clubs have been added to this District. Aurora (5), Strabane (4), Niagara Falls (4), East Hamilton (3) are leading the pack. 15 others are close behind. Keep up the good work.

The 2nd quarter board conference is coming up February 11th and 12th in Markham at the Holiday Inn and we are preparing for some interesting workshops. One of those will be a presentation on behalf of the Optimist Under 18 World Curling Championships of which we are a Title Sponsor. This event will be taking place in Toronto March 30th to April 3rd with representation from youth curling clubs from 10 provinces, USA and Japan. This event will be great exposure for the Optimist organization.

Past Governor Tom McNaught will be presenting the awards and recognition for the year past.

Our Regional International Vice-President Don Brose and Robin will be visiting from Michigan and they are looking forward to seeing all of you again in Markham.

Yours in Optimism,
Governor Jim





Future District Conferences & Convention

Second Quarter Conference is February 11/12, 2011 at the Markham Holiday Inn, 7305 Woodbine Ave., Markham. Registration and agendas posted on Cenon website

Third Quarter Conference is June 3/4, 2011 at Ambassador Hotel and Resort, 1550 Princess St., Kingston

93rd Optimist International Convention July 3-5, 2011 in Baltimore, Maryland
All Convention activities will take place at the beautiful Baltimore Marriott Waterfront.

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

Message from Bulletin Editors

Please send your club bulletins via mail to susanlynge@rogers.com or mail to 19 Shieldmark Crescent, 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 Lyng

Essay Competition

Deadline is fast approaching. Essay Chair Terry Twocock needs all entries by February 28th.

C.C.C.

Optimist Children's Cancer Campaign is in full swing. Chairman Ted Simmonds needs all your pennies (and more of course). He is willing to fill up his car with all you can donate in Markham.



Oratorical Competition

Our Chair this year is Gus Amodeo. We are hoping for more entrants this year as the age limit has been increased to 19 as of December 31, 2010 as opposed to the prior age of 16. The same holds true for CCCDH which is chaired by Jim Dallimore.

A + A

Achievement and Awards Chair Lauralee Riely has contacted you all by now, but if you need more info, log onto the Cenon website at www.cenon.org

Website

Check out our District Website at www.cenon.org . Lots of information on this website and we invite you all to submit tidbits of what is happening in your club and if you wish to promote upcoming events.

In addition there are links to other Optimist websites, in particular the Optimistleaders link which can give you a wealth of information. When you enter this website you don't even have to log in. You can click the tabs on top which can direct you to all sorts of training information. O.I. has done a lot of work increasing the size of information you can access in order to run programs etc. I encourage you all to try this out.



FOO (Friends of Optimists)

Optimist International is excited to announce a new incentive that helps Clubs stay healthy and help more kids in their community!

From January 1 - June 30, Clubs will be rewarded for making new Friends - [Friends of Optimists](#) that is.

Clubs that add **3** Friends during the second and third Optimist quarter will receive **3** rewards!

- The addition of a new traditional Member at no processing charge.
- Waived dues for that Member until September 30, 2012.
- A special Club banner patch.



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