



# Central Ontario District

## Message From Governor Jim Lyngé



Half a year gone, one half to go. Susan and I have been travelling quite a bit and, besides meeting old friends, we met a lot of new Optimists, many of whom I personally inducted.

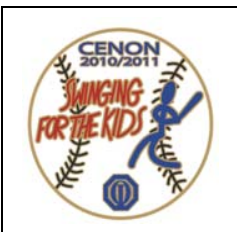
With this new Recognition Program only recognizing the additions only and not concentrating on deletions, I suspected that there would be a major number of deletions (clean up of inactive members). There were a fair amount as expected, however, the additions are greater than the deletions...so much so that Central Ontario is in second place in all of O.I. (49 Districts) for net growth. You people have added a total of 136 new members so far. Leading the way is Zone 8 (L.G. Brian Wick) with 38 followed closely by Zone 3 (L.G. Don McConnell) with 31.

Keep up the good work. Both these zones have been using the NOW program.

I did contact you all recently about own District recognition program. First competition is up to May 31<sup>st</sup>. The second is June 1 to September 30<sup>th</sup>. The prizes for individuals who have added the most members are:

**Gas gift cards of \$200.00, \$100.00 and \$50.00**

Yours in Optimism,  
Governor Jim





## Future District Conferences & Convention

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

Come out and see our oratorical contestants do their stuff. Contest in the morning...and winners announced at lunch. Our CCDHH winner will also give her speech...and our Essay winner will be reading her speech.

**Registration is on the Cenon website.**

93<sup>rd</sup> Optimist International Convention July 3-5, 2011 in Baltimore, Maryland

All Convention activities will take place at the beautiful Baltimore Marriott Waterfront. "Be More in Baltimore!" Baltimore, Maryland, will play host to the 93rd annual Optimist International Convention July 3-5, 2011. All Convention activities will take place at the beautiful Baltimore Marriott Waterfront.

As mentioned earlier, Convention Chair Linda Mitchinson is asking all to bring to the conference on Kingston some type of Ontario memorabilia that can be put in the loot bags to be sold in the Ontario room. This will offset some of the costs.

District Convention is August 26/27/28, 2011 at Blue Mountain Resort Village Suites, 108 Jozo Weider Blvd., Collingwood. Our International guest will be Sonia Anderson who is a Vice President Elect and is travelling all the way from Jamaica.

## Bulletin Awards

The winners for 2009/2010 were announced at the Second Quarter Board Luncheon. Congratulations to:

Winner Michelle Stokes, Stoney Creek Club  
Runner Up Pat Varga, Hamilton Club  
Third Judy Hagadorn, Garden City, St. Catharine's Club



## Essay Competition

Past Governor and Essay Chair Terry Twocock has advised the following are the finalists:  
Winner is Tiffany Harrington sponsored by Whitby Club  
Runner Up is Dennis Xu sponsored by Oakville Club  
Third is Manel Barkey sponsored by Newmarket Club  
Tiffany will be reading her speech at the conference on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

## C.C.C.

Don't forget all your pennies if you are going to the conference. CCC Chair Ted Simmonds is prepared to bring home a carload if need be.

## Oratorical Competition

Chair Gus Amodeo advises there will be about 10 young speakers coming to Kingston to compete the Saturday morning. The winners will be announced at the luncheon.

## Junior Golf

This year's competition will be on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> at Caledon Golf Club starting at 1PM. Past Governor and Golf Chair Dennis Kwasnicki advises that with the changeover to a Saturday, more kids (and parents) would be able to attend. Dennis is looking for your support. The cost per golfer is only \$75.00 and you will be able to sponsor a hole for \$200.00. Contact Dennis at [kwas@rogers.com](mailto:kwas@rogers.com).



## Candidates Qualifications

We need some positions filled for October 1, 2010. Notably a Governor Elect. We also need some Lieutenant Governors. Now is the time to step forward. Past Governor Tom McNaught is this year's chairman. Please contact him at [tmcnaugh@hotmail.com](mailto:tmcnaugh@hotmail.com)

## Under 18 Curling

The Optimist International U18 Curling Championships were held jointly at The St. George's Golf and Country Club and the Weston Golf and Country Club from March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup>. What a great event. 24 teams from 7 provinces, 4 U.S. States and 2 teams from Japan. Talked to a lot of people who were unaware of what Optimists do. Well...they do now.

## New Officer Elect Form



Just a reminder that we must be advised of all new officers in your club starting October 1, 2011. The deadline is May 20, 2011 and can be entered on [www.optimistleaders.org](http://www.optimistleaders.org)

## 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