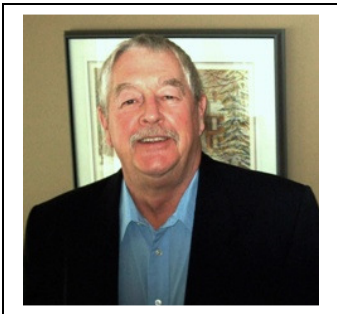




# Central Ontario District

## Message From Governor Jim Lyngé

In the home stretch of a wonderful year. We have added 173 new Optimists this year in our District. We are a top echelon District in percentage of new members added and also for net growth in all of Optimism. Our Region is #2 and striving for the top spot. So....keep it up.

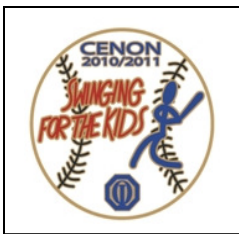


As of today, we have nine clubs (out of 59) who have gained Honour Club status so far. There are several more clubs who are one or two additions away from that status. Check your status....you just need to add 20% of your October 1, 2010 roster.

Susan and I attended the International Convention in Baltimore in July. We had 25 CENON members there. I wish Susan and I could have spent more time with everybody while we were there, but when one is a Governor or Governor Elect, they keep you hopping. In addition, Susan will be taking over as District Secretary in October. We did manage to sneak out for a couple of lunches.



I hope you can attend the District Convention at Blue Mountain August 26, 27, 28. There is still time to register. There is a change in format this year in order to accommodate those who can't take the Friday off. Training and workshops are all on Saturday morning and some free time Saturday afternoon before the Governor Celebration on Saturday evening. Old Timers Breakfast and the general session will be on Sunday, all should be done by noon.



Joining us for the weekend as our guest will be Sonia Anderson who is from Jamaica and the Vice President Designate for the Southeast Region. We look forward to showing her some good ole' Canuck hospitality. She will be assisting in the training and workshops.

Remember to "Swing For The Kids".

Governor Jim



## Future District Conferences & Convention

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 Designate and is travelling all the way from Jamaica. All particulars are on the website [www.cenon.org](http://www.cenon.org)

## WE NEED GIFT BASKETS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION

First Quarter Conference is on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in St. Catherines, Ontario.

Second Quarter Conference is either February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> or February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> - Location to be advised.

Third Quarter Conference is May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Peterborough Holiday Inn.

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual District Convention will be August 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa, Ontario

94th Optimist International Convention will be July 12<sup>th</sup> through July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



## C.C.C.

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

### Candidates Qualifications

We need some positions filled for October 1, 2011. 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)

### 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 was May 20, 2011 and can be entered on [www.optimistleaders.org](http://www.optimistleaders.org) There are still some clubs who have not responded. If they haven't in time for October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will presume the same board will be repeated.

## INCENTIVES

We still have gas certificates to give out to the top three sponsors from June 1 to September 30, 2011. \$300.00, \$100.00 and \$50.00. In case of a tie, the first one registering their new members will be the winner.

I presented these prizes at the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter conference in Kingston on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The winners for the most members sponsored from October 1, 2010 to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 were:

**First.....Jim Dimitroff, Whitby**  
**Second...Sandy Crosby, Oshawa**  
**Third....John Pepper, Strabane**  
**Congrats to all.**



## SPONSOR AWARDS

Also, on June 4<sup>th</sup>, I was please to award the following Optimists with a certificate and a special pin for having sponsored 10 members or more lifetime:

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|------------------|--------------------|
| Judy Whittaker   | Barrie             |
| Lynn Jocham      | Brampton           |
| Brian Wick       | Brooklin           |
| David Ernst      | Burlington         |
| Brian Ralph      | Cataraqui Kingston |
| Sam Speakman     | Hamilton East      |
| Lazlo Gauder     | Hamilton           |
| Linda Mitchinson | Hamilton           |
| Dan Snider       | Milton             |
| Barbara Holly    | Etobicoke          |
| Mac McDonald     | Oakville           |
| Carole Newman    | Port Colborne      |
| Paul Hohenadel   | Puslinch           |
| Mike Sossin      | Richmond Hill      |

I was also pleased on that day to present to Jim Dimitroff (Jimmy D) from Whitby his special 100 member pin and certificate.



## MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL V.P. DON BROSE

“We have heard a challenge from regions 2-8. There’s a reason we’re in region #1. It is because over the last two years we have led our organization in membership statistics. Now, President Danny doesn’t like the leaderboard, and his reasons are really sound. Yet, I’m a bit of a statistics geek, and I must admit that I look at it at least four or five times a week. This year, we’re ranked #2, but gaining fast on #1. Over the last month, we’ve gained membership as a region. Some of our districts significantly. We are ready to rock over the last two months. I’ve heard over the last couple of months that other regions plan to surpass our numbers of excellence. IT WON’T HAPPEN. We will be #1 by September 30<sup>th</sup> and the other regions will be eating our dust.”

(Editor’s Note: You tell ’em Don)

## 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