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### Message from Governor Jeff



Jeff Kuchenbecker

Hello Optimists of the SWIS District,

I am extremely happy to be your Governor for this 2014-2015 Optimist year. We are now four months into the current year and I can honestly say that the clubs in the SWIS District of Optimist International are shining examples of all that is good in our communities. The many club projects and programs have been incredible. Thousands of children have been served by those projects and programs. And more of our friends and neighbors are joining Optimist clubs.

The SWIS District is on the verge of having its best membership growth in 8 years. As I write this the clubs of the SWIS District have added 94 new members so far this year. That means we are EVEN for the year. That's great news! Seriously! That is a huge turn-around from previous years. January alone was a phenomenal month as we added a net of 10. Thank you all for that.

We had a fantastic 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Conference on January 17. All the attending clubs (27 in all) got a chance to highlight some of the projects they get involved in during the year. The variety of projects talked about was truly amazing. This all resulted in a tremendous amount of inter-club discussion.

I would like to see us build several new Optimist clubs. Communities like Richland Center and Oconomowoc need an Optimist club. Do you know of any individuals in these communities that we should be talking to? Please let me know.

I look forward to the months ahead as we all try to make our District even better.

Please read everything in this newsletter. There is a lot of fun stuff going on.

Yours in Optimism,

Jeff Kuchenbecker

Governor

SWIS District Optimists

## Message from Past Governor George Breadon



*George E. Breadon*

Fellow Optimists, a very sincere "Thank You" to all for the great amount of time and talent you have donated to the youth of your respective communities. I've been enlightened, and heartened by the scope of the various activities that the 56 clubs in the SWIS District have accomplished during the past Optimist year. It all allowed me to realize the significance of the logo of International President, Ron Huxley, "MO", which can have many interpretations.

What President Ron explained to myself and others at "Governor Elect" training in the spring of 2013, was "My Optimism". Obviously this allows realization by all of us, that the interpretation of why each of us became an Optimist, and why we remain, shows that "OUR" Optimism is different for all of us, yet encompasses all of us as a "family", with a single purpose of helping to bring out the best in the youth of each of our communities.

I am so proud that so many of you took that step to make the world, and often the future, of some youth better, by your example, your generosity of time and talent, and sometimes your personal treasure. I saw that reflected at the "Award Ceremony" that occurred at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting of the SWIS District on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Holiday Inn West in Madison.

I had the honor of presenting awards to 2 "**Distinguished**" clubs, who cooperated to give birth to a "new" club, the "**New Glarus Area Optimist Club**". The clubs involved were the Madison (Downtown) club which celebrated 90 years in 2014, and the Monroe Morning club, celebrating 45 years in existence. **Vern Andren** of **Madison** did heroic work to get things organized in time and registered with OI for recognition for 2013-14. The **Monroe** club was represented by **Curtis Weimann, Gabrielle and George Breadon**, all of whom were recognized as "**Builders of Excellence**" by OI.

Also recognized were 14 clubs that achieved "**Honor**" status, (2013-14) including: Mequon/Thiensville, Menominee Falls, Kenosha Noon, Whitewater Community, Cambridge, Stoughton, East Madison/Monona, Madison (Downtown), Monroe (morning), Brodhead, Monroe Noon, Madison-Sauk Trails, Mazomanie/Wisconsin heights, and Waunakee.

Next recognized were 16 clubs reaching the "**Bring out the Best**" banner patch Award for 2013-14. These included: Mequon/Thiensville, Menominee Falls, Kenosha Noon, Whitewater Community, Cambridge, Stoughton, Madison (Downtown), Madison Breakfast, East Madison/Monona, Monroe (morning), Brodhead, Monroe Noon, Madison-Sauk trails, Mazomanie/Wisconsin Heights, Waunakee, and Lodi.

There were 9 clubs recognized for achieving "longevity" status; these included:

**Madison** (downtown) - 90 years; chartered 1/01/1924.

**Monroe** (morning) – 45 years; chartered 6/12/1969.

**Oregon** – 45 years; chartered 6/17/1969.

**Portage** – 45 years; chartered 8/14/1969.

**McFarland** – 25 years; chartered 2/02/1989.

**Milton** – 25 years; chartered 4/24/1989.

**UW Whitewater Student** club – 20 years: chartered 9/21/1994.

**Dodgeville** – 10 years: chartered 9/94;

## Message from Past Governor George Breadon Cont.

Cottage Grove – 5 years; chartered 10/01/2009.

**9 clubs** with **305 members** x 35 (average /member support of youth) = **10,675 young people's lives impacted:**

**Optimist Foundation Award** to OIF District representative: **Maureen Crombie:**

**Special Governor's District OIF Award:** **Peter Olsen**, Mequon.

Outstanding effort to raise additional funds for OIF in 2014

**HENRY STINER AWARD:** **Jo'El Pearlman**, Kenosha Noon.

Presented by the Governor to a SWIS Optimist member who consistently embodies the "Spirit and Purpose of Optimism", and unselfishly performs beyond all reasonable expectations. Awarded for organizing annually for 3 years a "Tail-gate party plus Brewers baseball game" for Optimists to coincide with the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter meeting.

SWIS Governor's "**Special Club**" award: **Monroe Noon club.**

At the time of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting 2014, this club lost a **former club President, and SWIS Governor, Barb Nelson** (*Banner Babe*). In memory of Barb, the club was challenged to bring in as many new club members as possible; they did enroll 10 new members in 2014.

### **SWIS Governor "Special" Awards"**

- **Bonnie Spindler & Howard Crofoot:** for the numerous hours work involved in setting up parameters for the 'NEW' SWIS website'
- **Jim Kondrasuk:** setting up Madison as a site for **OI SUMMIT**, May 17, 2014.
- **Terry & Lindsey Hyland:** Personal support and behind the scenes work all year.
- **Eric deGroot:** Multiple years work on the SWIS District Newsletter.
- **Donna Cairy:** Recognition of 10 years dedication to organizing, running, etc. CCDHH

YIO, George

## Essay Contest



Just a reminder about this year's essay contest. The topic is "Optimism Should Be A Priority" aka "putting optimism first". It's open to all students so long as they are under 19, have not graduated high school/gotten a GED, have not previously won any Optimist contest, and they can only enter one Optimist contest per year. I need the winning essay by February 28th. It can be sent to me via email in PDF, Word, or WordPerfect, but the birth certificate must be sent by mail due to federal laws.



## Foundation News

The SWIS district is off to a great start. At our last conference in Madison Wisconsin on 01/17/2015 at the Holiday Inn we raised \$2348.00 from club and individual donations and the raffle held at the luncheon. I am encouraging all clubs to appoint a Club Foundation Representative (if you do not have one appointed). It is not too late to encourage your club to do a fundraising activity for an unrestricted gift to the foundation, or budget an unrestricted gift to the foundation of at least \$365.00. Club Foundation Representatives (CFR's) are asked to encourage their club members to make an individual gift of at least \$36.50 (Dime-A-Day) in unrestricted gifts. Why is the foundation so important? Since 1971, the Optimist International Foundation has been helping Optimists across North America and the Caribbean develop and support their international programs for junior golf, childhood cancer research, internet safety, bicycle safety, respect for law, youth leadership and service and communication skills. Every year, Optimists conduct more than \$65,000 service projects for the benefit of more than six million children. Since 1926, Optimist International has been offering scholarships for oratory. In 1963 essay scholarships were added. And in 1991, the CCCDHH scholarship began. We do this for the kids! The Optimist foundation mission statement is seeking, receiving and managing funds and real personal property for the benefit of Optimist International and its Member Clubs in its charitable, literary and educational activities. The vision statement states we envision a Foundation that can provide significant funding for Optimist International's youth and service programs and is proudly supported by individual Optimists, their clubs, and the community at large. Please feel free to contact me for questions or if you would like me to attend one of your meetings to talk further about the foundation at [mosey30@yahoo.com](mailto:mosey30@yahoo.com). I am always looking for raffle items to raffle off at our conferences. Please contact me if you have items we could use to raffle off. Yours in Optimism!

## Club Services

Well folks, this article is about CLUB SERVICES, something that all of us are a part of. As members we all share in the responsibility to make our efforts to provide service and growth to our community, our youth, our members and even ourselves.

We have asked everyone to ONLY DELETE A MEMBER WHEN WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER TO REPLACE THE DELETION. It seems you buy into this idea because, as of today, the SWIS district is only 7 members down. **I AM SO VERY PROUD OF YOU!!!!** That means you have taken care of necessary deletions and have focused on spreading service and growing our services by adding new members. YES MORE IDEAS AND MORE NEW PROJECTS.

We have a responsibility, to

- 1) Lead our organization with vision and passion
- 2) Pay our bills on time
- 3) File all of our forms on time
- 4) Grow in Membership and Projects

Well, this leads me to a very important point that I want to make: PROMISE YOURSELF, To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

Encourage your friends to grow as individuals, accept a challenge once in a while, and share your passion for the goals we have in the Optimist Creed. ENCOURAGE THEM TO ACCEPT A CLUB POSITION, A DISTRICT POSITION, perhaps Lt Gov, INVOLVEMENT IN DISTRICT COMMITTEES OR EVEN BEING GOVERNOR SOME DAY.

RIGHT NOW, start encouraging them. That's what my friend Dave Nolte did to me the first convention after I became a member. Dave was from Madison, I was from Eau Claire. Are your friends, and yourself worth it? YOU BET YOU ARE!

AND DON'T LET ME FORGET TO CONGRATULATE OUR NEWEST CLUB, THE NEW GLARUS AREA OPTIMIST CLUB who will have their CHARTER BANQUET on Wednesday, January 28. Think about going to Sugar River Pizza in New Glarus at 6pm. Call Immediate Past Governor George Bredon for your reservation.

CLUB SERVICES is all around us. As Governor Jeff asked us, BE VISIBLE, SHOW OUR PRIDE....

JUST ASK , yes JUST ASK someone else to help with our goals to keep our community strong by helping our youth to succeed and grow. JUST ASK them to be a member also.

RENEW, REFRESH, and REVITALIZE. That is what Club Services and our Clubs are all about.

SHOW OUR PASSION, BE PROUD to be an OPTIMIST!!

God Bless, In Optimism

Vern Andren, Club Services Chair

# 2015 OI Junior Golf Flyer



## Official District Qualifying Tournament for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships ENTRY FORM

### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

District: SOUTHERN WISCONSIN  
 Tournament Date: 6/22/2015  
 Location: Brown Deer Park Golf Course (Milwaukee, WI)  
 Divisions Offered: Boys 10-11, Boys 12-13, Boys 14-15, Boys 16-18, Girls 10-12, Girls 13-14, Girls 15-18  
 Entry Fee: \$70  
 Registration Deadline: 6/15/2015  
 Contact Info: Tom Carls [wmtomc@gmail.com](mailto:wmtomc@gmail.com) 262-909-6124  
 Todd Paulus [tpaulus@wi.rr.com](mailto:tpaulus@wi.rr.com) 414-719-0009

Pre-qualifying requirements: None

Notes: There is no rain date scheduled for this event if it is cancelled due to a weather related condition. Refunds of all or a portion of the entry fee may not be possible if this occurs. Every effort will be made to get the tournament in that day, even if a shortened event is necessary. There is no refund of entry fees due to a no-show the day of the event or cancellation after the registration cutoff date.

### Qualifying Information:

A limited number of golfers in each division will advance to the international championships provided they shoot the minimum qualifying score. If a golfer who lives outside of the District qualifies, his/her participation will not eliminate a District resident from qualifying. Optimist Districts and Clubs provide financial support for winners to attend the international championships. The amount of financial support provided and the age divisions covered varies by District. There is no guarantee that financial support will be provided to golfers who travel outside of their home District. Please check with the District Chair for details.

### Age Eligibility Information:

In order to be eligible, a golfer must not turn 19 on or before July 31, 2015. Golfers must be enrolled in high school or must be a 2015 high school graduate to be eligible. Any golfer who has attended college is no longer considered a "junior golfer" and is not eligible to participate.

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### GOLFER INFORMATION (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY)

Golfer's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (cannot turn 19 on or before 7/31/2015): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Work/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Division Applying For—determined by golfer's age on (Boys 10-11, 12-13 and Girls 10-12 - July 20, 2015), (Boys 14-15 and Girls 13-14 - July 25, 2015) and (Boys 16-18 and Girls 15-18- July 31, 2015).

Circle one: Boys 10-11 Boys 12-13 Boys 14-15 Boys 16-18 Girls 10-12 Girls 13-14 Girls 15-18

### WAIVER STATEMENTS

I certify that I am an amateur player according to the rules of the USGA and that all of the information furnished is true to the best of my knowledge.

Golfer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of my child's participation in the Optimist Junior Golf qualifying tournament, I hereby release the sponsor from any and all liability resulting from any accidents that might occur while he/she is participating.

### Photo/Internet Release

Segments of the "Optimist International Southern Wisconsin District Qualifier" will be photographed or videotaped, in consideration of your child's participation in a junior golf tournament known as the "Optimist Junior Golf Program", hereby grant the Optimist Junior Golf Program the right to photograph and otherwise use in all media throughout the world my child's performance in the Optimist Junior Golf Program and use my child's name, likeness, voice and biographical information in connection therewith, except that Optimist Junior Golf shall not use my name as an endorsement of any product or service.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### RETURN INFORMATION

Registration deadline is 6/15/2015. Please complete this form in its entirety, enclose a check for \$70 payable to "Menomonee Falls Optimist Club" (do not send cash). Return to:

Tom Carls • SWIS Optimist Golf • 3922 S. Lake Drive • St. Francis, WI 53235

## 2015 OI Junior Golf Outing

The venue and date is finally set for the OI Junior Golf outing qualifier for 2015. We have moved to a new course, Brown Deer Golf Course. Although a Milwaukee County public course, this course is always the crown jewel of courses in the Milwaukee area. For many years this course hosted the GMO for the PGA tour. It is the course where Tiger Woods made his professional debut.

Our outing will be held on Monday, June 22, 2015. The outing will start at 8:00 am with a shotgun start. Lunch and awards will follow the outing immediately. This event is open to boys and girls ages 10-18 years old. If a golfer wins their division, shoots a qualifying score, and we are given a qualifying spot for that age group, that golfer is then eligible to compete at the Optimist International tournament that is held in July at PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

Please help us by spreading the word in your community about this event. Clubs can sponsor golfers to participate in our event as well. The entry fee is \$70 per golfer. Once we get the flyers printed up, we will distribute them to all clubs. If you can contact local courses as well as local high school teams, we would like to increase our participation numbers.

If you have any questions regarding this outing, please feel free to contact Todd Paulus ([tpaulus@wi.rr.com](mailto:tpaulus@wi.rr.com) cell #414-719-0009) or Tom Carls ([wmtomc@gmail.com](mailto:wmtomc@gmail.com) cell #262-909-6124) for an answer. Thanks for everyone's help in making this event successful.



## SWIS District Website Update

The SWIS District Website 'Site Planning' has been completed and approved. The 'Staging Site Development' has been started and is being worked on at this time. The goal is to have this development at 90% complete and presentable at the January 17<sup>th</sup> Winter Conference.

The planning for launch is scheduled for the end of March / early April 2015 in time for the SWIS Quarter Conference Registration. There will be post launch training and release at the April 26, 2015 SWIS 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference.

### Two Site Objectives Identified for the Updated Website:

1. Primary use of the website is for SWIS District clubs and their members, ultimately as a resource of information that can help individual club leaders succeed.
2. A secondary objective is to elevate the existing membership morale by announcing the combined accomplishments of all SWIS District clubs, ultimately re-assuring and re-energizing members to remain active including attend meetings, district and club events. Possible reference accomplishments in categories based on Club Size, will also encourage non-members to find/participate in a local club to support an important personal cause.

We're very excited about the new updated 'look' and 'functions' of the SWIS Website. Some of new or expanded site features to accomplish the main objectives include:

## SWIS District Website Update Cont.

<p><b>Leadership Tools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 'How to succeed as a leader'</li> <li>- Newsletters, SWIS Directories</li> <li>- Positions available in leadership</li> <li>- Past Governor's support</li> <li>- Leadership 'logon' for Club leaders to create a public club profile, manage members, share club activities and discover/learn from the activities events of other clubs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Optimist Clubs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Club Accomplishments</li> <li>- Featured Clubs</li> <li>- Find-A-Club</li> <li>- SWIS Club Profiles</li> <li>- Join, Donate, or Participate</li> </ul>
<p><b>Youth Programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tri-Star, Oratorical, Essay, CCDHH,</li> <li>- Skateboarding, Junior Golf, Other programs.</li> <li>- Information / follow-up results/pictures.</li> </ul> <p>JOOI Clubs and Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information / follow-up results/pictures.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conference/Registration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yearly Conference Overview</li> <li>- Next Conference</li> <li>- Registration on-line</li> <li>- Archives of Conferences</li> <li>- Information follow-up results/pictures.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Resources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- District Contacts</li> <li>- Online Resources:</li> <li>- Football Frenzy, PGI, Unrestricted funds, Dime-A-Day, Facebook, Optimist leaders, Skateboarding Series, Others</li> <li>- SWIS District documents:</li> <li>- Policies, current board/executive minutes, Club Resources (links), District Resources (links), (all in one place)</li> <li>- Optimist Websites: (links in one place)</li> <li>- District Resources to communicate directly with members, manage website content, and simplify member directories and reporting.</li> <li>- Other future resources, ALL in one place.</li> </ul>	<p><b>General Features:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facebook Feeds automatically to website.</li> <li>- U-TUBE Channel of rotating videos.</li> <li>- Revolving Calendar of Club and District Activities.</li> <li>- Governor's Message / Quarterly Updates.</li> <li>- Links to Facebook, Twitter, U-tube.</li> <li>- Responsive design for devices.</li> <li>- Rotational banners/pictures/messages/etc.</li> <li>- Search options and other features.</li> <li>- Admin: E-mail distribution groupings/feeds.</li> <li>- Admin: Content Management System</li> <li>- Availability for continuing updates, by rotating optimists. (Plans documented and on the website for future needs).</li> </ul>

The new website has some of the features of the current website and a lot of enhancements to make it 'one place' for optimists to obtain and share information. It'll be fantastic to have club leaders share about upcoming club schedules and club accomplishments on a regular basis for other clubs, optimists and other potential members on how we 'Bring Out the Best in Everyone'.

**Bonnie Spindler & Howard Crofoot**, Design Development Team, **Tim Miller/staff**, ISADEx Corporation.



## Optimist Holiday



Members of the UWW/Community Optimist and High School Octagon Club helping sort through toys for children served by our Whitewater Food Pantry.

December is a wonderfully busy month for most and no exception for the UW-Whitewater/Community Optimist Club. Dec. 6 saw 718 happy folks join Santa for Breakfast for the 22<sup>nd</sup> year! Santa, Mrs. Claus and Frosty were so excited to see all of our guests!

This year, a total of 238 children will have a special toy or game under the Christmas tree, through the cooperation of the UW-W/Community Optimist Club and Whitewater Food Pantry for the past 30 + years. We would again, like to thank of community of Whitewater for another successful Toys for Kids program.

This project is only possible through the generous support of the following participating Churches; First Congregational United Church of Christ, First English Lutheran Church, First United Methodist Church, St Patrick's Catholic Church. Other great partners were the Whitewater Police Department, Provisur Technologies Inc., Labelle Studio & Gallery, Optimist Club members, High School Octagon Club, Rocky Rococo Pan Style Pizza and other community members that volunteered or gave gifts.

## Optimist Holiday

The Mitten Tree Project, which has been conducted since 1991, was again, a huge success due to the generous community-wide donations of hats, scarves, mittens and gloves to be distributed through the three Elementary Schools in the Whitewater Unified School District. With space given every year in their lobbies, we are grateful to the Commercial Bank, Associated Bank and First Citizens State bank for supporting our Mitten Tree project each and every year since it began. On Tuesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, Mary Geraghty, WUSD Social Worker and Lenora Heim, Special Education/Pupil Services Coordinator for the District accepted the multitudes of mittens, etc. on behalf of the WUSD from Club President Dave Halbach and project member, Connie Murray.

Lastly, the club, through its several fund raising projects over the past year, was once again able to present a check for \$1,000 to the WUSD Family Emergency Fund. That is a program completely funded by donations, using no tax money, to assist families in times of need within our School district. Ms. Heim and Ms. Geraghty gratefully accepted the check from Club President, Dave Halbach.



Mary Geraghty, Connie Murray, President Dave Halbach and Lenora Heim with warmth collected for our elementary students in the Whitewater Unified School District.

The UW-W/Community Optimist club is always looking for new members to help us realize our goal to be "Friend of Youth." Interested persons can contact us through our blog at <http://blogs.uww.edu/uwwcommunityoptimist/> Without new members, we may not be able to continue these very worthwhile projects to improve the lives of the children in our community. We invite you to join us in "making a difference in the life of a child."

Thank you and Merry Christmas

## Trivia Night Donation



January 15, 2015

Dear Business Owner,

The UW-Whitewater/Community and UW-Whitewater Student Optimist Clubs are hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trivia Night on February 20, 2015 and we need your help. Please consider making a donation of an item, money, or time to help support this event.

As a community, we can make a difference. The proceeds from this year's trivia night will be donated to the following local causes:

- Whitewater Unified School District's Family Emergency Fund
- Whitewater Food Pantry
- LINCS Hallway Beautification Project
- Sustain Optimist Youth Related Projects (i.e. Easter Egg Hunt, Youth Appreciation Activities, Scholarships, and Breakfast with Santa)

There are several ways you can provide much needed support. First, you can gather up your friends or coworkers and join us for a fun filled night of trivia; please see registration and event information enclosed. Second, you can donate an item for the silent auction or raffle. Third, you can sponsor one of the ten rounds of trivia. Fourth, you can donate a prize or prize money to the winning team. Fifth, you could match the proceeds for the 50/50 raffle. Sixth, you could underwrite a portion of the costs of the event by donating money towards food. In addition, please consider helping us promote the event by posting the flyer in your business.

In return for your tax deductible donation, you will receive recognition during the event and in advertisement associated with the event. In addition, during the event there will be a sponsor table for you to advertise and distribute information regarding your organization/business.

If you are interested in contributing to this important charitable event, please fill out the donation form on the back. If you have any questions please contact event organizers listed on the donation form. Please note, donations in any amount make a big difference and no donation is too small.

Sincerely,

UW-Whitewater/Community Optimist Club

UW-Whitewater Student Optimist Club

## Trivia Night Donation Cont.

### Donation Form

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate \_\_\_\_\_ for the silent auction/ or raffle (please contact Kim Adams at 608-201-2151 or [adamsk@uww.edu](mailto:adamsk@uww.edu)).

I would like donate \$250 to sponsor a round of trivia.

I would like to donate a prize of \_\_\_\_\_ to the winning trivia team (please contact Kim Adams at 608-201-2151 or [adamsk@uww.edu](mailto:adamsk@uww.edu)).

I would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ as prize money to the winning trivia team.

I would like to match the proceeds for the 50/50 raffle up to \$500.

I would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ towards the cost of the event.

I am unable to attend the event, but would like to donate \$100 to sponsor a team.

Please make checks payable to Optimist International Foundation and mail to  
UW Whitewater Community Optimist Club, P.O. Box 571, Whitewater, WI 53190.

A receipt of your charitable donation will be mailed to the address you listed above.

**Trivia Night Flyer**

**2nd Annual**  **OPTIMIST**  
INTERNATIONAL

**Trivia Night!**

Get Your Trivia on with friends and family! Enjoy 10 rounds of fun trivia, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, delicious refreshments, a cash bar, and many prizes!

\*All proceeds go to Whitewater Unified School District Family Emergency Fund, Whitewater Food Pantry, LINC School Beautification project and other youth oriented projects!

**When: February 20, 2015**  
Doors open at 6:30pm  
First round begins at 7:00pm

**Where: Old Main Ballroom (2nd Floor)**  
James R. Connor University Center  
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

**To Register:** Please fill out a registration form and send to Denise Kaminski:  
P.O. Box 571, Whitewater, WI 53190  
or  
email form to: [Kaminskd@uww.edu](mailto:Kaminskd@uww.edu)

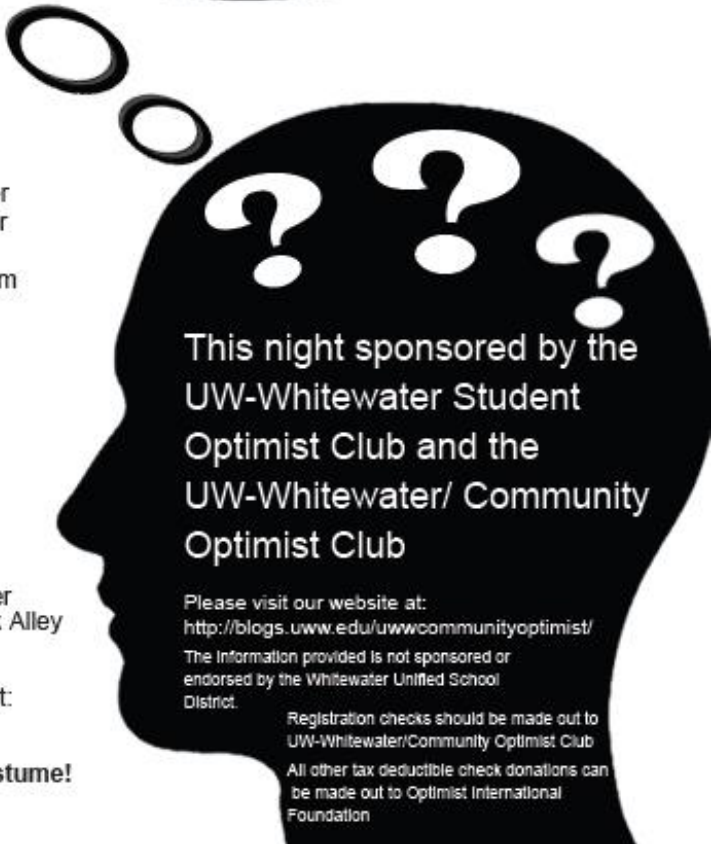
Registration forms should be submitted by:  
**February 6, 2015**

\*We accept checks or cash only

\*Free Childcare provided by UW-Whitewater Student Optimist Club (bowling at Warhawk Alley and other fun activities)

\*Any other questions, contact Kim Adams at: [AdamsK@uww.edu](mailto:AdamsK@uww.edu) or call 608-201-2151

\*Get creative, Prize for the best team costume!



## Trivia Night Team Registration Form

### Trivia Night Team Registration Form Sponsored by the UW-Whitewater Student Optimist and the UW-Whitewater/Community Optimist Clubs February 20, 2015

- What:** The **Trivia Night** will offer 10 rounds of challenging questions for your team to answer. **Cash prizes will be awarded to the top two teams.**
- When:** 7:00pm, Friday, February 20, 2015  
**Doors will open at 6:30pm. A cash bar, refreshments, 50/50 raffle, and silent auction will be available. Free childcare will also be provided.**
- Where:** Old Main Ballroom (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), James R. Connor University Center,  
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
- Why:** To have fun testing your trivia knowledge while enjoying a night with friends to help raise money for the Whitewater Unified School District Emergency Fund, Whitewater Food Pantry, LINCS beautification project and other youth oriented projects!

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Captain:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Roster:** Fee: \$100/team - 8 persons MAX.

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- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

## **Trivia Night Team Registration Form Cont.**

*If someone on your team is in need of childcare, please list the names and ages of the children on the back of this sheet. Childcare is provided free of charge by the UW-W Student Optimist Club.*

**Register by Friday, February 6**

***Final Roster due by Friday, February 13, 2015***

**Send completed registration and \$100 check to:**

**Denise Kaminski P.O Box 571, Whitewater, WI 53190 (*Registration checks payable to UW-Whitewater/Community Optimist Club*)**

***For any tax deductible check donations (Not Registration Fee,) please make checks out to Optimist International Foundation***

## Free Registration To The New Orleans Convention?

Please see Message below from President Ken Garner. English follows French.

Salut à toute l'équipe!

Vous trouverez en pièce jointe les résultats tant attendus du premier trimestre pour voir quels districts et quelle région ont remporté l'inscription gratuite tant convoitée au congrès de La Nouvelle-Orléans! Veuillez prendre note que ces résultats tiennent compte des éléments dans la liste qui suit et ne sont utilisés QUE dans ce contexte et NON à des fins de reconnaissances pour déterminer les clubs distingués et les clubs d'honneur :

- Nombre total de membres adultes ajoutés durant le trimestre (incluant les Amis des Optimistes).
- Le nombre de nouveaux clubs fondés au cours du trimestre (incluant les clubs OJOI).
- Les points pour avoir peu ou pas de clubs sur la liste des 120 jours.
- Les points pour les contributions à la Fondation Optimiste des enfants canadiens.

Avant de procéder aux félicitations, j'aimerais prendre une minute pour souligner le travail du gouverneur Ted Gaffin et le district de l'Arizona d'être numéro 1 sur le tableau indicateur pendant le 1<sup>er</sup> trimestre et est toujours dans une chaude lutte avec le gouverneur du sud du Texas Irvin Williams qui tente de lui ravir cette place en ce moment même. Aussi, félicitations à toute la région de la côte Ouest et au vice-président Ed Murphy pour avoir gardé la position de tête sur le tableau indicateur.

Toutefois, pour les gagnants au niveau région dans la coupe des présidents pour le premier trimestre, nous avons :

- **Gouverneure Doris Dickman de l'Ohio**
- **Gouverneure Cheryl Thames du Michigan**
- **Gouverneur Russ Thomas de la Georgie**
- **Gouverneur Mike Padilla du Sud-Ouest du Pacifique**
- **Gouverneur Irvin Williams du Sud du Texas**
- **Gouverneur Rejean Bacon – « Père Noël » – de l'Est du Québec-Rive-Nord**
- **Gouverneur Don Stover du Dakotas-Manitoba-Minnesota**
- **Gouverneur Jimmy Lamm de l'Est de la Caroline du Nord**

Et la région au sommet pour le premier trimestre est la région Centre des États-Unis aussi connue sous le nom d'Orange Crush menée par le vice-président Todd McMillin!

Même s'ils n'ont pas gagné d'inscriptions gratuites au cours de ce trimestre, je voudrais souligner les efforts des districts suivants pour avoir terminé dans le top 13 pour avoir obtenu plus de 100 points.

- Gouverneur Tom Howell de l'Alabama-Louisiana-Mississippi
- Gouverneur James Minyard du Sud-Ouest du Pacifique
- Gouverneure Sandra Stokes du centre de l'Ontario



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- [Gouverneur Ernie VanHooser de l'Ouest du Missouri](#)
- [Gouverneur Jeff Kuchenbecher du Sud du Wisconsin](#)
- [Gouverneur Abigail Nicholas du Colorado- Wyoming.](#)

OK, ceci est le club du président du 1<sup>er</sup> trimestre. Nous avons maintenant entamé le 2<sup>e</sup> trimestre et avec la saison du partage qui est en cours, nous devrions battre des records. Veuillez prendre note que tout le monde recommence à zéro dès le 1<sup>er</sup> janvier 2015.

La température va bientôt grimper, de même que les fondations de nouveaux clubs et des partys « MAINTENANT » ! Ne lâchons pas, et surtout félicitations à nos gagnants du premier trimestre.

Avec Optimisme,

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### English version:

Hey Team!!

Attached is the long awaited and anticipated results for first quarter to see which districts and which region wins the coveted free registration to the New Orleans Convention!! Please remember that these results take into account the following items which are used ONLY for this calculation and NOT for determining Honor and Distinguished Status as indicated on the Scoreboard:

- Total Adult Members added during the quarter (includes Friends of Optimist)
- Number of New Clubs Chartered during a quarter (included JOOI/OJOI Clubs)
- Points for having little to no clubs on the 120 List
- Points for Contributions to the OI Foundation and/or the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation.

Before we get to the congratulations here, I would like to take a minute to recognize [Governor Ted Gaffin](#) and Arizona district for being Number 1 on the Scoreboard for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and still battling it out with South Texas Governor Irvin Williams for that spot as we speak. Also a congratulations to the whole [West Coast Region](#) and [Vice President Ed Murphy](#) for holding that top spot on the Scoreboard as well.

However, as for the Regional Winners in the Presidents Cup for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter we have:

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- **Governor Doris Dickman of OHIO**
- **Governor Cheryl Thames of Michigan**
- **Governor Russ Thomas of Georgia**
- **Governor Mike Padilla of Pacific Southeast**
- **Governor Irvin Williams of South Texas**
- **Governor Rejean Bacon – aka Santa Clause – of Quebec East North Shore**
- **Governor Don Stover of Dakotas-Manitoba-Minnesota**
- **Governor Jimmy Lamm of North Carolina East**

And the top REGION for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter is the **MID AMERICA REGION** aka Orange Crush headed up by **Vice President Todd McMillin!!!**

Though they did not win a free registration for this quarter, I also want to recognize the following Districts for finishing in the TOP 13 and gaining over 100 points.

- Governor Tom Howell of Alabama-Louisiana-Mississippi
- Governor James Minyard of Pacific Southwest
- Governor Sandra Stokes of Central Ontario
- Governor Ernie VanHooser of West Missouri
- Governor Jeff Kuchenbecher of Southern Wisconsin
- Governor Abigail Nicholas of Colorado- Wyoming.

Okay, that is our 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter in the President's Cub. We are now well into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and with the Season of Giving underway, this should be quite the event. REMEMBER, everyone starts from Zero as of 1/1/15 for purposes of this event!

The weather is starting to warm up and so is the new club building and NOW parties!! Let's keep it up and congratulations to our First Quarter Winners!!

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