



# SWIS District Newsletter 2020 – 2021



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## **From My Home to Yours**

Amanda Szymkowski: SWIS District Marketing and Communications Chair

Hey Optimists! I have an exciting announcement! We are about to embark on a new journey where we travel through the ins, outs and all arounds of Optimism. Our destination: “The Sunny Side.” Each issue of this monthly newsletter will focus on one topic such as:

- Membership Recruitment
- Fundraising Ideas
- Social Media
- Branding/Marketing
- New Projects/Incentives

An events column will also be featured for upcoming projects, conferences and fundraisers so we can support our fellow Optimists. You may send me your club events at any time.

For an added bonus, we welcome readers to submit their questions to “Dear Sunny.” Based on your question, we will either pass along to a member of the SWIS District leadership team or we will post the question (anonymously) in our next issue to gather readers’ responses. The answer(s) will appear in a bonus “Dear Sunny” issue. And never fear, you will still receive the SWIS District quarterly newsletter, packed with club stories and leadership updates. Think of “The Sunny Side” as the hors d'oeuvre and the Quarterly newsletter as the main course.

“The Sunny Side” is just one effort to be more accessible and visible to you all. As your newly appointed Marketing and Communications Chair, I want you all to feel prepared and informed to take on the Optimist Year; from how-to guides and templates to webinars and trainings. Please reach out if you have any requests for these items.

So stock up on your favorite snacks and join us for this road trip adventure! And if you need any bathroom breaks, please “just ask”.

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## Maxine's Message: Straight Talk:

Maxine Lane: SWIS District Governor 2020-2021



As I started to put together our 2020-21 team, I was surprised at how difficult it was to recruit Optimist Members who were willing to share their time and talents with the SWIS District. Going forward, I would like to encourage all of you, if asked to serve in some capacity, to respectfully consider the position that you are offered. You'll have a talented team of Optimists to help you succeed and you'll get so much in return! With that said....

I am beyond pleased with the members who have jumped on the bandwagon with me! We held our first meet and greet on August 29<sup>th</sup>. I believe everyone is as excited as I am to serve the SWIS District and our youth, the reason we do what we do and who benefit from our efforts.

If you are not aware, I love quotes. They inspire and motivate me to be an outgoing, responsible, and happy go lucky person who rides any wave even if I don't know how to swim! Don't know if that makes sense but it sounds good. Quotes tell me that you can accomplish what you set your mind to, but you just might have to work a little harder at some things than others!

Preparing for the role of SWIS District Governor, I have BIG SHOES to fill; shoes that have been left behind by admirable individuals. Even though we are all different, the one thing that we have in common is knowing the need to communicate effectively in order to accomplish the goals of the SWIS District and Optimist International.

“Communication must be **HOT**. That's **H**onest, **O**pen, and **T**wo-way.” Dan Oswald.

As I thought about my article for this newsletter, I wanted to focus on communication. Each conference this 20-21 Optimist Year will begin with a session that I am calling “Straight Talk.” All Optimist members are invited to ask questions, make suggestions or state opinions, and a panel of Optimists will be available to answer questions or address concerns. This session should be fun, should bring new ideas, and should generate great conversation. While I will plan for memorable and enlightening speakers to join us at these conferences, I also look forward to hearing from all of you. The last portion of the above quote ‘Two-way’ is exactly what I want to see at our conferences. Everyone's thoughts, ideas, suggestions, opinions, etc are important to our continued success. I want the year to be one that changes the way things have been done to the way things are now done! Think outside of the box; be creative and innovative; and bring new and exciting changes and ideas. I'm hoping to see many of you at our first conference on November 7<sup>th</sup>!



## 2020-2021 SWIS District Governor, Maxine Lane invites you to our 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter All-In-One-Day Conference in Platteville on Saturday, November 7th, 2020 at 9:30am

Enjoy Optimism at the Broske Center in Platteville. This brand new facility is able to accommodate 300 people. Masks are required and we will be socially distancing, so make sure to register today and reserve your spot!

Unable to attend in person? Optimists always have an option- you can be part of the fun by joining us virtually! Our 1-Day conference begins at 8:30am with the Executive team meeting, followed by our General Session at 9:30am filled with insights, opportunities, updates, and informative presentations including our Outstanding Speakers that you just do not want to miss!



Our Keynote Speaker is our very own Optimist SWIS District Gov. Elect 2021-22, John Fons. Many of you know John and are familiar with his engaging insight on Optimism. John inspired us as our special guest speaker at our Convention and we are delighted that he will be our Keynote Speaker for our First Quarter Power of One Conference on Saturday, November 7, 2020.



Our Guest Speaker is Platteville native, Dr. Jeff Kueter. Born and raised in Platteville, Dr. Kueter served more than 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, providing the full scope of exceptional military family medicine in 42 countries around the globe, including inpatient, outpatient, obstetrics, and combat medical care for soldiers of all stripes. He is also instructed, guided, and mentored Family Medicine teaching faculty, residents, and medical students. His experience also includes providing in-person care for three U.S. Presidents and Vice Presidents and their families in the White House and on Air Force One. From 2008 to 2013 and again from 2016 to 2017, Dr. Kueter served as White House Physician over three Presidential administrations. He is an American hero who made his mark on the world, proving there is no limit to how far you can go and what you can achieve if you dream big and work hard.



Honoring Veterans! Help Us Honor the Veteran in your life at our conference. Email or bring a photo of your Veteran to be placed on our 'Table of Honor'. If you have more than one you would like to memorialize/remember, all are welcome. Please email their names in advance to allow us to properly identify with name cards. Please email photos and names to our Conference Team, [Eventplanner2000@hotmail.com](mailto:Eventplanner2000@hotmail.com)

Register today at: [https://swisdistrict.org/conferences/register\\_person.asp?conf\\_config\\_id=54](https://swisdistrict.org/conferences/register_person.asp?conf_config_id=54) and select either “In Person” or “Virtual.” Registration deadline is Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

# Optimist International Foundation Update

## SWIS District Foundation Rep: Wayne Dieckhoff



### Foundation News!

As we approach our new year of optimism, we should take a step back and see how we dealt with the past. Even though we had a shortened year because of the virus, many things were still accomplished by our clubs and district.

Donations to the Optimist International (OI) Foundation were down by about 20% this year. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter conference was canceled, and our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter conference was virtual. Without these in-person conferences, we missed our usual fundraising opportunities such as 50/50 raffles and raffle baskets. Thankfully, the SWIS District donated \$2,500.00, and that donation sparked a \$100 challenge that brought in an additional \$700.00. Thank you to everyone!

As for the future, we have to remember how we did things before. Please consider, as a club or as an individual, to donate a basket to be raffled off at our 1st Quarter conference on November 7, 2020. If you plan to donate a basket, please let me know so I can plan ahead. Thanks everybody, and hope to see you soon!

Optimistically,  
Wayne Dieckhoff  
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## Leadership Development

SWIS District Leadership Development Chair: Barb Brinkmann

As your SWIS District Leadership Chair, it is my responsibility to offer training to any leader in your Club. I understand it is a difficult time for clubs to meet and organize events, so let me help you work through these barriers. I will set up a Zoom meeting where we can discuss your and your club's needs, and we can find solutions together. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Barb Brinkmann  
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## Janesville Tuesday Morning Optimist Club

Club Secretary: Jan Bier

COVID has sure put a crimp in our normal activities and fundraisers. Because of the pandemic, we have postponed our student of the month recognitions, canceled our cheese curd tent at the county fair and Rock County Threshere, and canceled our barrel train rides for the city's "Enchanted Forest".

But here are some of the things the Janesville Tuesday Morning Optimist Club has been up to: We collected socks and underwear for needy children to be handed out at a city back-to-school event. We are planning barrel train rides for another back-to-school event on September 19. We joined with other city service clubs and the League of Women Voters on August 29 to collect food/money for ECHO, a local food bank for the needy in our city, while the League registered new voters. Collectively, we raised over \$2,336 and 1176 pounds of food in three hours.

A lot of our efforts during this time of social distancing have been focused on the park. Janesville Optimist Community Park is a joint effort between the local Optimist groups and the City of Janesville Park Department. It's a 35-acre park which was dedicated in 1993. It comprises a large open field used by a variety of people including cross country teams and lacrosse teams, and walking paths that meander through a variety of landscapes. There is a creek that flows through the park, a shelter with picnic tables, and commemorative benches placed along the trails. This year, some of our work included planting native spring flowers, working on a handicapped accessible ramp, and refurbishing the sign that shows the various vegetation areas.



## Sussex, Lannon, Lisbon Butler Optimist Club

Diane Matuszak

The SLLB Club has maintained a “steady busy”, despite the COVID challenges. Here is an update on our club happenings:

### July

- 1) Hot, hot day for the SLLB summer picnic-(no pics)
- 2) Highway Clean up
- 3) Cars on Main Street in Lannon, WI was a Hot, hot day for SLLB’s 3 food or beverage stations. Over 35 members helped setting up, serving, donating, and taking down.



**August:** Captain Carl Trapp created 7 teams to work for one full week at the Menomonee Falls Popcorn Wagon. SLLB is grateful to the Menomonee Falls Optimist Club for giving us this opportunity, 2 years in a row to raise money for scholarships and local youth groups. THANKYOU MF OPTIMISTS!

### September

- 1) President Rose Schwartz awarded Jim Pritzlaff, with a Community Recognition plaque. Jim, a local friend, has helped SLLB save money, earn money, assisted SLLB at several car shows, and gave us a place to hold meetings.
- 2) President Rose gave a Volunteer Appreciation Pizza party. Fun and laughter and the wigs came out to remind us that Halloween is near. President Val Z from the Racine Optimist Club was our surprise guest. Can you find President Val with her wig on?



## Sun Prairie Optimist Club

Maureen Crombie

On Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, the Sun Prairie Optimist Club spent the morning planting trees and shrubs at the Sunshine Place with service groups such as: the Exchange club, the Lion's club and Rotary. Collaboration makes a community stronger. We hope to develop more collaborations in the future!



## Optimist Club of Milwaukee

Club President: Barb Brinkmann

Optimist Club of Milwaukee members attended "Yoga in the Park Resource Fair" on September 17<sup>th</sup> in Arlington Heights Park, on Milwaukee's southside. The event was hosted by the youth organizer for Safe & Sound and sponsored by Clarke Square Neighborhood and Layton Boulevard West Neighbors. Safe and Sound's mission is to unite residents, youth, law enforcement and community resources to build safe and empowered neighborhoods. Masks were required (and provided) and social distancing was encouraged. Members were excited to meet new friends and spread Optimism in Milwaukee.

## Sauk Trails Optimist Club

Club President: John Fons

Tanya Lettman-Shue, Chief Clinical Officer, Journey Mental Health Center joined the Sauk Trails Optimist Club meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. She spoke on mental health and wellness in this time of unusual stress and changes due to the pandemic. No matter how "Optimistic" you are, it is still important to check in on your mental health. This meeting was held virtually via Zoom.



## **Good for a Laugh**

John Fons, Sauk Trails Optimist Club

You know what I like best about the Sauk Trails Optimist Club? We're funny. As an educationally adept member once said and has so often repeated, we're a Happy Band.

You know what I like least about so many other things? They're not funny. In fact, it seems the whole world has lost its sense of humor. We're boring ourselves with drama. We're dying for a good laugh.

Remember the great comedians? Bob Hope. Jack Benny. Danny Kaye. Sid Caesar. Imogene Coca. Red Skelton. Ernie Kovaks. George Burns. Gracie Allen. Abbott and Costello. Oliver and Hardy. Carole Burnett. Lucille Ball and it would be worse than risking offense not to name Amos and Andy for the humor they brought to life as they found it.

They all made us laugh and now they are all gone.

That's sad, but what we do as Optimists and what we must do is make each other laugh. That is a priceless gift and that is why during a pandemic or any other sort of bad news we thrive. We at Sauk Trails have turned our lunch money into Happy Dollars and we have raised nearly two thousand dollars just being happy during a time when others are inactive or disbanding because their happiness, not to mention their Optimism, isn't up to snuff.

As I experience this concluding month as your Sauk Trails club president after twenty-four consecutive months of the honor, I pondered with great solemnity the most notable experiences and memories from the past two years. What I came up with surprised me.

It isn't so much the programs, the meetings or even the brass bell I got to ring with my very own gavel.

It's the good humor, the laughter, the fellowship and impossible jokes with really corny volleys back from a tough audience either weekly as a club or monthly as a board of directors.

Keep it up, Sauk Trails Optimists.

It's the only way we can keep this program on the air.

## Max Force Team Meet-N-Greet and Training

Maxine Lane: SWIS District Governor 2020-2021

The 'Max Force Team' had a great first meeting on Saturday, August 29. The day started with a tasty continental breakfast provided by Gary Engelke of homemade sweet rolls and orange juice. The setting could only have better if Mother Nature would have calmed the wind a bit, but cool temps and sunshine made for a beautiful day.

It was a pleasure to welcome Jim Boyd from Optimist International as our guest speaker. Jim specializes in club building and spoke to all 20-21 members, particularly to the Growth Committee, about a new concept called "Cluster Developments." We then enjoyed a catered lunch of sub sandwiches along with another tasty treat from Gary, homemade cookies. Then Bonnie began her training sessions. Her specialty for the day was accessing information from both the SWIS District and Optimist International websites.

We closed the training with Jim Kondrasuk who shared information on how to be a successful Lieutenant Governor, which my "Magnificent Seven" Lieutenant Governors were eager to hear. He shared that the Lieutenant Governors are the eyes and ears of the clubs within their zones, which is an important responsibility.

It was a fun day, filled with lots of information, good food, good conversation and Optimistic people who share the same vision of how the 'Power of One' can 'Bring out the Best in Everyone'!

Maxine Lane  
SWIS District Governor

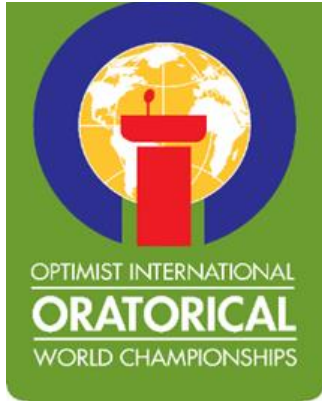


For more photos from this event:  
[https://www.swisdistrict.org/clubs/calendar\\_gallery.asp?ecid=437](https://www.swisdistrict.org/clubs/calendar_gallery.asp?ecid=437)

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter SWIS District Conference**  
**Date:** Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 **Time:** 9:30AM  
**Location:** Broske Center, Platteville, WI or join virtually

# Optimist International Scholarship Contests 2020-2021

[https://swisdistrict.org/youth\\_programs/district\\_programs.asp](https://swisdistrict.org/youth_programs/district_programs.asp)



## Oratorical Contest

Topic: “Healing the World with Optimism”

Beginning in 1928, the Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program of Optimist International. The contest is designed for young people to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with an opportunity to compete for multiple college scholarships with a pre-assigned topic. District Scholarships: First Place: \$2,500, Second Place: \$1,500, Third Place: \$1,000 with a chance to win up to \$22,500 at the World Championships level.

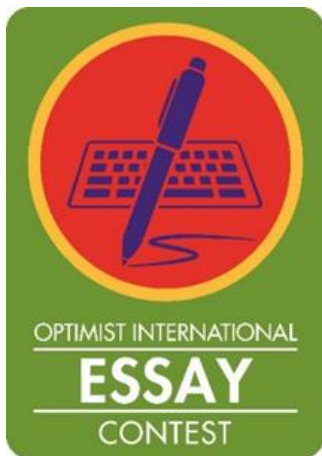
**Oratorical Chair:** Jo’el Pearlman, [Eventplanner2000@hotmail.com](mailto:Eventplanner2000@hotmail.com)

## Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Topic: “Healing the World with Optimism”

This contest offers an opportunity for students who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing to present their thoughts in the community, gaining skills, which can only come from signing or speaking to a large audience. Patterned after the Optimist Oratorical Contest, the contest offers youth the chance to compete in speech or sign language with the chance to win a college scholarship. One District Scholarship of \$2,500

**CCDHH Chair:** Christine Dieckhoff, [christidee@litewire.net](mailto:christidee@litewire.net)



## Essay Contest

Topic “Reaching your Dreams by Choosing Optimism”

The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live. The approach can encompass a young person’s personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective. In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship! One District Scholarship of \$2,500

**Essay Chair:** Jessica Hodgson, [jessstar\\_13@yahoo.com](mailto:jessstar_13@yahoo.com)

## Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH)

Optimist International is proud to announce the return of Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) this year. This is an exciting opportunity to win a **\$2,500** scholarship!

**What we need from you:** Advertise the contest and encourage students who are deaf and hard of hearing to participate. Your guidance and support can help youth build their confidence and believe in themselves.

**CCDHH Contest Eligibility:** Students up through 12<sup>th</sup> grade who are certified to have a hearing loss of 40 decibels or more may compete either in sign language or orally. Speech is limited to 4-5 minutes.

**Preliminary Contests:** Will be schedule in March/April 2021. Scholarships and awards will be presented at the SWIS 3rd Quarter Conference, May 14, 2021.

2020-2021 Year Topic: "**Healing the World with Optimism**"

For more information, click here: [CCDHH-Info](#).

**Club Sponsorship:** Please contact the team with your interest either as a CCDHH Club Chair or participant sponsor by the end of October 2020. We will then provide contest information.

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## Tri-Star Basketball

Maureen Crombie: Tri-Star Basketball Chair

The Sun Prairie Optimist Club is excited to plan the District Competition for the 2020-21 year. I first want to thank the Mukwonago Optimist Club who has sponsored this competition since 1993. I also want to thank previous Tri-Star Co-Chairs Joe Mudwiler and Amy Soleimani-Mafi for their outstanding job over the years. These are going to be big shoes to fill!

As we begin a new Optimist year in uncertain times, we need to be creative when planning activities, fundraisers and social events. I am asking you to consider Tri-Star Basketball in your plans.

Clubs typically host their local competitions in January and February. Boys and girls between the age of 6 and 13 compete against others in their age and gender group in 3 skills: dribbling, shooting and passing. Awards are given to the winners of each group. Multiple clubs have increased their success rate by collaborating with other organizations to stage the local contests. These organizations include YMCA and Boys and Girls Clubs. With a partnership, expenses go down, attendance goes up, and they increase their number of volunteers. These organizations have robust membership roles that can be marketed to join in the events. Other clubs tie in with school programs. No matter which way you go, there is a lot of help out there to host an excellent local event. You can then sit back and watch your kid's excitement as they win trips to the district competition!

Our SWIS District Tri-Star Basketball Competition continues to be the largest gathering of kids at the district level. This year's event is scheduled for **Saturday, April 24th** in Sun Prairie. The exact location is TBD. (Due to COVID, the schools are not letting us reserve gym space just yet).

I promise your kids will enjoy their trip to the district competition. If I can be of service or answer questions for you, feel free to reach out.

Look for more details in the future!

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## Optimist International Conventions – Past and Future

Joanne Ganske

Optimist International Ambassador

For those of you fortunate enough to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration of Optimist International in Louisville, KY in 2019, you have many fond and special memories of an exciting time of celebration! We learned about the History of Optimist International and our Past International President Dave Bruns from Kansas wrote a book for us on that history: *Bringing out the Best: The First Century of Optimist International (1919-2019)*. It is available for purchase on Amazon.

The theme for the 2020 Chicagoland Optimist International Convention was iImagine, which turned out to be a perfect theme! Due to Covid-19, President Adrian Elcock and his Convention team successfully moved their keynote speakers, trainers and vendors to a virtual platform. All registrants not only experienced live keynote speaker and President addresses; they also have access to the workshops and training handouts after the Convention. We had 1,554 Optimists in attendance!!

BUT GET READY FOR THE NEXT CONVENTION! Our next adventure for the 2021 Optimist International Convention will be to...Atlanta, GA! In 1998, this location was my very first OI Convention and I have not missed one since. I had a wonderful time seeing the sites and history of the City; plus, the convention was amazing! Please make your plans now!

### **Dates:**

June 30 to July 2, 2021

### **Location:**

Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Atlanta, GA

**For more information, visit:** <https://www.optimist.org/convention>

Stay well....Have Faith that all will be OK in 2021 and that our lives will get back to “normal”...whatever that “normal” is for you!

P.S Our youth and schools need us more than ever these days, so thank you all for being Optimists!



# Creative Writing

## "Worst Day Ever"

Written By: Chanie Gorkin, Brooklyn high school student

Submitted by: Maxine Lane

Today was the absolute worst day ever  
And don't try to convince me that  
There's something good in every day  
Because, when you take a closer look;  
The world is a pretty evil place.  
Even if,  
Some goodness does shine through once in a while  
Satisfaction and happiness don't last.  
And it's not true that  
It's all in the mind and heart  
Because  
True happiness can be obtained  
Only if one's surroundings are good  
It's not true that good exists  
I'm sure you can agree that  
The reality  
Creates  
My attitude  
It's all beyond my control.  
And you'll never in a million years hear me say that  
Today was a good day.

Now read from bottom to top.

## Our Tapestry

Written By: Christine Dieckhoff

You are my tic  
I am your toc  
You are my shoe  
I am your sock  
I am your hand  
You are my ring  
You are my song  
I love to sing  
You are my smile  
I am your giggle  
I am your stillness  
You are my wiggle  
You are my up  
I'm your away  
We are inseparable  
At the end of the day  
I am your rock  
You are mine, too  
We'll make it together  
Until we are through  
I am you bud  
You are my bloom  
Woven together  
On Almighty's loom

# SWIS District Governor's Team 2020-2021



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Governor



John Fons  
Gov Elect



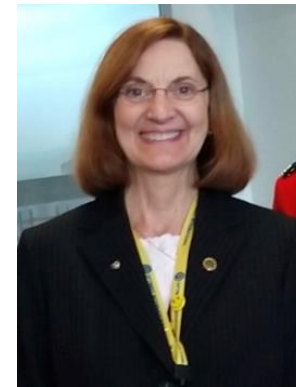
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Maureen Crombie  
Tri-Star Chair



Christine Diekhoff  
CCDHH Chair

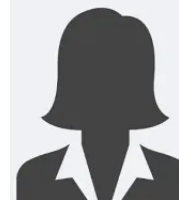


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# SWIS District Finance Team & Lieutenant Governors 2020-2021

## Finance Team



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Zone 7



## 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.

Visit the SWIS District Website today!

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## Thank you, Contributors!



Thank you to everyone who contributed articles to this edition of the SWIS District Newsletter. I couldn't put out this quarterly publication without you – and I very much appreciate your time!

If you are interested in contributing to the next edition, please send me your: Club Stories, District and Zone Events, Committee and Chair Updates, Member Acknowledgments, and other articles that you would like to share. I will gladly accept them at anytime.

If you are ever unsure of submission deadlines, please reference the SWIS District Conference schedule found here: <https://swisdistrict.org/conferences/default.asp> The date that registration opens, is the date that I try to send out the newsletter.

Thank you!

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