

## **JOSHUA ZAIDEL**

Slogan: ***"Turning Walls Into Bridges"***

Welcome to the SWIS District website. It is an honor to be selected as Governor for the SWIS District for the 2016-2017 Optimist year. In keeping with the Optimist International theme, Optimists will be Turning Walls into Bridges.

### **Governor's Update**

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I am humbled to be your Governor for the 16-17 optimist year! I am very excited for my opportunity to help move our district and the clubs in Southern Wisconsin forward to a great future. We have wonderful optimists throughout the district doing great things in their community. My theme for the year is: Turning Walls Into Bridges. We have many walls within our organizations, and they are hindering our ability to serve even more youth. These barriers include age gaps in our membership, diversity of our members, ability of our small clubs to make big differences in their communities, and many more. Let's work together this year to make our CLUBS, our ZONES, and this DISTRICT as strong as it ever has been. Together we can... turn walls into bridges.