



District News

Pacific Northwest Optimist District #32

Governor's Message

Ben DeRemer · Pacific Northwest District



I first want to start off by saying congratulations to Governor Bruce Gilbertson and his team for a very successful 2017-2018 Optimist year. And next I would like to say Happy New Year! We are nearing the end of the first week of our new Optimist year for 2018-2019, and I wanted to make sure I didn't miss out on wishing every Club a very promising, fulfilling, and a very Happy New Optimist Year.

The Pacific Northwest District theme for the year is "Celebrating Our Past, Investing In Our Future". As an Optimist District, our primary responsibility is to serve our Clubs by providing resources and support for them. The "Future" of our District relies upon ensuring that we help to foster and strengthen our Clubs. The "Future" of our Clubs rely upon ensuring that we help to foster and strengthen our local youth and communities. Towards this aim, and with your help, we more than doubled our District Leadership Team for the 2018-2019 to focus on building better relationships with our Clubs.

When I served as a Club President, it often felt like Optimist International told us what they thought we needed, versus asking us what we need. Instead of the District and Optimist International telling Clubs what you need, it should be **you** telling us what your Club needs. This is why the District newsletter for this month is so short, because instead of telling you only what we feel you need to know, I want to ask each Club what they would like to be receiving.

This past weekend we held a District Officer Retreat to help jumpstart the year in planning what we want to accomplish. Much of our discussions revolved around creating better relationships with our Clubs and getting to know what they are passionate about. Over the next few weeks, your District Officers will be contacting each Club to learn what you expect from us and what you would like to see from the District in regard to our communications, newsletters, website, and trainings, as well as the resources and support we can provide for Clubs.

Although each of our Clubs are unique and autonomous entities, that doesn't mean we shouldn't be working to create a better community of support around us. The members of your District Leadership Team can only do so much on their own to provide the support and resources that our Clubs need to grow and thrive. Six Standing Committees were created in our District to focus on areas in Governance, Growth, Finance, Youth Programs, Marketing, and Meetings to aid in this endeavor. I have listed some of the functions and areas they will be focusing on, but we will need the support from members in our Clubs to help provide some guidance in how these committees can be used to better serve our Clubs.

Yours in Optimism,

Ben DeRemer
2018-2020 Governor
Pacific Northwest Optimist District #32

Standing Committees

Governance

Candidate Qualifications

Parliamentarian

Policies

Bylaws

Resolutions

Procedures

Operating Guides

Bingo Book

Strategic Planning

Long Range Planning

Awards

Roy Proctor Award

Gifts/Mementos

In Memoriam

Finance

Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation (CCOF)

Optimist International Foundation (OIF)

Finance

Audit

Development

Club Fundraisers

Endowment

OI Supplies

Merchandise

Electronic Sales

Auction

Budget

Accounting

Growth

Leadership Development

Officer-Elect Training

Achievements & Awards (A&A)

Membership

Retention

Mentoring

New Optimists Welcome (NOW) Program

New Club Building

College Clubs

Club within a Club

Alternative Club

Club Fitness

Professional Development Program (PDP)

Personal Growth and Involvement (PGI)

Data Analytics

Youth Programs

Junior Optimist International (JOI) Clubs

Essay

Oratorical

Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH)

Junior (Jr) Golf Coordinator

Oregon Jr Golf

Idaho Jr Golf

Washington Jr Golf

British Columbia Jr Golf

Junior (Jr) Curling

Childhood Wellness (formerly Childhood Cancer Campaign)

Tri-Star Sports

Youth Safety

Youth Appreciation

Marketing

District Directory

Reel Optimism

Public Relations

Social Media

Website

Monthly Bulletin

Quarterly Magazine

Publications

Distribution

Advertising

Graphic Design

App Development

Technology

Telecommunications

Photographer

Centennial Celebration

Centennial Book

OI Convention Ambassador

Meetings

Quartermaster

Registration

1st Quarter

Regionals Coordinator

Oregon Regional

Idaho Regional

Washington Regional

British Columbia Regional

3rd Quarter

Convention

Sergeant-at-Arms

Credentials

Fellowship

First-Timers

Decorations

Audio/Visual

Health & Safety

Spouse and Family Program

Respect-for-Law

What's Happening Next

Fall Board Meeting - November 16-18, 2018

The 1st Quarter District meeting for the Pacific Northwest District will be held the weekend prior to Thanksgiving from **November 16-18, 2018**. We will be holding it at the Clover Island Inn in Kennewick, Washington once again. This year we will be changing the formats of our meetings by having the District Executive Committee and Standing Committee meetings on Friday, using Saturday for training workshops and the District Board of Directors meeting, and leaving Sunday for supplemental leadership development training.

Registration will be live on Saturday, October 13th, so be sure to check out our District webpage (www.pnwdoptimist.org) for more information. Meeting registration and meal prices will be announced when registration goes live.

Date: November 16-18, 2018
Location: Clover Island Inn
 435 N Clover Island Drive
 Kennewick, Washington 99336

Room Rates: Single Queen - \$74.00 USD per night, plus tax
 Double Queen - \$84.00 USD per night, plus tax
**Room rates include a daily breakfast, local newspaper, and free Wi-Fi.*

Regional Meetings (Oratorical/CCDHH Contests)

This year, instead of having dedicated Regional meetings, we will be focusing on Regional Contests for the Oratorical and Communications Contests for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH). During each of these Saturdays, Clubs will have an opportunity to setup a display/booth to highlight their projects and promote what their Clubs do in their communities (similar to a community expo). We have set our dates for each Regional meeting, but we still need volunteers to help plan and make these happen. If you are interested in lending support or guidance, please email me at bentheoptimist@gmail.com.

- **Oregon – Saturday, March 9th (Salem/Keizer)**
- **Idaho – Saturday, March 16th (Boise/Meridian)**
- **Washington – Saturday, March 23rd (Tacoma/Yakima)**
- **British Columbia – Saturday, March 30th (Chilliwack/Mission)**

Spring Board Meeting - April 12-14, 2019

The 3rd Quarter District meeting for the Pacific Northwest District and the District-level Oratorical/CCDHH contests will be held the weekend prior to Easter from **April 12-14, 2019**. We will be holding it at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Bellingham, Washington. So be sure to mark you calendars and look for more information soon.

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Optimist Creed

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.
