



ATLANTIC CENTRAL DISTRICT

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

FIRST QUARTER BOARD & BUSINESS MEETING

HOLIDAY INN, EAST WINDSOR, NJ

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2015

PRESENT: Governor Delores Wright, Governor Elect LaVera Seymour, Assistant Governor Marion Dourte, Secretary Maxcine Collier, Past Governor (PG) and Policy Chairperson Kathleen Manchec, Lt. Governors: *Zone 1 Alan Dworkin, Zone 4 Ted Cerwood, Zone 5 Kenneth Seymour, Zone 7 Dallas Smith, Zone 8 Bob Collier*, O.I. Vice President Anne Donkers,

ALSO PRESENT: Chairpersons: *Camp Quality Albert Passy, Essay Lisa Hoey, Finance Carol Brady, OI Foundation PG Scott Pinheiro, Leadership Development & Fitness Gene Riordan, Meetings and Conventions Dee Cerwood and New Club Building PG Sue Creswell*, Jack Creswell Past OI President, Past OIVP and Past Distinguished Governor, PG Pete Eschmann, PG Joe Salkin, PG Bill Woodard, Bill Drummond, Lue Drummond, Kathy Hampton, Judith Lucas-Odom, Joe Stanish and Patricia Williams.

Morning Training which began at 9:00AM preceded the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15PM by Governor Delores Wright. Invocation was given by PG Bob Collier followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance by those in attendance. A toast was made to Optimists in the US, Canada and other areas of the world.

OIVP Anne Donkers installed the Atlantic Central District Board. Following the installation, OIVP Anne spoke on OI President David Bruns' growth incentives for 2015-2016.

"Press On to the Greater Achievements" Award

Dates: October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

Recipients: Top two Governors

Incentive: Drawing for a trip to the PGA National Resort and Spa in November 2016.

Eligibility:

- Charter a new Adult or College Club with 25 or more Members by September 30, 2016 (one entry per new Club) OR
- Charter a Youth Club (one entry for every one new Youth Clubs).

Governor's "Growth Surge" Award

Dates: October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

Recipients: Top five Governors

Incentive: Trip to the PGA National Resort and Spa in November 2016.

Eligibility:

- Largest positive net increase in District membership; and
- Charter a minimum of three new Clubs.

“Fast Break” Award (First Quarter)

Dates: October 1, 2015 to January 1, 2016

Recipients: First 10 District Governors

Incentive: Each recipient will receive dinner with President Dave and First Lady Shawn during the 2015-16 Optimist International Convention in Quebec City.

Eligibility:

- Personally sponsor two new Members and/or Friends; and
- District charters one new Adult or College Club.

“Bringing Out the Best in Youth” Award

Dates: October 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016

Recipients: Four District Governors

Incentive: The name of each eligible Governor will be entered into a drawing for four registrations for the 2015-16 Optimist International Convention in Quebec City.

Eligibility:

- Personally sponsor two new Members and/or Friends;
- Charter one new Youth Club;
- Conduct District Oratorical Contest; and
- Appoint a District Foundation Representative.

“Bringing Out the Best in Communities” Award

Dates: October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

Recipients: Optimist Clubs & Lt. Governors (two trips will be awarded)

Incentive: 1) New Club and the Sponsor Club will receive choice of Creed Banner, Purpose Banner, or Road Sign; plus 2) the names of the new Club President, Charter Club President, Lt. Governor, and Builders of Excellence will be entered into drawing for a trip to PGA National Resort and Spa in November 2016.

Eligibility:

- Charter a new Adult or College Club OR
- Charter two new Youth Clubs.

“Bringing Out the Best in Our Clubs” Award

Dates: October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

Recipients: All Optimist Clubs

Incentive: “Bringing Out the Best” Banner Patch and entry into drawing for a trip to PGA National Resort and Spa in November 2016 or a \$750 Club Community Grant.

Eligibility:

- Net +5 in membership;
- Hold a NOW program;
- Conduct an Oratorical, CCDHH, or Essay Contest;
- Appoint Club Foundation Representative; and
- Timely meet financial obligations.

“Club Renaissance” Award

Dates: October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

Recipients: Optimist Clubs with less than 15 Members

Incentive: “Bringing Out the Best” Banner Patch and entry into drawing for a trip to PGA National

Resort and Spa in November 2016 or a \$750 Club Community Grant.

Eligibility:

- Net +5 in membership;
- Appoint a Club Foundation Representative; and
- Timely meet all financial obligations.

“Bringing Out the Best in Ourselves” Award

Dates: October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

Recipients: All Optimist Club Members

Incentive: “Bringing Out the Best” Pins and entry into drawing for a trip to the PGA National Resort and Spa in November 2016 or a \$750 Club Community Grant.

Eligibility:

- Sponsor three new Members into an Adult or College Club.

OIVP Anne Donkers also reported that the Community Impact Bundle will be continuing that allows clubs to recognize six individuals for \$300.00. She also stated that the 30 and under incentive will be continued with those 30 and under paying only \$30.00 in OI dues for the first year of membership. She stressed the importance of growing memberships and building clubs in order to serve more youths.

Governor Delores Wright committed to building three new clubs during this Optimist year. She stated that the first club will be built in Wilmington, DE on October 19, 2015. Also, she is looking to build a club in New York.

MOTION: Motion was made by Bob Collier and seconded by LaVera Seymour to approve the minutes. Carried.

Secretary Maxcine Collier asked that all corrections for the Atlantic Central District Directory be given to her expeditiously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Finance Committee Chair Carol Brady* presented the 2015-2016 Budget which was recommended for approval by the Executive Committee. Scott Pinheiro/Sue Creswell Approved.

MOTION to continue to use Fulton Bank and to close the Convention account and transfer the monies to the checking account. Kathleen Manchec/Dallas Smith Carried.

MOTION to utilize the new OI program for billing District dues with OI dues each quarter. Sue Creswell/Kathleen Manchec Carried

POLICY COMMITTEE *Chair PG Kathleen Manchec* asked for the approval of the District Policy as printed.

MOTION to approve District Policy. Sue Creswell/LaVera Seymour Carried.

The exceptions to District Policy delineated below were requested.

MOTION requesting exception to Section 3 C, Guy Templin to continue as Treasurer for another year after having served three years consecutively. LaVera Seymour/Maxcine Collier Carried.

MOTION requesting exception to Section 18, District Convention chairperson Dee Cerwood to continue another year having exceeded the three year term limit; Zone 5 Lt. Governor Kenneth

Seymour to serve as Internet Safety Chair; PG Kathleen Manchec to serve on both the Policy Committee and assist on the Convention Committee. Ted Cerwood/Scott Pinheiro Carried.

MOTION for an exception to Section 20 and have District dues collected by OI this year. M. Dourte/L. Seymour Carried.

It was also mentioned that under Achievement and Awards *Club Scrapbooks* should be deleted.

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR *Marion Dourte* reported that Lt. Governors have been given various forms that they need to turn in over the course of this Optimist year.

CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMP QUALITY *Chair Al Passy*, Executive Director of Camp Quality, gave a comprehensive presentation on Camp Quality. He mentioned that this initiative was started twelve years ago by the Freehold Sunrise Optimist Club. Last summer thirty-five childhood cancer patients were in attendance, as were one hundred six adults which included companions and volunteers.

ORATORICAL CONTEST *PG Sue Creswell* gave the Oratorical Contest report. She reiterated that there would be ONE gender free contest, and not two separate gender contests as in previous years. PG Sue further related that there would be contests on both the Regional and International levels.

ESSAY CONTEST *Essay Chair Lisa Hoey* stated that this year's topic is *Lead by Example: Reality or Fiction?* She will send out informational packets to all presidents and club chairs by email and regular mail. The deadline for her to be in receipt of all essays is February 26, 2016. The entry fee is \$15.00. She requested that clubs notify her if they are willing to receive essays 9 (no more than 10) from students who do not have a nearby club in which to participate.

OI FOUNDATION *PG Scott Pinheiro* reminded attendees that funding for the various scholarships is made possible from Foundation contributions. He noted that 1.5 million youths are served annually by programs funded by the OI Foundation. He is soliciting contributions from both clubs and individuals and is available to receive any checks immediately.

NEW CLUB BUILDING *Chair Sue Creswell* reiterated that both new clubs and new members are needed to serve more children and communities. She is available to assist anyone with new club building.

Governor Delores Wright restated her commitment to see that our AC District builds three new clubs. She asked every club to replace the members that they lose and grow by one. She also reminded all clubs that it is important to get their reports in on time. Clubs that participate in a NOW program will be recognized. Governor Delores concluded by saying that she was looking forward to a positive year.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM by Governor Delores Wright followed by the reciting of the Optimist Creed.

Respectfully submitted,

PG Maxcine Collier, Secretary