



Governor's Corner

Don't Quit

"When things go wrong, as they sometimes will, when the road you're on seems all uphill, when care is pressing you down a bit Rest if you must but never quit".

Nothing could be truer in our efforts at Optimist club and membership building.

As we head into the turn for home and another Optimist year end I need each of you to dig deeper and

make that final push in reaching your club membership goals.

Just a reminder honor clubs are net plus one in membership, are current with Optimist dues, submit a Presidents Pride report and recognize a member or community leader. Are you and your club serving with honor ?

As of the July 2016 T-Shot Report the following clubs where plus one or better. A special shout out to our

honor clubs in the making.

Barnegat, NJ , Kearny, NJ, Westfield, NJ, Media-Rose Tree, PA (Plus 5), Chester South Chester PA (Plus 16) Valley Forge King of Prussia PA, Galilee Community, PA, Elizabethtown -E Town PA (Plus 5), Gettysburg, PA, Mercer PA,

Thank you for all your effort in growing your membership.

Dolores Y Wright ED.D

Join us in Gettysburg

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Atlantic Central District Fourth Quarter District Board Meeting and 9th Annual Convention

August 26-28, 2016

Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center

2634 Emmitsburg Rd.
Gettysburg, PA 17325

717 334-2755

Plan to join us as we install our new Governor LaVera Seymour and her team at

the 9th annual AC District convention and 4th Quarter Board meeting in Gettysburg, PA.

We again plan a joint convention with our friends from Maryland / South Delaware District for what is sure to be an event of learning, friendship and fellowship.

The registration deadline is August 13th, 2016

Contact **Dee Cerwood**
ACD Registration Chair

345 Brookline Blvd.
Havertown, PA 19083
Phone **610 853-1295**

Or visit the ACD web site at www.optimist-ac.org for a registration form.

Rooms are available through the Eisenhower Inn Reservation desk mention the ACD Optimist. Call for reservations early there are a limited number of rooms available.

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1st OI International Oratorical

The first annual Optimist International Oratorical World Championship was a huge success.

29 contestants from around the world competed in person at Saint Louis University Center for Global Citizenship and 32 competed via virtual technology.

The regional winners competed in the 2016 Optimist International World

Championships and the winners were.

Cameron Tyler (East Missouri District Middle America Region)

Grant Cadwell (Southern Wisconsin District in the Great Plains Region)

Justice Hill (South Carolina District in the Southern Region)

Our very own **Sean**

Domencic (Atlantic Central) was a regional winner and competed for the World Champion title.

I saw his presentation at the District competition and he was very polished.

What an exciting event with real prize money on the table for the winners. Plans for the 2017 event are underway currently. Contact your Foundation Rep and learn how to help.

AC District 23rd Foundation Donations

The AC District ranks 23rd overall in unrestricted donations to the OI Foundation through June 30, 2016. We have contributed just over \$ 6000 to date and there are additional contributions that are on there way. We have budgeted \$7500 and would like to reach \$10,000. We can do this.

Dime a day, do you have your pin? Presidents Club we have three to date.

\$250 gets you a commemorative numbered plate.

Club Foundation Reps are urged to step up their fund raising events and get their contributions in to OIF.

Our very own Lancaster Club has been recognized in the OI magazine Spring addition as a Bronze Benefactor to the Foundation. This is a record of lifetime accumulation

levels achieved from October 2015 thru December 2015.

The OI Foundation has started a fundraising campaign for the 2017 Oratorical contest. They have raised \$ 25,999 to date. Club Foundation Reps consider this campaign in your fundraising plans.

A Fond Farewell

It is with a heavy heart we say farewell to two long standing AC District Optimist Clubs.

Clifton, NJ in Zone 3 and California Area, PA in Zone 8 have pledged their final

Optimist Creed and opted to disband after many years of service to the youth of their communities. We will miss them but more importantly the youth of these communities will miss

them even more. Governor Delores has spoken with both club presidents and offered an AC District farewell. Some members will transfer others will not.

Press on to greater achievements members.

3rd Quarter Board Meeting & Contest Results

The Inn at Reading was buzzing with activity for the AC Districts 3rd quarter board meeting. In addition to the Districts regular business meeting we were treated to a robust platform of District Contests.

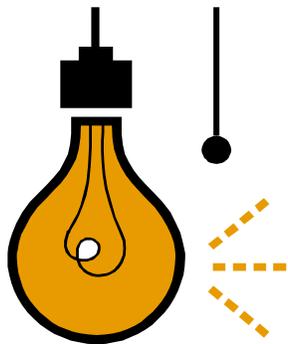
We crowned our photo contest winners; the photo contest has become a staple for our Q-3 meeting with youngsters submitting photo's that represents a line from the Optimist Creed. 1st place Leon House (Lancaster), 2nd place Eric Lee (E. Montco), 3rd place Skylar Shissler (Lancaster). Founders of this event wanted to instill an interest in the arts of our young people with the same level of enthusiasm as our sporting and academic events.

The 3rd Quarter board meeting historically is the setting for our District Oratorical Contest. The morning session hosting eliminations followed by the finals during lunch we had a wonderful panel of speakers from around the District competing for cash and prizes. Our 1st place

winner Sean Domencic (Lancaster) advanced to the Regional contest and participated in the OI Oratorical World Championship. 2nd place Deborah Dadeboe (E. York) & 3rd place Antoinette Gyles (Freehold Sunrise)

We also hosted our District Essay winner Dianna Wambach (Valley Forge) who read her winning essay to the group.

This year we had one CCDHH participant who presented over lunch. Lauren Kirkpatrick was awarded \$250 stipend from the District & Valley Forge Club for her efforts.



Optimist Professional Development Program

A fantastic new program that honors our legacy while providing a "GPS map" for the process of personal and professional development. It is designed to attract new members that have goals for self-improvement while helping others.

Optimist International announced at the International Convention in Quebec City an enhanced program for Professional Development. The new

Professional Development Program (PDP) will be implemented on October 1, 2016 and will run concurrently with the PGI program.

The purpose of the new program is to provide an enhanced and more transferable professional leadership development pathway.

The focus will be to provide an improved opportunity for 21st century leadership development in our rapidly changing world. This initiative appeals to anyone interested in personal and professional development and it shows businesses how employees can develop by

participating in this Optimist Club member program. The new program allows members to grow and develop skills as individuals, professionals and Optimists.

Why? This program will appeal to people, young and old, who want to make a difference. If their needs for personal and professional development and service to others match what our Clubs have to offer, they will very likely be attracted to our mission: **By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.**

Membership Growth: Our Clubs will be in a position to attract new members who will bring enthusiasm and energy while satisfying existing members. (More at Convention...)

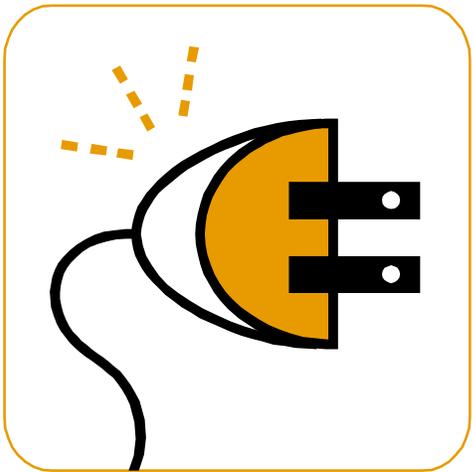


Q-2 Tele-Conference

"The AC District has moved into the twenty first century". This according to Governor Delores who presided over the AC-District 2nd Quarter Board of Directors meeting via teleconference there were 40 participants on the conference line. The 2nd Quarter meeting is sometimes a logistical nightmare because of difficulties with travel due inclement weather in the month of February. Plenty

of Optimist business was completed by teleconference without leaving the comforts of home. Many of our Optimist leaders participated still in their pajamas and bunny slippers.

"Although we miss the fellowship of a conventional meeting the teleconference is a more practical solution this time of year" says Gov. Delores



AC District Changes Region

Effective October 1, 2017

the AC-District will move from Region 1 North East Great Lakes Region to Region 3 Mid-Atlantic Region within the Optimist International Regional Structure.

This change was requested by the AC-District Board. We wanted to align ourselves geographically in closer proximity to other Districts within the region. The AC District has been

doing joint annual conventions with the Maryland South Delaware District over the past few years.

The move was approved by the OI Board at the June 2016 OI Board Meeting.

Leadership Training

Plan to join AC District leadership development chair Eugen Riordan for six weeks of 1 hour sessions, via phone or tele-conference, the sessions are based on the John C Maxwell's leadership series books and

will start August 1st 2016. Gene is a certified Maxwell trainer. Together you can create a clear vision for yourself and your club. Match your vision with your goals and gain the tools required to align who you

are and where you want to go.

The benefits include gaining leadership and communication skills, personal and professional growth that will help you

and your clubs be more successful.

Contact Gene at 610 745-0104 for more information

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Just Do It!

Welcome New Club Members

May 2016

Elizabethtown-E-Town, Mason M. Shank, Joe Beck, Don Shuff, George R. Hitz, Sr., Brian M. Messick

Gettysburg, Brian Skidmore

June 2016

Media-Rose-Tree, Michael Leventry, Richard Bullen, Paula Voshell

Chester South Chester, Alpha Jordan

Audubon Lower Providence, Michael Ryan

Valley Forge King of

Prussia, Angela Della Valle, Taylor Nearon, Brinda Murphy

World Peace, Elizabeth Adeyl

July 2016

Media Rose Tree, Amy Connell, **Willow Grove-E Monco**, Artina, Tiera and LaTina Wright

About our Organization

The Atlantic Central District's mission is to provide resources, leadership and training. We do this in an effort help our clubs grow their membership, spread the

Optimist Creed and thrive in their efforts of "bringing out the best in kids"

How can we accomplish this goal? By providing the most experienced Optimist leadership, by offering

ongoing training at our quarterly conferences, through regular communications and access to the International web site.

www.optimistleaders.org





Congratulations to the Regional winners of the 2016 #OptimistOratoricalWorld Championships. These students advance to compete for the title of Optimist International Oratorical World Champion!

- Northeast & Great Lakes – Sean Domencic (Atlantic Central)
- Southeast – Justice Hill (South Carolina)
- Mid-Atlantic – William Zupp (North Carolina West)
- Middle America – Cameron Tyler (East Missouri)
- Great Plains – Grant Cadwell (Southern Wisconsin)
- Southwest – Dawt Sung (North Texas)
- West Coast – Angelina Zhang (Pacific Northwest)
- St. Lawrence – Maxyme Auger (Quebec Central)
- Global Region – Pallovi Romen (Belize)

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