



# District News

## Pacific Northwest Optimist District #32

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### Governor's Message

**Ben DeRemer · Pacific Northwest District**



One of the responsibilities of an Optimist District is to understand the needs and programs of the Optimist Clubs in which it serves. This is an area in which I have not fostered enough attention. During the Governor Training in St. Louis, Missouri last month, I sent a email to the International Membership Team giving an overview of the current struggles and challenges that many of our Clubs are facing in our District. However, after further review of the email it was brought to my attention that many of the comments were superficial and inaccurate as to the struggles that some of our Clubs are facing. I apologize for all of these inaccuracies.

To correct this for the future, I will be empowering our District Leadership Team and Lt Governors to foster better relationships with each of our Clubs and Club Presidents. In addition to our monthly Lt Governor Video Conference Calls, I will also be spending more one-on-one time with our Lt Governors and District Committee Chairs to make sure they have all of the resources they need to better serve our Clubs.

One of the more common struggles that Clubs have been facing in our District revolves around inconsistent branding/marketing for Club programs, as well as strengthening their membership. To assist Clubs

in these areas, we will be providing training during the Spring Board Meeting aimed at Club Strengthening, Social Media Implementation, and Consistent Brand Marketing. For those members who are not interested in attending the Oratorical Contest, we will also be providing a simplified version of the Optimist International *Catch a Rising Star* Program and Leadership Development for up-and-coming leaders within your Clubs.

This month's newsletter includes a copy of the President Proxy Form for Club President's who are unable to attend the Spring Board Meeting in person or via GoToMeeting Video Conferencing. A copy of the Club Delegate Form to be used at our District Convention has also been provided so Clubs can better understand our new Convention Rules for Club Delegate Voting Procedures at District Conventions.

Yours in Optimism,

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

# What's Happening Next

## District Executive Committee Video Conference Meeting - March 18, 2019

This will be our first scheduled District Executive Committee meeting to occur before our Spring Board of Director's meeting in Bellingham, Washington. We will be having another District Executive Committee meeting on Friday night of the Board meeting.

## Optimist of the Quarter - April 10, 2019

Club President's can nominate members of their Club for Optimist of the Quarter in each Zone. Nominations will be due by April 10<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to turn them in as soon as possible. A copy of the nomination can be found on [page 4](#) of this newsletter.

## Spring Board Meeting - April 12-14, 2019

The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 your calendars and look for more information soon.

## PNW Optimist Jr. Golf Canadian District Qualifier - April 13-14, 2019

The Canadian Qualifier will be put on by the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour (MJT) this year at the MJT Ford Series at Morgan Creek GC in Surrey, BC from April 13-14, 2019. More information can be found at [www.pnwoptimists.org/jrgolf](http://www.pnwoptimists.org/jrgolf).

## PNW Optimist Jr. Golf US District Qualifier - May 18, 2019

The US Qualifier will be put on by the Hillsboro Optimist Club at the Forest Hills Golf Course in Cornelius, OR on May 18, 2019. More information can be found at [www.pnwoptimists.org/jrgolf](http://www.pnwoptimists.org/jrgolf).

## District Executive Committee Leadership Retreat - June 7-9, 2019

The District Executive Committee Leadership Retreat is conducted to provide trainings and workshops for the Lt. Governor-elects and Asst. Governor-elects to prepare them for their positions of office and for the planning of the upcoming administrative year. This is a mandatory training for all Officer-elects. It will be held in Government Camp, Oregon.

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# Spring Board Meeting

## Spring Board Meeting - April 12-14, 2019

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter District meeting for the Pacific Northwest District 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. Similar to the Fall Board Meeting will be changing the formats of our meetings by having the District Executive Committee and Standing Committee meetings on Friday, using Saturday for the District-level Oratorical Contest, training workshops, and the District Board of Directors meeting, and leaving Sunday for supplemental/optional training.

You can register by going to [pnwoptimists.eventbrite.com](http://pnwoptimists.eventbrite.com).

**Date:** April 12-14, 2019

**Location:** Holiday Inn & Suites  
4260 Mitchell Way  
Bellingham, Washington 98226

**Room Rates\*:** Single/Double Queen - \$114.00 USD per night, plus tax  
*\*Room rates do not include a daily breakfast.*

**Costs\*:** Earlybird Discount (before 4/3/19) - \$40 USD/\$52 CAD  
Regular Registration (before 4/10/19) - \$45 USD/\$59 CAD  
Onsite Registration (after 4/10/19) - \$60 USD/\$75 CAD

First-Timers - \$30 USD/\$40 CAD

Non-Optimist Member Guest - \$25 USD/\$32 CAD

JOI/College Members - \$20 USD/\$25 CAD

*\*Registration fees do not include meals.*

**Meals\*:** Meal Package (Saturday Lunch & Dinner) - \$84 USD/\$110 CAD  
Saturday Lunch à la carte - \$38 USD/\$50 CAD  
Saturday Dinner à la carte - \$72 USD/\$94 CAD

*\*Meal costs include gratuity, service charge, and state/local taxes. Must be registered for the meeting to purchase a meal.*

## Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) - April 15, 2019

This year the Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) will be held at the Michael J. Fox Theatre in Surrey, British Columbia. Both a signing and oral competition will be held with 24 contestants in total competing for two \$1,250 scholarships. If your Club is interested in sponsoring the entry fee for one or more of these students, please send an email to [OptimistFeedback@gmail.com](mailto:OptimistFeedback@gmail.com). More information can be found at [www.pnwoptimists.org/scholarships](http://www.pnwoptimists.org/scholarships).

# Zone Optimist of the Quarter

## Pacific Northwest Optimist District #32

*Spring 2019*

Each club is encouraged to honor a member as their Optimist of the Quarter and to nominate that candidate for recognition as the Zone Optimist of the Quarter. The Lt Governor for each Zone will select the winner for the Zone Optimist of the Quarter. This cover page must be attached to the nomination for a candidate to be considered. Only the accomplishments for the previous Optimist Quarter should be included in the nomination. This will give our new Members an opportunity to earn this award.

To prevent embarrassment, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Significant Other's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Professional Title \_\_\_\_\_

Club Position(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Club President's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Nomination Letter Requirements

***The Candidate's name or Club name should NEVER be used in the nomination letter.***

The nomination letter should contain the following:

- What has this Optimist Member contributed in the months of January, February, and March to your Club?
- Why does this Optimist Member stand out above other Optimist members of your Club?
- Has this Optimist Member volunteered for a Club Officer position or chaired a committee/project for your Club during this time?
- How long has this Optimist been a Member of your Club?
- How does this Optimist Members exemplify and live by the Purposes of Optimist International (To develop optimism as a philosophy of life, utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed; To promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; To inspire respect for the law; To promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people; To aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world)?

Zone Optimists of the Quarter awards will be presented at the Spring Board Meeting in April. Award recipients will also be published in the Pacific Northwest District Winter/Spring issue of the quarterly magazine.

Send this cover letter and your nomination letter to [OptimistFeedback@gmail.com](mailto:OptimistFeedback@gmail.com).



## Letter of Proxy

I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as my official representative, to vote on my behalf (as Club President), on all matters at the Pacific Northwest District (32) of Optimist International, Board of Directors meeting(s) on the following date(s):

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ \*

President (print): \_\_\_\_\_

President Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Optimist Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Note: President can only assign proxy during their fiscal year.

**2019 DISTRICT CONVENTION  
VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA**



**Pacific Northwest Optimist District #32  
Certificate of Election of Delegates and Alternates**

Optimist Club of \_\_\_\_\_  
Official Name State or Province Zone # Club #

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the following members of this Club are duly elected delegates and alternates to the 2019 Pacific Northwest Optimist District Convention.

Member ID Number	Member Number	Position of Office (if any)
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

**Clubs with 50 or more members are granted one additional delegate for every 25 members or fraction thereof**

Member ID Number	Member Number	Position of Office (if any)
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____

**CLUB ALTERNATES**

Member ID Number	Member Number	Position of Office (if any)
A. _____	_____	_____
B. _____	_____	_____
C. _____	_____	_____

**WE CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Club President Signature Date Club Secretary Signature Date

**Section 7.01 (B) of the Pacific Northwest District Policies**

**Accredited Club Delegates.** Member Clubs in the District in good standing present shall be granted three (3) Delegates each. Clubs having more than 50 Members in good standing, shall be entitled to additional Delegates on the basis of one for each additional 25 Members or fraction thereof, as of 30 days preceding the District Convention, according to the records of the Optimist International office (e.g. 51-75 Members grants one (1) additional Delegate, 76-100 Members grants two (2) additional Delegates). Each Accredited Club Delegate is entitled to one (1) vote. A member holding membership in more than one (1) Club may become an Accredited Club Delegate for such Clubs provided he has completed registration and paid a registration fee as a Delegate from each Club for which he intends to vote. An individual cannot hold more than one (1) Delegate position per Club.

**THIS FORM DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A MEETING REGISTRATION. USE OFFICIAL  
REGISTRATION AND RESERVATION FORM FOR THIS PURPOSE.**

# Promise Yourself Award

## INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

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### Criteria

- Sponsor a New Member
- Participate in a Club Project
- Submit a testimonial/"Optimist Story" to Optimist International

### Award

- Centennial "Promise Yourself" logo pin



## CLUB PRESIDENT

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### Criteria

- Personally earn the Individual Member award
- 20% of Club Members earn Individual Member award

### Award

- Centennial "Promise Yourself" logo letter opener



## CENTENNIAL FAST START AWARD

*Deadline by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019*

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### Criteria

- Build a New Adult Club
- Net +5 in Members by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 (on track for +10 year-end)

### Award

- Every Member of Club eligible for \$100 Convention registration in Louisville, Kentucky



# 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.*

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