



District News

Pacific Northwest Optimist District #32

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Governor's Message

Ben DeRemer · Pacific Northwest District



We are off and running into our second month of the new Optimist year, and we are now in the midst of the holiday season. This is often the time of year that many individuals are looking for ways to give back in their community, whether it is by giving financially or giving of themselves and their time.

When approaching potential members in the community, it is important to focus on building a relationship first. Instead of asking someone to become a member, ask if they would be willing to help with one of your Club projects. As they feel like they have become part of a team and family, they are more likely to join the Club and become a committed and dedicated member.

As I mentioned last month, I would spend a little bit of time to speak on each of the tenets of the Optimist Creed in these newsletters. This month we will look at ***"To be so strong, that nothing can disturb your peace of mind."*** There are very few instances in life when you may find yourself in a calm and tranquil state in which you can be in a peaceful mind-set. It becomes important to remain strong and push through. There are many distractions in life, and it is necessary to keep your attention and focus on what is most important to you. It also becomes essential to realize that sometimes there are things that you cannot change and that there will always be obstacles in your way. But

as long as you persevere and stay focused, there is nothing that you cannot accomplish.

We will be publishing our first quarterly magazine this month to include stories provided by Clubs. Our next deadline to submit Club stories is December 31st. If you have a story of a Club project or you would like to highlight something about your Club, please send an email to OptimistFeedback@gmail.com. I look forward to hear about some of the amazing things each of our Clubs do.

Yours in Optimism,

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



What's Happening Next

Club Story Deadline - December 31, 2019

Clubs who wish to submit a story about a recent Club project to be shown in the Quarterly District magazine must do so by December 31st. Submit stories to OptimistFeedback@gmail.com.

Club Essay and Oratorical Contest Winners - February 28, 2020

Clubs must submit their winning entries for the Club-level Essay and Oratorical contest no later than **Friday, February 28, 2020**.

Regional Meetings and Competitions

During our Regional meetings (previously known as 2nd Quarter) this year, we will be holding the Regional-level contests for our scholarship programs. The dates have been set for each of the meetings with locations to be forthcoming.

- **Idaho** – Saturday, February 29th (*tentatively in Boise/Meridian*)
- **Utah** – Saturday, February 29th (*tentatively in Salt Lake City*)
- **Oregon** – Saturday, March 7th (*tentatively in Oregon City*)
- **British Columbia** – Saturday, March 14th (*tentatively in Mission/Chilliwack*)
- **Washington** – Saturday, March 21st (*tentatively in Chehalis/Centralia*)
- **Vancouver Island** – Saturday, March 28th (*tentatively in Victoria*)
- **Yukon** – Saturday, April 4th (*tentatively in Whitehorse*)
- **Alaska** – Saturday, April 18th (*tentatively in Anchorage*)

Spring Board Meeting - April 24-26, 2020

The 3rd Quarter District meeting for the Pacific Northwest District will be held the last weekend of April from **April 24-26, 2020**. We will be holding it at the [Red Lion Hotel in Kelso, Washington](#).

Optimist Jr Golf District Qualifier Tournaments

The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships is one of the most recognizable junior tournaments in the world with more than 6,000 golfers, ages 10-18, participating in qualifying tournaments each year. To participate in the tournament, players must qualify at a District Qualifier Tournament first. Tentative dates for the Pacific Northwest District Qualifier Tournaments are listed below:

- **Oregon/Washington/Idaho/Alaska** – May 2020 (*Forest Grove, Oregon*)
- **British Columbia/Yukon** – May 2020 (*tentatively in Mission/Chilliwack*)
- **Utah** – June 2020 (*tentatively in Provo*)

November 2019						
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December 2019						
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January 2019						
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Scholarship Contests

Optimist International Scholarship Programs

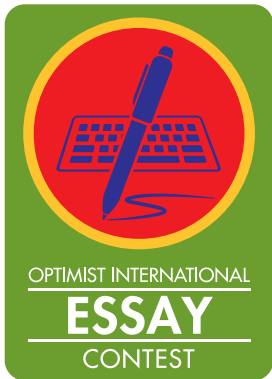
Aaron Codiga • Assistant Governor (Director of Youth Programs)



Optimist International provides local Optimist Clubs with turn-key flagship programs that they can run each year. The most well-known programs are the scholarship programs for the Essay Contest and Oratorical Contest. The Optimist International Foundation and the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation provide each Optimist District the ability to award scholarships to District winners within each contest. This year, the District is looking at these program from a holistic perspective in how they run and work together.

In furtherance to this approach, each of these scholarship contest committees will be working together in supporting Clubs to conduct these contests instead of operating as separate stand-alone committees in years past. The contestant fee for Club-level winners to compete at the Regional-level will be \$50 USD for Optimist Clubs in the United States and \$50 CAD for Optimist Clubs in Canada. The Pacific Northwest District is given one \$2,500 scholarship for the Essay Contest, as well as one \$2,500, one \$1,500, and one \$1,000 scholarship for the Oratorical Contest by the international foundations to be awarded to District-level winners. The first-place winner for the District-level Oratorical Contest is flown to St. Louis, Missouri for the opportunity to win up to \$22,500 or more in scholarships. For additional scholarships to be awarded for contests at the District-level, funds must be secured or pledged to the District by December 1st, 2019.

Essay Contest



The Essay contest is the easiest contest for a Club to be able to conduct. The guide for conducting this contest at the Club-level can be found at www.optimist.org/member/scholarships3.cfm, and if you are viewing this newsletter electronically, then you can click [here](#) to link directly to the Club Planing Guide. Essay contests at the Club-level must be completed by Friday, February 28th, with the winning essays emailed to the District Chair, Monique Connors, at connorsmjk@yahoo.com.

Oratorical Contest

The Oratorical Contest requires a little bit more planning and logistics than the Essay Contest, but it is still easily doable for any Club to conduct. The guide for conducting this contest at the Club-level can be found at www.optimist.org/member/scholarships4.cfm and if you are viewing this newsletter electronically, then you can click [here](#) to link directly to the Club Planing Guide. Oratorical contests at the Club-level must also be completed by Friday, February 28th, with the winning speeches emailed to the District Chair, Cathy Cena, at ccena@shaw.ca.



Regional-level Contests

Instead of conducting Zone-level contests this year, we will be holding Regional-level competitions to coincide with each of our Regional Meetings for the year (go to [page 4](#) for more information regarding Regional Meetings). The contests will be held in the late morning/early afternoon and the top two winners for each Regional-level contest will move onto the District-level contest on April 24-26, 2020 in Kelso, Washington. We are looking for additional volunteers to help organize each of the Regional-level contests; if you are interested, please send an email to OptimistFeedback@gmail.com.

Regional Meetings

District Regional Meetings and Scholarship Contests

Ben DeRemer • Regional Meetings Coordinator



Instead of having 2nd Quarter meetings this year, we will be focusing on establishing Regional-level contests for our Optimist International Scholarship Programs. Holding Regional-level meetings and contests will allow our District Leadership Team to provide greater support for the Clubs within our District in organizing and facilitating contests at the local levels. It also creates a unique opportunity for greater exposure of Optimist Clubs within the community through use of news releases and social media marketing plans. Regional meetings will give us the ability to:

- Provide support for Club-level contests
- Give more opportunities for our youth to receive College Scholarships
- Leverage our Optimist Brand to better market our Optimists Clubs
- Recognize outstanding members within our Clubs and local communities
- Connect our Clubs, and foster better relationships with each other

Planning and Logistics

In order to conduct each of these Regional meetings and corresponding scholarship contests, we will be needing the assistance of Optimist Members in each Regional area. The meetings/trainings will be conducted in the morning, with scholarship contests to be conducted during the late morning/early afternoon, followed by a luncheon to recognize the winners at the Regional-level contests. This will also provide us with an opportunity to recognize local community members and Optimist Club Members. Clubs will be able to set up displays and tri-folds to showcase some of the projects in their community. Time will be allocated in the afternoon to help critique displays and give advice on improving Club promotional materials.

The \$50 contestant fees for each student will not be enough to cover the costs for conducting each of the Regional meetings, and as a District we do not want to pass this cost onto Optimist Clubs or their members to run them. Instead, we will be seeking support in the form of sponsorships from local businesses and other service groups who would be willing to partner with us to put each of these contests on.

If you are interested in helping to plan a Regional meeting in your area, or are willing to volunteer the day of the event, please send me an email at OptimistFeedback@gmail.com.

Regional Meeting Dates

Below is the list of dates that Regional meetings will be held:

- **Idaho** – Saturday, February 29th (tentatively in Boise/Meridian)
- **Utah** – Saturday, February 29th (tentatively in Salt Lake City)
- **Oregon** – Saturday, March 7th (tentatively in Oregon City)
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Honor Club Tracking

	Year Club was Founded	Zone	Net +3 in Membership	NOW Membership Program	Optimist Essay Contest Chair	Optimist Oratorical Contest Chair	Junior Optimist (JOI) Club	Recognize Community Member	60+, 90+, and 120+ Days in Arrear for Membership Dues	October Membership Dues	January Membership Dues	April Membership Dues	July Membership Dues	Club Foundation Representative	Donation to Foundation (CCOF/OIF)	Attend District Meetings (1)	Attend District Meeting (2)	Annual Club Planning Conference	Club Officer-Elect Report (5/20/2020)	Club Pride Report (9/30/2020)
Albany, OR	1964	8	0						90+	X				X						
Beaverton, OR	1967	7	0							X				✓		✓				
Boise, ID	1949	11	-8							X				✓						
Caldwell, ID	1979	10	0							X				✓						
Chehalis-Centralia, WA	1992	5	0		✓					X				✓		✓				
Chilliwack, BC	1987	4	4	✓	✓					X				✓		✓				
Coquitlam-Eve, BC	1977	3	0			✓				X				✓		✓				
Dutch Brothers of Grants Pass, OR	2005	9	0							X				X						
Evening Optimist Club of Victoria, BC	1957	2	0							X				✓						
Fairbanks, AK	1992	1	1							✓				X						
Gresham, OR	1967	6	-4						120+	X				X		✓				
Gresham Scouters, OR	2015	14	1		✓	✓	✓			X				✓		✓				
Hillsboro, OR	1968	7	0		✓					X				✓		✓				
Horseshoe Bend, ID	1993	11	0							X				X						
Issaquah, WA	2004	5	0							✓				✓						
Jerome, ID	1976	12	0							✓				✓		✓				
Junior International Curling, BC	2012	3	0							X				✓						
La Grande, OR	1966	11	0							X				X		✓				
Lebanon, OR	1972	8	-5		✓		✓			X				✓		✓				
Meridian, ID	1976	10	2							X				✓		✓				
Middleton Area, ID	2010	10	0		✓					✓				✓		✓				
Mission, BC	1992	4	0							X				✓		✓				
Nampa, ID	1996	11	0				✓			X				✓		✓				
Newport-Yaquina Bay, OR	1974	8	-3				✓			X				X						
North Okanagan, BC	2011	4	0							X				✓						
Oregon City, OR	1952	6	0							✓				✓		✓				
Portland-Northeast, OR	1948	6	0				✓			X				X		✓				
Portland-Peninsula, OR	1946	6	0							✓				✓						
Roseburg, OR	1974	9	-1		✓					✓				✓		✓				
Salem, OR	1948	7	0							✓				✓		✓				
Salt Lake City, UT	1927	13	0		✓	✓	✓			X				✓		✓				
Simon Fraser University, BC	2014	14	1			✓				X				✓		✓				
Share-a-Smile of Narrows Glen, WA	2016	5	0							X				✓						
Tacoma-West, WA	1956	5	0		✓					X				✓						
Twin Falls Inc., ID	1970	12	-1				✓			X				✓		✓				
Vancouver, WA	1946	5	0		✓		✓			X				X						
Vancouver-North Shore, BC	1957	3	-2		✓				120+	X				✓		✓				
Victoria, BC	1947	2	-2							X				X						

Club Growth

Clubs with 3+ New Members

Chilliwack, BC 4

Zones with 3+ New Members

Zone 4 - Chelsea Christensen 4



Members Sponsoring 2+ New Members for 2018-2019

<u>Club</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>#</u>
Meridian, ID	Jason Haycock	3
Chilliwack, BC	Glenda Standeven	4

November Meetings Pacific Northwest Optimist Clubs

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Meetings in November Junior International Curling Issaquah Share-a-Smile	No Meetings in November Portland-Northeast Grants Pass Dutch Bros Nampa				1 Roseburg - 12noon	2
3 Vancouver - 11:15am	4 Beaverton - 6:00pm Middleton Area - 6:45pm Mission - 7:30pm	5 Oregon City - 6:45am Hillsboro - 7:00am Tacoma-West - 12noon Gresham - 12noon Salt Lake City - 12:10pm Albany - 12noon La Grande - 12noon Evening Victoria - 6:00pm	6 Meridian - 7:00am Fairbanks - 12noon Simon Fraser University - 12noon Coquitlam-Eve - 6:00pm	7 Beaverton - 7:00am Lebanon - 12noon Salem - 12noon Twin Falls - 12noon Chehalis-Centralia - 6:00pm Oregon City - 6:00pm	8 Roseburg - 12noon	9
10	11 Twin Falls - 6:00pm	12 Oregon City - 6:45am Hillsboro - 7:00am Vancouver-North Shore - 6:30pm Albany - 12noon La Grande - 12noon Victoria - 5:30pm	13 Meridian - 7:00am Fairbanks - 12noon Simon Fraser University - 12noon Caldwell - 12noon Coquitlam-Eve - 6:00pm Jerome - 6:00pm Gresham - 6:30pm Gresham Scouters - 7:30pm	14 Beaverton - 7:00am Lebanon - 12noon Twin Falls - 12noon Salem - 6:00pm Chilliwick - 6:30pm	15 Roseburg - 12noon	16
17	18 Portland Peninsula - 12noon Middleton Area - 6:45pm North Okanagan - 7:00pm Mission - 7:30pm	19 Oregon City - 6:45am Hillsboro - 7:00am Lebanon - 8:00am Tacoma-West - 12noon Gresham - 12noon Salt Lake City - 12:10pm Albany - 12noon La Grande - 12noon Boise - 6:30pm	20 Meridian - 7:00am Fairbanks - 12noon Simon Fraser University - 12noon Hillsboro - 6:00pm	21 Beaverton - 7:00am Lebanon - 12noon Twin Falls - 12noon Salem - 12noon Chehalis-Centralia - 6:00pm Chilliwick - 7:00pm	22 Roseburg - 12noon	23
24	25	26 Albany - 12noon La Grande - 12noon Victoria - 5:30pm Evening Victoria - 5:30pm Coquitlam-Eve - 6:00pm Oregon City - 6:00pm Vancouver-North Shore - 6:30pm Hillsboro - 7:00pm	27 Meridian - 7:00am Fairbanks - 12noon Simon Fraser University - 12noon Caldwell - 6:30pm Horseshoe Bend - 7:30pm	28	29	

Utah Clubs

Oregon Clubs
Yukon Clubs

Idaho Clubs
Washington Clubs

British Columbia Clubs
Vancouver Island Clubs

Alaska Clubs

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.
