

# NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT HANDBOOK

GOVERNOR  
Perry Albritton  
2008-2009

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# SECTION 1

## DISTRICT CONFERENCES & CONVENTION SCHEDULE

**First Quarter: OCALA, FLORIDA**

**October 31 – Nov 2, 2008**

Hilton Hotel Ocala  
3600 Southwest 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Ocala, Florida 34474  
(352) 854-1400 Fax (352) 854-6073

**Second Quarter: JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**

**Feb 6-8, 2009**

Jacksonville Marriott  
4670 Salisbury Rd  
Jacksonville Fl 32256  
(904) 296-2222 Fax (904) 296-7561

**Third Quarter: OCALA, FLORIDA**

**April 24 -26, 2009**

Hilton Hotel Ocala  
3600 Southwest 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Ocala, Florida 34474  
(352) 854-1400 Fax (352) 854-6073

**NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT CONVENTION**

**WINTER HAVEN FLORIDA**

**August 13- 16 2009**

Best Western Admirals Inn  
5665 Cypress Gardens Blvd  
Winter Haven Florida 33884  
(863) 324-5950—1-800-247-2799 Fax (863) 324-2376

# SECTION 2

## OFFICERS & ADMINISTRATION

## OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL & NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT

# **OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL**

## **Officers and Administration**

### **2008 - 2009**

#### **International President: Don Sievers**

215 Sunset Lane  
Jackson MO. 63755  
Home(573) 243-5489  
Email [DONS@ASMHVAC.COM](mailto:DONS@ASMHVAC.COM)

#### **International Vice President: Edwin Wint**

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44Trafalgar Road  
Kingston 10 Jamaica  
Email [ewint@lamaisonproperty.com](mailto:ewint@lamaisonproperty.com)

#### **International Executive Director: Benny Ellerbe**

4494 Lindell Boulevard  
St. Louis, Missouri 63108  
(800) 500-8130

#### **International Director NCB: Brian Brewer**

(800) 500-8130 ext. 211

#### **Membership Development: Rebecca Zolper**

(800) 500-8130 ext. 260

#### **International Director JOOI: Stephanie Monschein**

**(800) 500-8130 ext 261**

**Amy Keller**

(800) 500-8130 ext. 240



## **DONALD R. SIEVERS**

### **2008-2009 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

#### Personal Data

**Born:** Cape Girardeau MO  
**Spouse:** Anita  
**Children:** Brian (Joanna), Boyd (Leslie), Michelle (John) Clippard  
**Grandchildren:** Jake, Luke, Christian, Megan, Claire, Seth, Matthew  
**Residence:** 215 Sunset Lane  
Jackson MO 63755

#### Occupation

Founder/CEO, Associated Sheet Metal, Inc. (Contracting)  
Retired Colonel, Missouri Army National Guard (30 years)  
Owner/Operator, Rocky Top Farms  
Professional/Civic/Trade Information  
Treasurer, Sheet Metal Air Conditioning National Association, St. Louis Chapter  
Jackson Chamber of Commerce  
Jackson Industrial Development Corporation  
SEMO Contractors Association

#### Education

BA Degree, Individual Studies, Columbia College  
Various Military Schools

#### Optimist International Service

Club Level - Jackson Optimist Club, 1977 to present  
Club Nominating Committee; 2006-07  
Chair, Boys Basketball; 1995-01  
President, 1982-83  
Secretary-Treasurer, 1981-82  
Vice President; 1980-81  
Chair, New Club Building  
Chair, Membership

#### District Level - East Missouri District

Governor, 1993-94  
Lieutenant Governor (7 times)  
Chair, Membership & Attendance Committee; 1990-91  
Optimist International Foundation Representative  
District Ambassador; 1994-95, 1996-97, 2006-07

#### International Level

Member, Convention Committee; 2006-07  
Certified New Club Builder  
Chair, Credentials Committee; 2004-06  
Chair, Convention Committee; 2003-04  
Member, Finance Committee; 2002-03  
Vice President; 1999-00  
Member, International Development Committee, 1997-98  
Member, International Expansion Committee, 1995-96

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## **EDWIN WINT**

**2008-2009, International Vice President**

### Personal Data

**Spouse:** Betty  
**Children:** Brandon  
**Mailing Address:** Apt. 53C Abbey Court  
44 Trafalgar Road  
Kingston 10, Jamaica

### Occupation

**Chairman & CEO, La Maison Property Services Ltd (Real Estate Services)**

### Professional/Civic/Trade Information

**President, Realtors Association of Jamaica**  
**Member, Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors**  
**Member, British Institute of Facilities Management, Incorporate of Chartered Institute of Building - London**

### Education

**Master of Business Administration (MBA), University of Reading, College of Estate Management, United Kingdom**  
**Bachelor of Arts (BA), University of West Indies, Mona, Jamaica**  
**Diploma Project Management, University of Reading, College of Estate Management, United Kingdom**  
**Diploma Land Economy & Valuation Surveying, University of Technology Jamaica**

### Optimist International Service

**Club Level: Breakfast Optimist Club of Kingston (1986-present, Charter Member)**

**Director; 1988-89**  
**Triple Distinguished Club President; 1989-90**  
**Chair, Membership Committee; 1987-88**

**District Level: Caribbean District**

**Distinguished & Outstanding Governor; 2000-01**  
**Chair, New Club Building Committee; 1992-present**  
**Governor's Assistant; 1992-present**  
**Lieutenant Governor; 1991-92**  
**Co-Chair Membership & New Club Building Committee; 1990-92**  
**Other Chair Positions Held: Membership, Leadership Development, New Club Building**

### International Level:

**International Vice President; 2008-09**  
**Member, Membership Committee; 2006-07**  
**Chair, International Development Committee; 2004-06**  
**Member, International Development/New Club Building Committee; 2003-04**  
**Member, International Development Committee; 2001-03**  
**Field Representative, 2003-present**  
**Certified Club Builder, 2004-present**  
**Certified District Trainer; 2004-present**



# North Florida District

Officers and Administration

2008 - 2009

## **Governor: Perry H. Albritton**

2835 South Lake Deer Dr.  
Winter Haven Florida, 33880  
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## **Secretary/Treasurer: David Dawley**

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## **Governor-Elect: Rick Carvalis**

429<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
St Petersburg FL, 33713666  
Home: (727) 327-0096 W(727) 321-6180  
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## **JOOI Governor: Ben Pudles**

7741 Fernbrook Way  
Winter Park, Florida 32792  
(386) 848-0967

## **Assistant Governor: David S. Pudles**

7741 Fernbrook Way  
Winter Park, Florida 32792  
Home: (407) 331-8717 Cell: (407) 484-3521  
Work: (407) 323-6323 E-mail: dpsp98@aol.com

## **Assistant Governor: Vi Hayworth**

1320 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33703-3206  
Home: (727) 527-2656 E-mail: [chayworth@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:chayworth@tampabay.rr.com)

**Immediate Past Gov: Thomas C. (Tom) Naile**

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Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561  
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**Registrar: Thomas J. Price**

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E-mail: [tjprice@thevillages.net](mailto:tjprice@thevillages.net)

**Chaplain: Samuel R. Bennett**

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Winter Haven Fl, 33884  
H (863) 324-2367  
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# 2008 – 2009 Governor, North Florida District



## Perry Albritton

### Personal Data

**Born:** Dec 31 1955 Bartow Florida  
Spouse Debbie  
Children Samantha, Aaron, Levi  
  
Residence 2835 South Lake Deer Dr.  
Winter Haven Florida 33880

### Occupation

Co Owner ( with sons) Superior Concrete Pumping Service Inc.  
20 yrs as Machinist

Military United States Marine Corp

### Optimist International Service

Club member Winter Haven Optimist Club  
Club President  
Board of Directors  
Chairperson of Christmas Tree fund raiser

### District Level

Lt Governor (2 terms)  
Committees on Convention sites, hospitality  
Gov. Elect 2007-2008

## **2008 – 2009 Secretary/Treasurer, North Florida Dist.**



### **David Dawley**

#### **Personal Data:**

**Residence:** Tampa, FL  
**Born:** Providence, RI  
**Spouse:** Linda

#### **Occupation:**

Senior Software Engineer, Raymond James Financial, St. Petersburg, FL

#### **Professional/Civic/Trade Associations:**

Life Member, Air Force Association  
American Legion  
United Way's Captain's Club member for Tampa Bay

#### **Education:**

Attended United States Military Academy, West Point, NY

#### **Optimist International Service:**

##### **Club Level:**

Charter Member, Raymond James Optimist Club, St. Petersburg  
Club Webmaster ([www.RJOC.com](http://www.RJOC.com)) - 1998-2007  
Board of Directors - 1998-2001, 2003-Present  
President, Honor Club – 2004-2005, 2005-2006  
OI Foundation Representative, 2007-2008

##### **District Level:**

Lt. Governor – Zone 9 – 2006-2007, 2007-2008  
Zone 9 Webmaster ([www.OptimistView.com](http://www.OptimistView.com)) - 2005-Present  
District Webmaster ([www.NFDOL.com](http://www.NFDOL.com)) – 2007-Present

##### **International Level:**

International Convention, 2008

## 2008– 2009 Governor Elect, North Florida Dist.



**Rick Carvalis**

### **Personal Data**

**Born:**

**Spouse:** Betty Jo

**Residence:** 429<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
St. Petersburg Fl

**Contact Info:** Home: (727) 327-0096

Fax (727) 321-6183

Email: bigric@tampabay.rr.com

### **Occupation**

State Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser and owner Carvalis Appraisal Services Inc.

Owner, Cable Operations Construction, Inc.

Owner, Club 28 Sports Bar and Restaurant

Owner, The Hurricane Stops Here, hurricane protection survive

Owner, Carvalis Properties Inc. rental properties and management

### **Optimist International Service**

#### **Club Level:**

Member since 1987

Past President 9 times/ once triple distinguished, once double distinguished, distinguished 4 times

Life Member, Board member, chairperson of membership, fund raising, convention and new club building

Optimist of the Year, Charter member Downtown Club St. Petersburg , Sunset Club St Petersburg,

member Breakfast Club St Petersburg

#### **District Level:**

Past Distinguished Governor 2001-2008

NF Hall of Fame 2005-2006

Zone 9 Distinguished and Outstanding Lt Gov,

Membership Chair, New Club Building Chair, Convention Chair.

Optimist International Foundation Chair,

#### **International Service**

Optimist International Field Representative

# **SECTION 3**

## **PAST GOVERNORS**

# PAST GOVERNORS of the NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT

<b>Year</b>	<b>Governor</b>
1985-86	William (Bill) Wood*
1986-87	Fred D. Amico
1987-88	Al Greco, Sr.
1988-89	Charles (Chuck) Hayworth
1989-90	Roy (Buster) R. Warmack*
1990-91	Thomas (Tom) Korth*
1991-92	Ronald (Ron) Zahm
1992-93	Paul Huang
1993-94	Joseph J. Phillips, Jr.*/Ron Zahm
1994-95	E. Gardner Harshman
1995-96	Louis (Lou) E. Rich
1996-97	James E. (Jim) Dever

<b>Year</b>	<b>Governor</b>
1997-98	Vi Hayworth
1998-99	James (Jim) Odom, Jr
1999-00	Teddi Malone Watson
2000-01	Stephen W. Kelley
2001-02	Ric Carvalis
2002-03	Julie Hart
2003-04	Robert (Bob) Thomson
2004-05	Kenneth (Ken) Ritter
2005-06	Julie Hart
2006-07	Charles (Chuck) Krieger
2007-08	Thomas (Tom) Naile

# PAST GOVERNORS of the OLD FLORIDA DISTRICT

<b>Year</b>	<b>Governor</b>
1924-27	James Booth*
1927-30	L. E. Womack*
1930-31	Henry L. Oppenborn*
1931-32	Lawton Swan*
1932-33	Fred A. Harrison*
1933-34	Dr. C. W. Larabee*
1934-35	C. E. Fisher*
1935-36	L. E. Langford*
1936-37	Alfred C. Krayner*
1937-38	Ward Carlson*
1938-39	W. E. Small*
1939-40	Dr. E. L. Graydon*
1940-41	Dr. Gordon H. Ira*
1941-42	Lucien L Renuart*
1942-43	Sid R. Reams*
1943-44	Ed K. McIlrath*
1944-45	W. P. Meredith*
1945-46	W. Wylie Stalter*
1946-47	Edwin Peters*
1947-48	J. Fritz Gordon*
1948-49	Henry O. Palermo*
1949-50	Paul L. Thomas*
1950-51	Jack Valero*
1951-52	Lyle Fesler*
1952-53	W. E. Sage*
1953-54	Curtis Gimpel*
1954-55	Ken MacRae*
1955-56	Harry Naylor*
1956-57	G. A. Klemming*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Governor</b>
1957-58	Verlon Burrell*
1958-59	Donald Dahlgren*
1959-60	Foster McCarl*
1960-61	Emanuel Goldsritch*
1961-62	Willis Sandman*
1962-63	Joseph Gregory*
1963-64	Lou Leigh*
1964-65	Irvine Spear*
1965-66	Daniel Ford*
1966-67	Charles Kelsey*
1967-68	John Bethea*
1968-69	Roger Shaw*
1969-70	Seymore Silverman*
1970-71	Jack Johnson
1971-72	Frank Catinella
1972-73	William Holder
1973-74	Mel Bass*
1974-75	E. Noel Faddis
1975-76	Lee Pines*
1976-77	Jim Pfeiffer
1977-78	Lou Cimaglia, Jr.
1978-79	Tom Sewell
1979-80	Paul Muenzer
1980-81	Hugh J. Canny, Jr.*
1981-82	Manny Alster*
1982-83	Robert Howe*
1983-84	Julio Giovinco
1984-85	Glenn Erickson

# **SECTION 4**

**2008-2009**

**NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT**

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS**



# 2008-2009 North Florida District

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

### ZONE 1:

### ZONE 2:

Quill Turk  
P O Drawer 459  
Panacea, Fl. 32346  
Cell (850) 933-4629  
E-mail [qturk@aol.com](mailto:qturk@aol.com)

### ZONE 3:

Arthur Baker  
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Marianna, Florida 32446  
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E-mail: [aurthur1943@embarqmail.com](mailto:aurthur1943@embarqmail.com)  
Optimist Club of Marianna Club Number: 60200

### ZONE 4:

Todd Larson  
52 Arapaho Dr.  
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E-mail: [jtlarson@cox.net](mailto:jtlarson@cox.net)  
Old River Optimist Club Club Number: 60684

### ZONE 5:

Marty Ritter  
219 Morton Lane  
Winter Springs, Fl. 32708  
Home: (407) 695-3903 Cell (407) 709-2904  
E-mail: [marty@southwickinc.com](mailto:marty@southwickinc.com)  
Altamont Springs-South Seminole Club Number: 60480

### ZONE 6:

Larry Powell  
708 Santa Maria Drive  
Winter Haven, FL 33884  
Home: (868) 324-5264 E-mail: [lapo@wverizon.net](mailto:lapo@wverizon.net)  
Optimist Club of Winter Haven Club Number: 60144

### ZONE 7:

Paul D. Ortelli  
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Tampa, Florida 33607  
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Optimist Club of Tampa Northwest Club Number: 60365

### ZONE 8:

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21724 Hunter Place (Bus)  
Land O Lakes, Florida 34639  
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Optimist Club of Central Pasco Club Number: 60082

**ZONE 9:** Jim Ridings  
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St Petersburg-Breakfast Club Club Number: 60070

**ZONE 10:** Michael Sprague  
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The Villages, Florida 32162-7155  
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Tri-County Club Number: 60680

**ZONE 11:** Robert Parks  
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Panama City Beach, Florida 32413-2430  
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Optimist Club of Panama City Beaches Club Number: 60040

# **SECTION 5**

**NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT**

**ZONE ALIGNMENT**

# NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT ZONE ALIGNMENT

<b>ZONE 1</b>	<b>Lt. Governor</b> 60005 Jacksonville-Arlington 60435 Jacksonville-Riverside 60624 Yulee	60146 Fernandina Beach 60449 St. Augustine 60670 Southside Jacksonville
<b>ZONE 2</b>	<b>Lt. Governor Quill Turk</b> 60350 Perry 60662 Gadsden County	60515 Tallahassee
<b>ZONE 3</b>	<b>Lt. Governor Arthur Baker</b> 60200 Jackson County 60700 Northeast Jackson County	60256 Marianna
<b>ZONE 4</b>	<b>Lt. Governor Todd Larson</b> 60151 Ft. Walton Beach 60294 Milton 60340 Pensacola-North 60410 Pensacola-West 60686 Pensacola-Southwest	60168 Gulf Breeze 60307 Navarre Beach 60341 Pensacola Beach 60684 Old River 60685 North Santa Rosa
<b>ZONE 5</b>	<b>Lt. Governor Marty Ritter</b> 60088 Cocoa Beach 60629 Oviedo 60385 Orlando	60450 Sanford 60480 Altamonte Springs South Seminole
<b>ZONE 6</b>	<b>Lt. Governor Larry Powell</b> 60144 Winter Haven 60420 Plant City	60235 Lakeland
<b>ZONE 7</b>	<b>Lt. Governor Paul D. Ortelli</b> 60050 Tampa Bkft Downtown 60455 Tampa-Seminole 60580 West Tampa 60365 Tampa-Northwest 60650 Tampa-Greater Tampa Bay 60084 Tampa Town & Country	60260 Tampa-Mcfarlane Park 60520 Tampa 60600 Tampa-Ybor City 60644 Tampa-ASL Tampa Bay
<b>ZONE 8</b>	<b>Lt. Governor Adrian Kirkland</b> 60082 Central Pasco	60133 Dunedin
<b>ZONE 9</b>	<b>Lt. Governor Jim Ridings</b> 60070 St. Petersburg-Breakfast 60445 St. Petersburg 60460 Sarasota-Suncoast 60652 Raymond James, Tampa	60447 St. Petersburg-Downtown 60616 Gulfport 60669 Sunset Pinellas County
<b>ZONE 10</b>	<b>Lt. Governor Michael Spregue</b> 60370 Ocala 60680 Tri-County	60672 University of Florida
<b>ZONE 11</b>	<b>Lt. Governor Robert Parks</b> 60040 Panama City-Beaches 60405 Panama City	60337 Panama City Bch-Bch Bay 60614 Destin

# **SECTION 6**

**2008-2009**

**NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT**

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS/  
CLUBS**

# 2008 - 2009 NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS/CLUBS

## ZONE 1:

### Club: 60005 - Jacksonville-Arlington, Florida

*Meetings: Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM at Piccadilly*

#### President

Bill Large  
4564 Cape Elizabeth Ct. E.  
Jacksonville, FL 32277  
H (904) 743-2214  
Email : rent101@aol.com

#### Secretary/Treasurer

Carleton A. German  
10374 Deerfoot Lane N  
Jacksonville, FL 32257-1003  
H (904) 268-0873  
F (904) 268-0873

#### Treasurer

E [budgerman@bellsouth.net](mailto:budgerman@bellsouth.net)

### Club: 60146 - Fernandina Beach, Florida

*Meetings: Every Wednesday, 12:00 Noon at Sliders Seaside Inn*

#### President

Richard Daines  
96273 Springwood Lane  
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034  
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C (904)

[richarddaines@yahoo.com](mailto:richarddaines@yahoo.com)

#### Secretary/Treasurer

Mary Lowe  
PO Box 296  
Fernandina Beach, FL 32035  
H (904) 261-0892  
W (904) 261-6523 F(904) 277-3651

#### Treasurer

[maryjpa@bellsouth.net](mailto:maryjpa@bellsouth.net)

### Club: 60435 - Jacksonville/Riverside, Florida

*Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 5:30 PM. Meeting location varies.*

#### President

Russell A Chapman  
5931 Buckley Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32244  
H (904) 771-8957

#### Secretary/Treasurer

Renee Lind  
8973 Mosey Along Court  
Jacksonville, FL 32221  
H (904) 783-6147  
W (904) 724-1380  
F (904) 724-7571

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#### Treasurer

Don S Drinkwater  
1783 Oleander Place  
Jacksonville, FL 32210  
H (904) 384-1158

### Club: 60449 - St. Augustine, Florida

*Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. of each month, 7:00 PM. Dennys (Ponce de Leon Blvd 1/2 mile S. of S.R. 16 St Augustine)*

#### President

Jennifer Draper  
2872 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Augustine, FL 32084  
H (904) 824-3840

[jtddad@bellsouth.net](mailto:jtddad@bellsouth.net)

#### Secretary

Tracy Smith  
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#### Treasurer

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Ponte Vedra, FL 32082  
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### Club: 60624 - Yulee, Florida

*Meetings: Every Tuesday, 12:00 Noon at JD's Chophouse*

#### President

Katherine L. Williams  
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Yulee, Florida 32097  
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F (904) 225-5252

[kathysdesk@bellsouth.net](mailto:kathysdesk@bellsouth.net)

#### Secretary/Treasurer

Susan Murray  
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W (904) 321-3481

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#### Treasurer

Tina McBeth  
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Yulee, FL 32097  
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W (904) 491-9823

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**Optimist Club of Wakulla Coastal Club Number: 60540**

**Club: 60350 - Perry, Florida**

*Meetings: Every Thursday, 12:00 Noon at Main Street Cafe*

<b>President</b> Joe Ellis 3460 Ozalea Dr Perry, FL 32347 H (	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> Bill L. Fowler 3562 Green Farm Road Perry, FL 32347-9055 H (850) 584-6542	<b>Treasurer</b>
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**Club: 60515 - Tallahassee, Florida**

*Meetings: Every Tuesday, 12:30 PM at Florida Buffet*

<b>President</b>	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> Theodore P. Judd 1971 Queenswood Drive Tallahassee, FL 32303 H (850) 562-8036 <a href="mailto:juddt@bnetally.com">juddt@bnetally.com</a>	<b>Treasurer</b> James W. Mayne 2910 Kerry Forrest D4-350 Tallahassee, FL 32309 H (850) 878-1747 <a href="mailto:jamesmayne@earthlink.net">jamesmayne@earthlink.net</a>
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**Club: 60540 - Wakulla-Coastal, Florida**

*Meetings: Every Thursday, 12:00 Noon at Posey's Steam Room*

<b>President</b> Earl R. Solomon 1212 Cherokee Drive Tallahassee, FL 32301 W (850) 926-5211 F (850) 926-3161 <a href="mailto:Earl.soloman@amerisbank.com">Earl.soloman@amerisbank.com</a>	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> Melanie S. Weltman 36A Panther Rd. Crawfordville, FL 32327 H (850) 339-2847 W (850) 926-7847 F (850) 926-1015 <a href="mailto:Melanie@mysassysups.com">Melanie@mysassysups.com</a>	<b>Treasurer</b> Kristine Darnell 29 A Guinevere Lane Crawfordville, FL 32327 H (850) 926-1792 W (850) 926-6641 F (850) 926-1472 C (850) 510-7821 <a href="mailto:kdarnell@wakullabank.com">kdarnell@wakullabank.com</a>
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**Club: 60662 - Gadsden County, Florida**

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# **SECTION 7**

**2008-2009**

**NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT**

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# **SECTION 8**

**NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT**

**DUE DATES**



## **OPTIMIST PROGRAMS IMPORTANT DEADLINES & DATES**

- Oct 31-Nov 2,2008-----First Quarter Conference Ocala  
Reservation for 1st Qtr Conference  
Hilton Ocala
- Oct 20 2008                      Registration deadline for reduced rates
- Feb 6-8, 2009-----Second Quarter Conference, Jacksonville  
  
Reservation deadline for 2nd Qtr Conf.  
Jacksonville Marriott
- Jan 25 2009                      Registration deadline for reduced rates
- April 24-26 2009----- Third Quarter Conference, Ocala  
  
Reservation deadline for 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Conf.  
Ocala Hilton
- April 10 2009                      Deadline early registration
- Early Bird Registration for International  
    Convention Deadline (Orlando Gaylord)
- Deadline for Club Officer Elect Reports
- Advance registration deadline for International  
    Convention
- July 6-11----- International Convention, Gaylord Palms  
    Orlando Florida
- August 13-16 2009----- District Convention, Winter Haven, Florida  
    Best Western Admirals Inn.
- Reservation deadline for District Convention
- Aug 1 2009                      deadline early registration

For various district programs, such as Essay, Oratorical, CCDHH, CPA, A&A – refer to District Chair Information

# **SECTION 9**

## **NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT**

### **COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION**

# North Florida District

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2008-2009

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The Zones and Boundaries Committee is established to make recommendations to the Executive Board for the most efficient division of the district into zones. Criteria for zones should include number of clubs, driving distances and traffic conditions for the Lt. Governor.

The Zones and Boundaries Committee will consist of 5 members: a Past Governor, the Governor-Elect and three Past Lt. Governors.

Criteria should be studied prior to the Third Quarter Conference. At the Third Quarter Conference the Committee will make a presentation of the Committee Recommendations to the Executive Board for any changes that the Committee believes will lead to a more efficient operation of the district. The Executive Board will then consider the recommendations of the Committee and if the Executive Board considers the recommendations appropriate, they will present the recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval.

The final actions of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors will be entered into the appropriate minutes by the District Secretary/Treasurer. It will be the responsibility of the District Governor to inform Optimist International of any changes made to the zones and boundaries of the North Florida District.

# North Florida District

“Just Say No” \*Substance Abuse\* Poster Contest

2008-2009

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## 2008 - 2009 District Poster Contest Theme “Be #1 Just Say No”

The North Florida District “ \*Substance Abuse\* Poster Contest provides an opportunity for students in grades 4 and 5 to artistically express their individual interpretation of the annual theme as they compete for Savings Bonds valued at \$200.00, \$100.00 and \$50.00.

Each grade is judged separately resulting in a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners as well as 3 Honorable Mention winners for each grade. Awards are presented at the Club, and District levels.

The District Contest will be conducted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference in Ocala

Dates to Remember : \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
Zone:

District: April 25 2009

The contest will be judged by the JOOI Members attending their convention.

# Just Say No Poster Contest 2008-2009

David and Shari Pudles  
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## Rules:

1. Entries must be on an 8 ½ x 11 white card stock. The orientation of the sheet must be “landscape”. ***Others will be automatically disqualified.***
2. Crayons, pencils, markers are allowed.
3. All lettering and artwork are freehand. ***No stencils or tracing.***
4. All work on the poster is to be done in the classroom.
5. The general theme of the poster contest is the “Just Say No!” message and the specific theme for the 2008-2009 year is “**Be #1 Just say No**” which should be reflected in the poster.
6. The following information ***must*** be on the reverse of the poster:
  - a. ***Student’s name***
  - b. ***Teacher’s name***
  - c. ***Grade and school***
  - d. ***Club name and number***
  - e. ***Zone number***Posters being submitted to the district contest must also have the students SSN and address.
7. Entries to the district contest must also provide a self address envelope for returning the posters.
8. District Contest will be held at the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter conference in Ocala on April 25-26, 2009 and judged by JOOI.
9. Posters must be received by the Saturday morning of the conference.

# North Florida District

## Optimist International Essay Contest

2008-2009

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### **TOPIC: "The Power Of Youth"**

**Deadline: February 29, 2009 - Club winning entry must be received by Chairman by that date.**

#### Quick Checklist

- Set club date. Anytime between Oct.1, 2008 and early Feb. 2009.
- Let participating schools know date so they can spread the word.
- Set your budget.
- Publicize the contest.
- Choose your judges. They must be non-Optimist.
- Submit the club's winning essay/paperwork to me at the above address.
- Allow enough time for it to arrive before the deadline (Feb. 28, 2009).

The Optimist International Essay Contest provides an opportunity for students under the age of 19 to express in writing their individual ideas, thoughts and views on a specific topic as they compete for scholarships of \$6000, \$3750 and \$2250.

The essay must have a minimum of 400 words and a maximum of 500 words: must be typed and double spaced. The writer must not be 19 years of age before December 31, 2008. A club entry fee of \$10 to North Florida District must be sent with entry.

Every club is encouraged to enter this contest. Contact schools or some one connected to students and ask them to get the students involved. You will be excited about your winning entries and how the students respond.

#### Awards

Club Level: Medallions and certificates

District Level: Plaques for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place entry. Certificates for all district entries. \$650.00 Scholarship to 1<sup>st</sup> place winner and winning entry sent to Optimist International for judging.

# North Florida District

## Bill Chaitow/"B" Brooks Memorial Oratorical Contest

2008-2009

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### **TOPIC: "For Me, Optimism is..."**

Public speaking is very important for anyone aspiring to become successful in their life. You and your club can help our young people learn and gain self-confidence by providing an incredible public-speaking experience for them through an Optimist Oratorical Contest. It is a fairly easy project and will be extremely beneficial for the young participants and the club, alike.

Our district will conduct gender-separate contests from the club level through the district level. The boy winner and girl winner will each receive a \$1,500.00 college scholarship. These scholarships are only to be used at the university, college or trade-school of the winners' choice. All region-level winners will be presented a plaque at the district-level contest.

Each club sponsoring a zone-level winner will be responsible for a fee of \$40 payable to the N. Florida District, for each club-sponsored, zone winner. These checks need to be given to the Regional Chairperson at the Region level contest. These fees help defray the cost of conducting the region contest.

**VERY IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES:** Club Contests should be held no later than Wednesday, April 8, 2009. Lt Governors are responsible for holding Zone Contests (or they may designate a Zone Chair). Zone Contests should be completed no later than Wednesday, April 15, 2009. All three Region Contests will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009. The District Finals will be conducted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference in Ocala on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel 3600 Southwest Avenue Ocala Florida .

**Please keep in mind that schools get busy with FCAT and Spring Break in March. Therefore, it is imperative that we get in touch with the schools before February 1, 2009!!**

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# North Florida District

## Communication Contest for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (CCDHH)

2008-2009

### Chairs

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## **2009 CCDHH Topic: “FOR ME, OPTIMISM IS”**

Now is the time to get a good start on planning for the 2009 Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

The Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is the only program of its kind and is available exclusively to Optimist Clubs. It is a rare opportunity to offer deaf and hard of hearing youngsters a forum in which they can express their views and sharpen their communication skills.

The District Contest will be held at the Second Quarter District Conference in Jacksonville Saturday Feb 7 2009 at the Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Rd. Jacksonville Fl.

Contact the local schools in August or September to begin preparing for the contest. By letting the schools know well in advance, the teachers can plan their lessons around the contest and encourage more students to participate.

Hold your club contest on a date where the school does not have too many conflicts, but please have the contest before January 15, 2009. We need to have the names of the students entering the district contest by that date so we can prepare the plaques for the district contest. Suggested club contest dates are December or early January. You can work with your zone to help with expenses as this contest may require an overnight stay, meals and transportation for some clubs.

Club presidents should contact Optimist International for the 2008 - 2009 program guidelines which will contain information on all the opportunities for our students.

Awards: Club awards are medallions. District Awards are plaques and a college scholarship to the winner. There will be two \$1,500.00 scholarships awarded at the 2009 district contest.

Awards, rules/entry brochures, medallions, certificates, etc. can be ordered from Shumsky Inc.

# North Florida District

## Optimist International Junior Golf Championships

2008-2009

### Co-Chairs:

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### Committee Members:

#### **Tournament Dates for North Florida District: TBD**

#### **Tournament Dates for Optimist International**

The 2008 Championships will take place July 24 – August 3, 2008 at PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

**Ages 10-15 (July 24-29); Ages 16-18 (July 29-Aug. 3).**

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#### **Other Criteria and Facts**

Former participants in Optimist-sponsored events include Tiger Woods, Davis Love III, Ernie Els, Phil Mickelson, Justin Leonard, Michelle McGann and Nancy Lopez.

#### **Required for At-Large Applicants – Score Verification Form**

If you are applying to the 2008 OIJGC as an international at-large participant you must submit the International At-Large form to the Sports Program Department at Optimist International.

#### **Zone Contacts: Contact your Lt. Governor**

For further At-Large Information, refer to Chairman Bud Campbell or visit the Junior Golf page on the Optimist International web site – <http://www.optimist.org>

Be sure to check with the Co-Chairs at the District Conferences in order to be ahead of the game for your GOLFING YOUTH!

# North Florida District

## Achievements and Awards Program

2008-2009

Chair: Charles "Chuck" Hayworth  
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The purpose of this A&A Program is to track the accomplishments of the various North Florida District Optimist Clubs. The program uses a point system assigned to various required and elective club activities. The A&A Chairperson, during the Optimist Year, will be monitoring the activities and compiling the points achieved of each club reporting their activities. Quarterly, the top club in each zone will be recognized at the District meeting. The club accumulating the most points, at year-end, will be awarded a \$500.00 cash prize; Second Place will receive \$250.00, during the Second Quarter Conference following the end of the Optimist Year. It is the Club President's responsibility to insure the A&A Chairperson is kept informed of the projects and activities completed during any given quarter. Attached is a blank report form to assist with this reporting. It is recommended that a completed copy of this report be sent to the - above listed address, with or without, your Club Bulletin or Newsletter.

Below are listed the various activities that will be considered, as well as the activities point schedules:

- 1 - SERVICE (1500 POINTS) - Conduct three of the following programs and receive an additional 500 points for each activity above the required three.
  - A. Oratorical Contest
  - B. Essay Contest
  - C. Junior Golf Tournament
  
  - D. Bicycle Safety
  - E. Communication Contest for the Hearing Impaired
  - F. Youth Appreciation Week
  - G. Respect for Law
  - H. Any service project
- 2 - PUBLICATION of a CLUB BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER (1000 POINTS): Published at least monthly.
- 3 - SPORTS PROGRAMS (500 POINTS EA.): For each program sponsored for a maximum of 2000 points.
  - A. Baseball
  - B. Football
  - C. Soccer
  - D. Basketball
- 4 - HONOR CLUB (1500 POINTS): Meets all requirements as set forth in the Optimist International Awards Handbook.
- 5 - DISTINGUISHED CLUB (3000 POINTS): Meets all requirements as set forth in the Optimist

International Awards Handbook.

- 6 - DISTRICT/OI MEETINGS (250 POINTS/MEETING QTR.):
  - A. Attendance by the club president or designated representative at the quarterly District meetings.
  - B. Attendance by the club president or designated representative at the International convention.
  - C. Certificate of Completion of Training for the Club President Elect at the international convention.
- 7 - FINANCIAL OBLIGATION (250 POINTS/QTR.): Must be current and have paid both International and District dues within 60 days of due dates.
- 8 - COMMUNITY PROJECTS AWARD COMPETITION (CPA Books) (250 POINTS): 250 points per CPA book submitted, maximum 1000 points per year.
- 9 - NEW CLUB BUILDING (3000 POINTS): Sponsorship and certification of completion of New Club follow-up program (within 90 days to 01) of a New Club of 25 members or more.
- 10 - YOUTH CLUBS (2000 POINTS): (For either program below)
  - A. Sponsor and register with OI a new Junior Optimist, Octagon or Alpha Club of 20 or more members.
  - B. Maintain the sponsorship of an existing Junior Optimist, Octagon or Alpha Club of 20 members or more, which is officially registered with 01 but not during the initial year of sponsorship.
- 11 - ZONE MEETINGS (250 POINTS/QUARTER): For attendance by the Club president or his/her designated representative at the quarterly Zone meeting.
- 12 - 01 FOUNDATION (1000 POINTS): Awarded for each of the programs listed below:
  - A. Appointment of a Club OI Foundation representative during the Optimist administrative year.
  - B. Contributing the assigned dollar per member goal during the Optimist administrative year.
  - C. Doubling the Club's OIF contribution from the previous year.
- 13 - MEMBER RECRUITMENT (200 POINTS/NEW MEMBER):
  - A. Points are awarded to a Club in good standing, for each new member joining and registered with Optimist International
  - B. For conducting one of the Optimist International special membership programs to recruit a new member into an existing club
- 14 - PERSONAL GROWTH INVOLVEMENT (PGI) (250 POINTS/): 250 Points awarded for each listed below:
  - A. Appointment of a Club PGI chairperson.
  - B. When 30 % of the Club's membership participates in the PGI program.
- 15 - CLUB BANNER (250 POINTS PER QUARTER): 250 points will be awarded each time the Club's banner is brought and displayed at the quarterly District Conference/Convention.

# North Florida District

## Achievements and Awards Program

2008-2009

### CLUB ACTIVITIES REPORT FORM

Please submit this completed form to chairperson listed above no later than 10 days after each quarterly district conference/convention.

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1- Club Service (List completed activities for the quarter:

2 - Publication of Club Bulletin:                     Yes                     No

3 - Sports Program(s) sponsored:

4 - Attained: Honor Club status:                     Yes                     No

5 - Distinguished Club status:                     Yes                     No

6 - Attended: Quarterly Conf/Conv:                     Yes                     No  
Attend OI Convention:                     Yes                     No

7 - Financial obligation will be determined from District report.

8 - Number of CPA books submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

9 - Built a New Club                     Yes                     No

10 - Youth Clubs: Built a new JOC:                     Yes                     No  
Maintained a JOC:                     Yes                     No

11 - Attended ZONE Meeting:                     Yes                     No

12 - OI Foundation: OI Rep.                     Yes                     No  
Req. Contribution:                     Yes                     No  
2(X) last yr.:                     Yes                     No

13 - Number of new members since last report \_\_\_\_\_  
Sp. Member Program:                     Yes                     No

14 - Club PGI Chair appointed:                     Yes                     No  
PGI 30% Club participation:                     Yes                     No

15 - Club Banner to Dist. Conf/Conv.                     Yes                     No

# North Florida District

## Community Project Awards (CPA)

2008-2009

Chair: Judi Custer

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Winter Haven FL. 33880

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### **Community Projects Awards Program**

**Rules and categories valid beginning with the 2008-2009 District judging.**

A) Program is an annual competition that recognizes Clubs for their community service, youth and fund-raising activities. The Community Projects Awards (CPA). First-place winners of District competitions will receive International Entry patches and are eligible to compete in the International-level judging.

The Community Project Awards Program is intended to:

- 1• Provide recognition to Clubs for outstanding projects that fulfill the objectives of Optimist International.
- 2 International.
- 3• Encourage significant community-serving activities, which enhance the image of the Club and Optimist International.
- 4 Optimist International.
- 5• Stimulate membership involvement in meaningful Club activities, providing maximum opportunity for individual participation and enhancing the desirability of membership.
- 6 for individual participation and enhancing the desirability of membership.
- 7• Aid Optimist International in acquiring information on outstanding Club projects for the guidance of other Clubs seeking a similar community-serving opportunity.
- 8 other Clubs seeking a similar community-serving opportunity.
- 9• To give the Club a reference book that can be used in the future as a guide for the organization of a similar activity.
- 10 similar activity.

#### **District Community Projects Award Jury**

The District Community Projects Award Jury should consist of 7 to 11 Members appointed by the Governor with not more than one Member from any one Club. The District Activities Chairperson should serve as Chair of the District CPA Jury.

The judging of Club entries should occur at the first quarter board meeting immediately following the year in which the projects were conducted. The District need not award winners in a category if the quality of the projects is insufficient.

When evaluating entries, juries are instructed to place particular emphasis on the Project Story. Substantiating materials should be considered only in a supplementary perspective. The CPA Program values project content and quality rather than the appearance of the entry book. Jurors shall not participate in the final winner selection in a category if there is an entry from their particular Club.

CPA albums are evaluated according to the following criteria:

- 1• Overall quality of the project, including uniqueness and creativity = 90%
- 2• CPA Album organization, documentation and compliance with the Official Rules = 10 %

A District CPA Jury may transfer entries among categories and may also withhold recognition in any category if entries fail to reflect district standards of excellence. Clubs that fail to comply with any of the Official Rules may face project disqualification in the CPA competition.

Decisions of the District Jury are final and irrevocable.

First place District winners in the two categories will become official entries in the International competition when they are forwarded to the International Office. Optimist International shall have the privilege of retaining all entries for a period not to exceed one year.

### **International Community Projects Award Jury**

Each year, five to eight International CPA Jury candidates are selected and appointed by the Optimist International President, and these jurors convene to review the previous year's District CPA albums and select the International winners. The International Jury follows the same format and evaluation criteria as that of the District CPA Jury, and may withhold recognition in any category if entries fail to reflect acceptable standards of excellence.

In the International competition, two International award winners will be chosen – Best Overall Community Service Project and Best Overall Fundraising Project. Best Overall Project winners will receive a leather bound version of the entry, paid registration to the annual convention for 2 Members of the winning Club (the submitting Club in the case of a multiple Club entry), be properly recognized at convention, and a profile of their project in the Optimist magazine.

Every entry submitted for International competition that is not based on a current Optimist International program is eligible for the Future of Optimism Award. This award is designed to recognize Clubs, which develop new and creative program ideas. The winning Club will be properly recognized at convention and a profile of their project will be included in the Optimist magazine.

If you have any questions, contact the Programs Department at the International Office by calling (800) 500-8130 x 235 or via e-mail at [programs@optimist.org](mailto:programs@optimist.org).

### **CPA Categories**

The following 2008-2009 CPA categories are endorsed by the Activities Committee in order to sufficiently acknowledge the wide array of youth and community projects completed by Clubs each year.

Community Service – Creative projects organized to serve and support youth and the community. For example, blood drives, Respect for Law awards, tree planting, mentoring, adopting a family stricken with cancer, safety demonstrations, Youth Appreciation banquets, and baseball leagues would be included in this category. Be creative and find out what best fits the needs of your community!

Fundraising – Innovative, fun activities that are planned and completed for the primary purpose of fundraising should be entered in this category. While the funds raised may be used for a Club program or donated to another organization, any project conducted for the purpose of raising funds should be submitted in the Fundraising category. Enter your Club's bowl-a-thon, boat regatta, chili cookout or carnival. Creativity is key!

### **Official Rules**

1. Project Eligibility: To be eligible for the CPA competition, projects must meet the following requirements:

- (a) A project must be conducted in its entirety during the current administrative year, October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. Project planning and post wrap-up can occur outside the administrative year.
- (b) Clubs conducting ongoing projects may submit those activities completed during the 12-month period ending September 30, 2009.
- (c) Clubs must adhere to the restriction of 24 one-sided pages total for sections 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Once a project has been named a District winner, it is not eligible to be resubmitted for a period of 3 years.

Once a project has been named an International winner, the project is no longer eligible to be submitted as a CPA entry. The project will be included on the Resource Library if permission is granted by the sponsoring Club.

## 2. Album Format (for single and multiple Club Entries)

Single and Multiple Club projects will be judged together.

- The Front Cover shall contain only a label stating the name of Club(s), Club number, the category entered, the covered time period and the name of project.

- 1• The Title Page\* shall contain only the name and number of Club(s), the name of the project,

- 2 District name, the CPA category, and the name, complete address, phone & fax number of the

- 3 Club President and Secretary-Treasurer.

- 4• An Index\* shall be included as the second page which catalogs all included album materials. A 5 proper classification is:

Section 1\*: Project Story - shall be submitted (preferably typewritten) on the three-page form provided in the official entry book or printed from the website at [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org).

Section 2\*: Reference Section – This can include names, addresses, telephone numbers, websites etc. of all resources used in project so that Clubs in the future have a reference guide for planning similar community activities.

Section 3\*: Publication exposure - include newspaper articles, magazine clippings and appropriate letters. All publications samples and clippings should indicate or contain the name and date of the publication. The words “Optimist”, “Optimists”, “Optimist Club” and “Optimist International” should be underlined in red. In addition, document all publicity received from radio or television by listing the stations, call letters, addresses and number of times the project was mentioned, followed by the total air time in hours and minutes. Where possible, obtain a statement of this information from each radio station.

Section 4\*: Properly identified photos - Digital photos are acceptable. Included action photographs whenever possible.

Section 5\*: Club-generated publicity - programs, posters, flyers, newsletters, etc.

\* Please note that the Title Page, Index Page, and Sections 2, 3, 4 & 5 must be submitted on 8



3. Multiple Club Projects: Multiple Club projects, those conducted by two or more adult Optimist Clubs, shall be evaluated against both single and multiple Club entries. Districts may submit either single or multiple Club Service and Club Fundraising projects as their two District winners.

4. Submission of a CPA Entry to the District Judging: All Club entries must be submitted in the official entry book using the 2008-2009 Project Story format to the District Activities Chairperson by the date designated by District. Clubs must use the official CPA entry books so that emphasis is placed on the project, not the presentation. Uniformity creates a consistency of entries and allows for a more equitable judging.

Clubs must send CPA albums with a cover letter stating Club name, category entered and date of shipment; all entries must be shipped prepaid. Please do not mail Club entries directly to the International Office.

**Important!**

**Clubs must mail CPA entries to their District Activities chairperson.  
PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT CLUB ENTRIES DIRECTLY TO THE  
INTERNATIONAL OFFICE**

# Optimist International Community Projects Awards Entry Project Story 2008-2009

Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Single Club Entry ( )

Multiple Club Entry ( )

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

Club number ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Do you grant permission to Optimist International to include information about this project on the Online Resource Library as needed Yes No

Do you grant permission to Optimist International to share the contact information of the Contact Person on the Online Resource Library Phone Number: Yes No E-mail: Yes No

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Population of Community Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Club membership when project completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of club members involved in project: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of youth served/attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Date project completed From \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ To \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Estimated project hours: Optimist \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Committee Members \_\_\_\_\_

Budget: Income \_\_\_\_\_ Expenses \_\_\_\_\_

What did your Optimist Club do

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State the goals of this project in 50 words or less:

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List all relevant publicity and promotions:

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Outside organizations assisting or cooperating:

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Community benefits:

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What tangible benefits did the Club receive (i.e. increase in membership)

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What measuring tool was used to consider this project successful

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## Budget

<b>Income</b>	
<b>Club Appropriations</b>	..... \$
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<b>Outside Donations</b>	..... \$ <hr/>
<b>Other</b>	..... \$ <hr/>
<b>Total</b>	..... \$
<b>Expense</b>	
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**Multiple Club Entries Only:**

List each Club separately with a breakdown of the project hours that club members contributed. The amount of financial contribution may also be listed but is optional. Please use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

	<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Number of Project Hours Committed</b>	<b>Amount of Money Contributed (Optional)</b>
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# North Florida District

## Scrapbook Competition

2008-2009

Chair: Carol Ann Price  
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The annual Scrapbook Competition is designed to encourage individual clubs within the North Florida District to prepare a Club Scrapbook. This contest is only held among clubs in the district. A Club Scrapbook is a record of a club's accomplishments during the year. In addition to being a superb membership tool, a scrapbook is an excellent training tool for the indoctrination of new club members. The scrapbook is usually presented to the outgoing Club President as a Club gift to recognize their work during their year as President. The following rules shall apply to the preparation and submission of club scrapbooks.

### 1. Categories:

- A. Clubs with 25 or less members.
- B. Clubs with 26 to 45 members.
- C. Clubs with 46 or more members.
- D. Clubs that have been in existence less than two years.
- E. Youth Clubs.

### 2. Period of Time Covered:

All scrapbooks must cover a period of time starting after October 1, 2008 and continue through September 30, 2009.

### 3. Rules of Competition:

- A. The book must be arranged either chronologically or by activity.
- B. An official scrapbook must be used. Call Shumsky Enterprises. (1-800-414-8946)
- C. The first page must be the Title page, listing only the Club Name, Club Location, Zone number, Club Number, Club President's name and address, Scrapbook Chairperson's name and address and category number entered from above.
- D. The second page must be a Table of Contents, and be so labeled.
- E. Each page of the Scrapbook must be numbered and that number must appear in the Table of Contents.
- F. Scrapbooks will be judged on how the story of the Club's year has been shown.

**4. Time and Place of Competition:** Completed scrapbooks shall be submitted for judging on or before 10:00 am on Saturday at the First District Conference of the 2008-2009 year.

### 5. Awards:

Banner patches will be awarded to the winners in each category and an overall winner patch will awarded to the Most Outstanding Club Scrapbook.

**Failure to follow the aforementioned rules will result in a point's deduction, rather than a disqualification.**

<b>SCRAPBOOK COMPETITION: 2008 - 2009</b>			
<b>Club Number:</b>			
<b>Category:</b>			
<b>SCRAPBOOK COMPETITION POINT COUNT</b>	<b>POINTS</b>		<b>RECEIVED</b>
Period of Time Covered: Cover period starting after 10/1/07 and continue through 9/30/08.	25		
An official Optimist scrapbook must be used – purchased from Shumsky Enterprises.	25		
The book must either be arranged chronologically or by activity.	10		
The first page must be the Title page, listing only the Club name, Club location, Zone 10 number, Club number, Club president's name & address, Scrapbook chair's name & address and Category number entered from above.			
The second page must be a Table of Contents and be so labeled.	10		
Each page of the Scrapbook must be numbered and that number must appear in the Table of Contents.	10		
Scrapbooks will be judged on how the story of the Club's year has been shown.	10		
<b>TOTAL POINTS ACCUMULATED</b>			
<b>CATEGORIES – ENDING MEMBERSHIP 9/30/08</b>			
<b>A. Clubs with 25 or less members</b>			
<b>B. Clubs with 26 to 45 members</b>			
<b>C. Clubs with 46 or more members</b>			
<b>D. Clubs that have been in existence less than 2 years</b>			
<b>E. Youth Clubs</b>			

# North Florida District

## Club Newsletter Competition

2008-2009

Chair: Jim Weatherbee  
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The annual Club Newsletter Competition is designed to encourage individual clubs within the North Florida District to prepare a regularly scheduled club bulletin. This contest is held on a District and International level. A Club Newsletter is one of the best and most important attendance tools that a club possesses. It should provide an on-going essay of the club's activities and of the members that make up the club. In addition to being a superb membership tool, a bulletin is an excellent method for your absent member to keep abreast of the club activities. The following rules shall apply to the submission of the bulletins for judging in the District and International levels.

1. Categories - As of October 1, 2008

- A. Clubs with 35 or less members
- B. Clubs with 36 or more members
- C. New clubs organized after October 1

2. Period of time covered:

All Newsletters must cover a period of time starting after October 1, 2008 and continuing until August 31, 2009.

3. Deadlines

All entries must be received (not postmarked) by September 30, 2009 by the District Club Newsletter Chair in order to be judged in a timely manner, and then be submitted to the International competition.

4. Rules of Competition

- A. Newsletters must be mailed to the District Bulletin Chairman throughout the year.
- B. Newsletters are judged on content and aesthetics, including the masthead, display of Club name, meeting times and places, the Club officers' names and telephone numbers, a report on the latest meeting held, humor, personal news, an urge to attend, color illustrations, and any other information you wish to include.
- C. At least three consecutive Newsletters must be submitted for judging.

Frequency of publication is not taken into consideration for judging in the International Competition. Weekly, Bi-monthly, Monthly, and Quarterly Newsletters will be competing against one another in their respective categories as listed in category number one.



Club Newsletters should be sent to the following

Optimist International  
4494 Lindell Blvd.  
St. Louis, Missouri 63108

Governor Perry Albritton  
2835 South Lake Deer Dr.  
Winter Haven Fl, 33880  
Home (863) 293-7972 Cell(258) 2958  
Email phalbrittonjr@msn.com

Secretary/Treasurer: David Dawley  
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Newsletter Competition Optional/Recommended:

Your Zone  
Lt. Governor  
Other presidents in your zone  
Other District Chairpersons

Newsletter Competition Suggestions: If you print a weekly or bi-monthly Newsletter you may wish to hold and mail at the end of the month, except to members, the District Governor, the District Secretary-Treasurer and Zone Lieutenant Governors

## V. Judges Sheet, District Club Newsletter Contest

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested Points Are Indicated in Parenthesis - ( )

### Standard Items

**Total Allowable Points This Section 30**

Total Points Awarded This Section \_\_\_\_\_

- Clearly Designed Masthead (4)
- Club Name Prominently Displayed (2)
- Optimist International Logo (4)
- Opt. Int. Presidents Theme Logo Displayed (4)
- Issue Date of Newsletter Listed (3)
- Meeting Place, Day, and Time (2)
- Names and Phone Numbers of Club Officers (4)
- Editors Name and Phone Number (3)
- The Optimist Creed (4)

### Newsletter Content

**Total Allowable Points This Section 50**

Total Points Awarded This Section \_\_\_\_\_

- Humor (4)
- Personal News of Members (Birthdays, Illness, Etc.) (8)
- Urge To Attend and/or Bring Guests (3)
- Stories Include Catchy Headlines (5)
- Colorful and Energetic Language Used Throughout Publication (6)

### Visual Content

**Total Allowable Points This Section 20**

Total Points Awarded This Section \_\_\_\_\_

- Illustrations and Photos Used (4)
- Short Well Written Stories (3)
- Items Clearly Separated (3)
- Type Is Attractive and Easy To Read (4)
- Printing Is Sharp and Clear (2)
- Effective Use of Space and Margins (4)

Total Points Awarded \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's Comments (Optional):

# North Florida District

## Hall of Fame Award 2008-2009

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The Hall of Fame Award is presented annually to an Optimist from the North Florida District who has devoted their time and energies to the youth of Florida and the betterment of the Optimist Clubs of the North Florida District. This prestigious award is the highest and most coveted honor that can be bestowed on one of our members. The Hall of Fame Committee selects only one member each year.

Optimist Clubs in the North Florida District must submit the name of their nominee to the committee chairman and the award will be presented to the selected member at the annual North Florida District Convention August 2008.

### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Continuous service to Optimism as a member of an Optimist Club of the North Florida District for a period of ten (10) years.
2. The nominee shall have held the office, or be currently serving in the capacity of Lt. Governor; or shall have attained the status of Distinguished Club President.
3. The nominee shall have served as a District Chairperson, is currently serving in that capacity, or has served on at least two (2) District Committees.

### Nominating Procedures:

1. Submit name of nominee, together with biography of Optimist activities, typewritten on club stationary, signed by the Club President, to the Chairperson of the Hall of Fame Committee. The original must be received by the Chairperson no later than March 15, 2008. Normally the cut-off date would be April 1<sup>st</sup>, but due to an early 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference, the date has been changed this year only.
2. Submit a black and white glossy 5x7 photograph of the nominee. Enclose this with the nomination letter and biography.

### **North Florida District Inductee 2008-2009**

## HALL OF FAME RECIPIENTS OF THE NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT

<u>Year</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
1985-86	James L. Pfeiffer	1996-97	Roy R. "Buster" Warmack*
1986-87	Robert G. Howe	1997-98	Ron Zahm
1987-88	William "Bill" Wood*	1998-99	Louise F. Odom
1988-89	William Chaitow*	1999-00	Louis "Lou" Rich
1989-90	"B" Brooks*	2000-01	Dr. Charles "Dick" Snyder
1990-91	Alfred "Al" Greco	2001-02	Vi Hayworth
1991-92	Dale Coppock	2002-03	Jesse Haubner
1992-93	Charles R. Hayworth	2003-04	Fred Mills
1993-94	Thomas M. Korth	2004-05	Dick Wall
1994-95	James R. Odom*	2005-06	Ric Carvalis
1995-96	Charlie Dixon*	2006-07	George S. "Bud" Campbell
		2007-08	Harry Neal

## HALL OF FAME RECIPIENTS OF THE OLD FLORIDA DISTRICT

<u>Year</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
1954-55	Shorty Long*	1970-71	Roger M. Shaw*
1955-56	James Booth*	1971-72	Seymour "Sy" Silverman*
1956-57	Lucien L. Renuart*	1972-73	R.F. Hennis*
1957-58	Lyle Fessler*	1973-74	W. L. Johnson
1958-59	John Stead*	1974-75	Wayne Perrine*
1959-60	Jose Llana*	1975-76	Frank Catinella
1960-61	Donald Dahlgren*	1976-77	Charles Keisey*
1962-63	Emanuel Goldstrich*	1977-78	Henry Fontanills*
1963-64	Henry O. Palermo*	1978-79	E. Noel Faddis
1964-65	Walter Looms*	1979-80	Charles F. Heacock*
1965-66	J. Ray Thompson*	1980-81	Polk Threlkeld*
1966-67	Paul L. Thomas*	1981-82	Lee Pines*
1967-68	Irvin Spear*	1982-83	Darl Sandridge*
1968-69	Joseph Gregory*	1983-84	Paul Muenzer
1969-70	John R. Bethea*	1984-85	Julio Giovinco

\*Denotes Deceased Member

# North Florida District

## Optimist International Foundation

2008-2009

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The Optimist International Foundation was established in 1971, an international not-for-profit charitable organization, in the United States and in 1988, in Canada, as a registered charity, working with Optimist Clubs located in over 4,300 communities in the United States and Canada.

The mission of the Foundation is to provide educational opportunities and charitable assistance for boys and girls involved in Optimist Programs: since 1971, more than \$5 million in funding has been awarded by both Foundations.

Optimist Club Members: 107,000

International Headquarters: St. Louis, Missouri

Canadian Headquarters: St.-Leonard, Quebec

Foundation Officers: Year beginning October 1, 2008

### Major Service Programs Funded

Oratorical Contest: Over \$150,000 in scholarships awarded annually in public speaking contests involving over 40,000 boys and girls age 15 and under

Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH): More than \$60,000 in collage scholarships awarded annually in an opportunity for hearing-impaired youth to speak out.

Essay Contest: International essay contest on freedom for youth with 50-plus district winners receiving a \$650 scholarship. \$10,000 in scholarships awarded to top three international winners

Junior Optimist Octagon International: Youth Club organization with 20,000 members, with substantial support being provided by the Foundation.

Optimist International Junior Golf Classic (OIJGC): The Optimist Junior Golf Program is an exciting and unique junior golf program for ages 10-18.

Training Sessions, Videos and Publications to improve and expand Optimist services to youth and communities.  
Scope of Service: 1.5 Million youth served annually by programs funded by the foundation.

The Foundations are dependent on support from Optimist clubs and individuals who are members, the general public, businesses and corporations. Our supporters have contributed over \$6.5 million in the period 1992-1999. All contributions from Canadians are used exclusively for program funding for Canadian beneficiaries. The Optimist International Foundations have funded over \$5 million in Optimist programs.

## **Where Does My District's Money Go**

**That is, the money given to Optimist International Foundation.**

**Youth Club Program Scholarships**

**Essay Contest Scholarships**

**Oratorical Contest Scholarships**

**CCDHH Contest Scholarships**

**Charitable, Literary and Educational Programs (includes  
Childhood Cancer Campaign)**

**Save Our Students Program**

**Interest Paid on Club Campaign Funds**

**Programs, Events, Governance and Training at Int'l Convention**

**Optimist Magazine**

**OIF Staff Time**

**DFR Training**

**Board of Directors Expenses**

**Executive Directors Expenses**

**Presidents Expenses**

**International Convention Operations, Travel and Housing**

**Management and General Expenses (telephone, ofc equip, et al)**

**Bad Debt Expenses (unfunded promises to contribute)**

**Professional Expenses (legal, accounting, audit, computers)**

**Banner Patches, Pins, Awards, Personalization and Shipping**

**Plates, Prints, Planned Giving**

**Fundraising Expenses (supplies, letters, premiums)**

For Overall Details See Independent Audit for Year ended September, 2005 as found in the OIF Section of [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org) and under "Financial Information" as published for 2003, 2004 and 2005

Also a detailed Power Point Presentation is available for use by each Club Foundation Representative.

# North Florida District

## Youth Clubs JOOI

2008-2009

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### **JOOI CONVENTION**

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference April 24-26 2009.

Hilton Hotel Ocala 3600 Southwest 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ocala  
(352) 854-1400 Fax (352) 854-6073  
registration \$8:00

The need is here, the time is now, and we need to create and nourish more Youth Clubs in the North Florida District, so that our Optimist experience can be shared with our youth at three student levels.

- A. Alpha Clubs - Grades 3, 4 and 5
- B. Junior Optimist Clubs - Grades 6, 7 and 8
- C. Octagon Clubs - Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12

Your Club's participation in the formation of one of these clubs will be one of your membership's most rewarding experiences. Help teach Youth Club members the satisfaction of helping within their schools and communities, and to be a major catalyst for change among fellow students.

I will be available at all Conferences and Convention training sessions to help show you the way, step by step. Resolve to join with us this year in committing your Youth Clubs to attend the JOOI Convention.

# North Florida District

## Youth Clubs JOOI

2008-2009

### **Fast Facts Who Can Belong to a JOOI Club**

1. Alpha Clubs - Aimed at children in grades 1 through 4, or ages 6 through 9.
2. Junior Optimist Clubs - Include youth from grades 4 through 9 or ages 9 - 14.
3. Octagon Clubs - Include High School students, or ages 14 through 19.
4. Collegiate Optimist Clubs - Include full time undergraduate students.

### **How does an Optimist Club Sponsor a JOOI Club**

1. Request a kit from Optimist International. All necessary forms and information to start a Youth Club are in each kit.
2. If assistance is needed, contact your District Youth Clubs Chairman, or contact the Youth Clubs Department at Optimist International, (314) 371-6000

### **What Does Membership Offer a Young Person**

1. Membership in an international organization.
2. Opportunity for personal growth and development of leadership skills.
3. Introduction to young people with similar interests and life goals from other parts of North America.
4. A sense of self-esteem. By helping others through community service projects, members develop a sense of self-worth and value.

### **Why Sponsor a Youth Club**

1. Sponsoring a Youth Club puts our motto, "Friend of Youth" into action.
2. Supporting a group of students interested in service to others is an investment in the future of Optimist International and of local communities.



# North Florida District

## New Club Building

2008-2009

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Congratulations New Club Builder! You are about to embark upon the greatest service project possible: the building of a new Optimist Club! There are three statements that best describe this undertaking - it takes the greatest commitment; it offers the greatest challenge; and it returns the greatest reward. There is no single better way to gain recognition as a leader in Optimist International (on a Local, District or International level) than to establish a brand new Optimist Club, but recognition is only part of it. You will also enjoy a great feeling of accomplishment by helping another community reap the rewards of an Optimist Club; in addition, you will make great life-long friendships and experience tremendous personal and professional growth.

Suppose you build a club that lasts scores of years or even centuries. You will affect the lives of many generations most of whom are not born yet. There is great truth to the saying that, "By helping others achieve what they want out of life, you can get anything out of life that you want." Whatever your primary reason might be, you can rest assured that your post NCB life will never be the same.

You may have asked yourself several questions: What does it really take to build an Optimist Club What can I do if I get stuck How can I build a club a long distance away How can I convert my high school reunion group, church group or apartment residents group into an Optimist Club The answers are quite simple: it takes firm determination (commitment), positive mental attitude and "know how". The commitment is up to you. If you really want to build the Club, you will make the commitment. The positive mental attitude will come with the territory. The "know how" you can learn once you diligently study the NCB Handbook. It contains everything you ever wanted to know about building a new club. (These are nineties models that demonstrate all of the effective new methods for building strong clubs, both close to home and in distant locations).

These are four basic components to a new club building program.

1. **Commitment/Getting Started:** Making a commitment and planning the project.
2. **Roster Building/Developing Structure of Club:** Building the club roster and developing a club organization.
3. **Charter Organizational Meeting:** The Official Organizational Meeting.
4. **Follow Up Support:** Completing the New Club Follow - Up Program.

The NCB Handbook contains successful guidelines on the first three components. A separate handbook entitled: "NCB: New Club Follow - Up Program" explains in detail the fourth component of New Club Building. A New Club building project is not officially finished until the follow-up has been successfully completed. New Club follow-up and follow-through programs are under the Department of Club Services. This department is ready, willing and able to help you succeed in this important aspect.

Study and apply all guidelines and your sponsorship will be completed within a reasonable period of time and with a minimum of complication.

*Leave nothing to chance! AND, be sure to follow-up, follow-up, follow-up!!!*

In the reference material section of the NCB Handbook there are plenty of graphics, forms, sample letters and invitations that were used in real new club building efforts. Use them. Make sure that you plan well, pay close attention to the details and most of all keep the momentum High!!

You are now on your way to success! But, you are not alone! I am here! Just call, write, or e-mail. If problems arise, I am available for any questions. If I don't have your answers I promise to find them and get right back to you as soon as possible.

So, let's get you started and on the road to the building of a successful NEW CLUB!

Send in your New Club Building commitment form to Optimist International.... let's start NOW!

# North Florida District

## New Club Building

2008-2009

### Step By Step

#### Finding a Way to Create a Burning Desire

##### 1. Getting Started

- a. Make a commitment.
- b. Develop a positive attitude
- c. Select a site.

##### 2. Planning the Project

- a. Recruit your Builder of Excellence
- b. Establish a timetable
- c. File permission Request Form
- d. Establish your site.

##### 3. Building the Club ... Go to Work!

- a. Meet with the center of influence.
- b. Develop a core group
- c. Conduct a core group meeting
- d. Establish and publicize your first informal meeting.
- e. Conduct your informal meeting
- f. Communicate your progress to prospects and district officers
- g. Follow suggested agendas for meetings.
- h. Set organization date with Governor.

##### 4. The Organizational Meeting

- a. Make sure club is ready
- b. Prepare for the meeting
- c. Hold a pre-organizational Conference
- d. Must have 60% of charter members in attendance
- e. First Board of Directors Meeting
- f. Orientation session for committee chairs and officers

##### 5. The Follow-up Program A Must!

- a. Sponsor club must complete 90-day program
- b. Must get 2 officers to next District Meeting
- c. Help with Charter Banquet
- d. Work with new club to establish firm foundation
- e. Encourage club to become an active member in all District activities.

## How to Expedite Organization

1. At the first informal meeting, set a target date of three or four weeks later for official organization. Point out that everyone, to be a Charter Member, must be paid and signed by that date.
2. Keep the new group on a Weekly or Twice-Weekly meeting schedule. This is the best method of maintaining enthusiasm and desire for organization at a high pitch.
3. Start collection of membership fees and acceptances at the first meeting. Money on the line eliminates the "lookers" and increases interest. Don't delay.
4. Never ask the group when you should come back. Tell them you will be back and name the place, time and date. Let nothing interfere with regular meeting.
5. Determine regular meeting date of the new club and build the membership around that day.
6. The selection of those to receive invitations to become charter members should be the chief business of each preliminary meeting. Each should be approved by all members of the current group and assigned to one of them for personal invitation.
7. *If* the charter roster does not grow satisfactorily after one or two meetings, check your key people! Do they have the ability to attract others
8. When the group numbers ten to fifteen, appoint and activate committees on bylaws and nominations to start preparation for formal action at the official organization meeting.
9. Effect the early appointment of an attendance committee to call charter members for each meeting. Remember members have not yet acquired the regular meeting habit.
10. Supply the bylaw committee with Standard Club Bylaws. Do not suggest the adoption of the sponsor club's bylaws.
11. Supply reasons for early official organization such as a visit of a district official, zone meetings, district meetings.
12. Make it clear to the core group that it is their club, composed of individuals they select, and that they must assume leadership.
13. Maintain daily contact with the temporary chair and key people. Keep interest at a high pitch. Demonstrate your own interest by regular, frequent contact, calls and attendance - never let interest subside!!!! ! ! !

# North Florida District

## Membership

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### MEMBERSHIP IS THE LIFE BLOOD OF A CLUB, ZONE AND DISTRICT

The membership chairperson is one of the most important positions in the life of an Optimist Club. They not only have to encourage the membership to bring in new members, but they must lead by example. Not only is getting new members important but retaining the ones that you already have is most necessary. When someone has missed 2 or 3 meetings the membership chair and their committee should call to be sure that all is well with them and their families. Offer to pick them up and bring them to the next meeting. Not only will they appreciate your concern but also it will remind them of their commitment to their club.

With membership growth the club insures the increased services to “Bringing Out the Best in Kid” of the community. The more active members in a club means more youth it can serve, the more community involvement and more projects the club can complete.

The membership committee will help build your club membership, work on retention of members and develop programs for inviting new members. Try the NOW (New Optimists Wanted) program, it comes with all the steps needed to make it work. Try having at least one membership drive each quarter.

For more information on growing your club membership, go to [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org) for lots more ideas.

And remember the #1 reason people join an Optimist Club

They were asked!!!

Now go out there and “JUST ASK”!

# North Florida District

## Distinguished Secretary Award

2008-2009

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The position of Club Secretary is a most important position in any club. The North Florida District will recognize those Club Secretaries that put forth the effort necessary to meet the following Distinguished Secretary requirements.

- 1) Clubs must submit the following two reports ON TIME - the Club Annual Activities Report and the Club Officer-Elect Report. Both reports must be submitted on forms supplied by Optimist International, and copies must be mailed as directed on the bottom of the respective forms.
- 2) Quarterly dues must be paid promptly to Optimist International and to the North Florida District.
- 3) Clubs must submit the Club Service Report, or qualify for either the Friend of Youth Award or the Community Service Involvement Award. All entries must be received by September 30, 2009, with a copy to the District Secretary.
- 4) The Club Secretary must register and attend at least three of the following meetings:
  - a) The training session at the North Florida District Convention
  - b) The First Quarterly Board Meeting/District Conference
  - c) The Second Quarterly Board Meeting/District Conference
  - d) The Third Quarterly Board Meeting/District Conference
  - e) The Fourth Quarterly Board Meeting/ District Conference

## SECRETARIES/TREASURERS OF THE NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT

<u>Year</u>	<u>Sec/Treas.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Sec/Treas.</u>
1985-86	Robert (Bob) Rogers*	1996-97	Ronald (Ron) Hart
1986-87	William (Bill) Chaitow	1997-98	Bobbie Wood
1987-88	Michael (Mike) Macaluso	1998-99	Roy R. (Buster) Warmack
1988-89	Walter (Walt) Swan	1999-00	Ronald J. Hart
1989-90	Marvin Garland	2000-01	Ronald J. Hart
1990-91	Hank Ellingsworth*	2001-02	Betty Ralston
1991 -92	Louis E.(Lou) Rich	2002-03	William (Bill) Morel Jr.
1992-93	Robert S. Grindle	2003-04	Dr. Charles (Dick) Snyder
1993-94	Louis B. (Lou) Rich	2004-05	Ronald (Ron) Hart
1994-95	Ronald (Ron) Schnell*	2005-06	Tracey V. Krieger
1995-96	Dr. Charles (Dick) Snyder	2006-08	Irv English

## SECRETARIES/TREASURERS OF THE OLD FLORIDA DISTRICT

<u>Year</u>	<u>Sec/Treas.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Sec/Treas.</u>
1938-40	E. K. Mellrath*	1968-69	Mike Nolan
1940-42	Leo Bowles	1969-70	Frank Catinella
1942-43	Charles Shaw	1970-71	Glenn Tippins
1943-44	Edgar Keuling	1971 -72	Thornton Lewis
1944-45	James Gordon*	1972-73	F. H. McGraw
1945-46	Earl Jones	1973-74	Charles Davis
1946-47	W.D. Thompson M. N.	1974-75	Tom Sewell
1947-48	Babcock	1975-76	Hugh J. Canny, Jr.*
1948-51	Lyle Fessler*	1976-77	Bill Lanier*
1-52	George Schofield	1977-78	Dick Lloyd*
57	Lyle Fessler*	1978-79	Gary Anderson
	Jose Llanceza*	1979-80	Ernest G. Kanelos
1960-62	Donald Dahlgren*	1980-81	Fred D'Amico
1962-63	Henry Lmabe*	1981-82	Warren Katz*
1963-64	Irvine Spear* Anthony	1982-83	Ernest G. Kanelos
1964-65	Matrone* Leonard	1983-84	Michael Macaluso
1965-66	Fisk	1984-85	Tom Swisher
1966-68	Cliff Sawyer		

\* Denotes Deceased Member

# North Florida District

## The Old Timers Club

2008 – 2009

The OLD TIMERS CLUB is a group of Optimists who meet annually during the Old Timers Breakfast at the annual District Convention of the North Florida District. The Club was chartered on August 16, 1986 at the Adams Mark Caribbean Gulf Resort in Clearwater Beach, Florida. The Club members include all of the past members of the Old Florida District Old Fogies Club, which was chartered in May of 1953 at the Monte Carlo Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida. New members are added annually and include the current Governor in office, the Optimist International representative that is officially attending the Convention, and an Optimist that the members of the Club feel has contributed to the North Florida District and has served Optimism in Florida for many years.

### Members of the Old Timers Club

JACK JOHNSON  
E. NOEL FADDIS  
JIM PFEIFFER  
JULIO GIOVINCO  
FRED D'AMICO  
AL GRECO  
CHUCK HAYWORTH  
RON ZAHM  
GARDNER HARSHMAN  
LOU RICH  
JIM DENVER  
VI HAYWORTH  
STEVE KELLEY  
RIC CARVALIS  
JULIE HART  
BOB THOMSON  
KEN RITTER  
CHUCK KRIEGER  
TOM NAILE  
LOUISE ODOM  
DALE COPPOCK  
DICK SNYDER

JESSE HAUBNER  
FRED MILLS  
DICK WALL  
BUD CAMPBELL  
HARRY NEAL  
LARRY SIEGEL  
MIKE MACALUSO  
JAKCK CARROUTH  
FRANK RUMRILL  
JEAN HAUBNER  
RICK RUTAN  
KAREN NEIDIG  
BETTY JO CARVALIS  
DANIEL RICH  
SUE GIOVINCO  
BARBARA FOSTER  
OTTO WATSON  
JEAN RUTAN  
RON HART  
ROBIN RICH  
BENNY MARTINEZ  
MARTY RITTER

AMALIA MORGADO  
ALLEN KIDD\*  
JAMES H. HUBBARD\*  
CHARLES R. WILES\*  
LEONARD TILNEY, JR.\*  
TATE THIGPEN\*  
KEN MONSCHEIN\*  
JAMES J. URSU\*  
DONALD L. MILLER\*  
HERBERT STRATHER\*  
JEAN MERCIER\*  
GINNY RICKER\*  
CLIFF KATZ\*  
ANDRE DUBOIS\*  
WILLIAM H. TEAGUE\*  
JERRY HENDERSON\*  
MIKE LISTENBERGER\*  
BOB LANGHORST\*  
ED HYTTENRAUCH\*  
ESSIE JOHNSON\*  
SHIRLEY JARRETT\*

\*Denotes Optimist International Representative



# **SECTION 10**

## **NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT**

### **STANDARD POLICY**

#### **PROCEDURES**

# North Florida District

## Standard Policy • Procedures

### FOREWARD

The purpose of the guidelines and other information contained in these DISTRICT STANDARD POLICY • PROCEDURES are meant only to embellish upon, where warranted, Optimist International Constitution and Bylaws. The latter shall always take precedent over any other. In several instances where information concerning a customary action performed by the District, e. g., purchase and issue of District Officer pin insignia which is not covered by the Optimist International Constitution and Bylaws, the DISTRICT STANDARD POLICY • PROCEDURES will apply. These STANDARD POLICY • PROCEDURES will be reviewed by the District Board of Directors at the 1st Quarter Conference held in October 1995, and annually thereafter. Changes to these STANDARD POLICY • PROCEDURES shall be considered unnecessary in terms of republishing this entire document. Changes which may occur from year to year as to amount of funds approved for the conduct of a specific District program, or travel or per diem allocation, may be submitted as an addendum to these STANDARD POLICY PROCEDURES for the year to which they will apply, thereby saving critical District funds from repetitive, non-productive printing expense.

Requests for change or alteration to the STANDARD POLICY • PROCEDURES will be presented to the District Governor prior to the 3rd Quarter Conference to facilitate a smooth research, re-write and submission through the Governor-Designate to the Board of Directors for their approval action at the 1st Quarter Conference for the ensuing Administrative year. If no changes are presented, the DISTRICT STANDARD POLICY • PROCEDURES will be considered up-to-date and approval by the District Board of Directors will be automatic.

Any reference to the words "he", "his", "him", "man", or "men" is for descriptive purposes only and shall not, in any way, be construed to limit the application of the section in which they appear to the masculine gender.

All financial expenditures will be accountable under the appropriate Account Number, as indicated in major paragraph headings within this document. Budgeted dollar amounts will not be exceeded by the Administration without appropriate report to, and approval by the District Board of Directors.

# North Florida District

## Standard Policy • Procedures

1. District Board of Directors' Installation
2. District Board of Directors' Meetings
3. District Executive Committee - Power And Duties
4. District Executive Committee Meetings
5. Assistant to the Governor
6. District Officer Lapel Insignia
7. Establishment of Zones
8. District Achievement and Awards Program
9. District Bulletin
10. District Conferences
11. District Convention
12. Convention Duration
13. Gifts and Mementos
14. Club/District Hospitality Rooms at District Convention
15. Convention Program
16. Convention Registration Refunds
17. Nominating Procedures
18. Convention Rules
19. International Convention
20. Hospitality Room at International Convention
21. District Directory
22. District Finances
23. Governor's Club Visitations
24. New Club Charter Presentations
25. Gifts to New Clubs
26. International President's Visitation
27. International Representatives To District Meetings
28. District Oratorical Contest
29. District Essay Contest
30. District Chemical Abuse Program
31. District Junior Championship Golf Tournament
32. Youth Clubs Conference - (JOOI)
33. North Florida District Hall of Fame
34. North Florida District "Old Timers Club"
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**A. The North Florida District's organization and purpose shall be as stated in Article IX,**

## **Optimist International Bylaws.**

### **1. DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' INSTALLATION**

The District Board of Directors (as defined in Optimist International Bylaws Article VII, Section 3A) shall be officially installed by the official representative of Optimist International at the First Quarter District Meeting.

### **2. DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS** (Accounts 130 & 360)

Pursuant to Optimist International Bylaws (Optimist International Bylaws Article VII, Section 3B), the District Board of Directors shall meet quarterly with the first meeting to be held prior to November 30. The Fourth Quarter meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Annual District Convention. Board meetings shall be budgeted and conducted on a break-even basis. Costs of any meals and gratuities may be collected by the District Secretary Treasurer or his designate.

### **3. DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - POWER AND DUTIES**

Pursuant to Optimist International Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3C, and Section 3F, and limitations thereto, and excepting those functions and responsibilities specifically assigned to the Board of Directors by these Bylaws, The Board of Directors shall, for the purpose of expediency and efficiency, delegate its powers and authority to the District Executive Committee.

### **4. DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS** (Accounts 130 & 360)

The District Executive Committee shall meet quarterly, prior to meetings of the District Board of Directors. (Optimist International Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3F)

### **5. ASSISTANT TO THE GOVERNOR**

Assistant(s) to the Governor may be appointed, as deemed necessary. (Optimist International Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3B)

### **6. DISTRICT OFFICER LAPEL INSIGNIA** (Account 400)

The District Administration shall provide official lapel insignia for all District Officers to include the Governor-Elect, and Assistant(s) to the Governor, if appointed, to be presented at the time of their installation. Such insignia shall be returned to the District Secretary-Treasurer at the end of the administrative year. The District also shall purchase and present past officers insignia to the retiring Governor, Lieutenant Governors, Assistant(s) to the Governor if this position is utilized, and Secretary-Treasurer. The recipients and identification of insignia shall be as follows:

- a. Governor's insignia
- b. Past Governor's insignia, with stone.
- c. Governor-Elect insignia.
- d. Lieutenant Governors' insignia.
- e. Past Lieutenant Governors' insignia, with stone.

- f. Secretary-Treasurer's insignia.
- g. Past Secretary-Treasurer's insignia, with stone.
- h. Assistant(s) to the Governor insignia.
- i. Past Assistant(s) to the Governor, with stone.

**7. ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES**

- a. Pursuant to Optimist International Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1, the number of and boundaries of Zones shall be established.
- b. Proposals for realignment of Zone boundaries shall be submitted to the Governor not less than 30 days prior to the Third Quarter Conference. No Zone shall be created with less than 3 Clubs. New Clubs shall automatically be assigned to Zones in which they are otherwise geographically located and services thereto shall be the responsibility of the Lieutenant Governor of such Zone.
- c. Changes to numbers of Zones, Clubs within Zones, or Club/Zone boundaries shall be presented to the Board of Directors and the Executive.<sup>1</sup> Committee for their determination, at the Third Quarter Conference, prior to the election of Lieutenant Governors serving during the next administrative year.

**8. DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT AND AWARDS PROGRAM (Account 410)**

- a. The District may budget for, maintain, and conduct an annual Achievement and Awards Program which is prepared and evaluated by the Chairman of the Achievement and Awards Committee with the collaboration of the District Governor. Approval by the District Board of Directors shall be solicited at the First District Quarter Conference. The District Administration shall promote participation in both the District and International Achievement and Awards Programs. The District Administration will not offer or conduct any awards competition, personal or Club, for any activity or performance embraced by the Optimist International Achievement and Awards Program. The District's Achievement and Awards Program will conform to the District Program advocated by the Optimist International Board of Directors,
- b. Appeals or protests of the final published standings of Clubs or individuals in the District Achievement and Awards Program must be received by the District Secretary-Treasurer no later than 30 days following publication of the standings. The District Executive Committee will review and adjudicate any appeal or protests and its decision will be final. To be eligible to receive any award or recognition, all financial obligations to the District shall have been met by midnight of the closing day of the administrative year.

**9. DISTRICT BULLETIN (Account 330)**

The District Administration will publish a District Bulletin (Banner) under the direction of the Governor. Publication frequency and cost shall be established by the District Board of Directors from year to year and approved as an item in the District

budget. The size of the bulletin will normally consist of four 8 1/2X11" standard (stationary) size sheets of paper (both sides). Publication will be made to each eligible District member. Bulletins will be placed in the U.S. Postal system for mailing not later than 30 days prior to any scheduled Conference or Convention.

**10. DISTRICT CONFERENCES** (Accounts 130 & 360)

- a. District Conferences may be planned and conducted by the District Administration, at the time and place of, and to follow quarterly meetings of the District Board of Directors in the First, Second and Third Quarters. Conferences will invite and encourage attendance of Club officers and District committee personnel, and all other members who may benefit from the conduct of such Conferences.
- b. Conference programs will include the introduction and promotion of District goals and objectives, buzz sessions, forums, round table discussions, and other leadership development events. The Third Quarter Conference shall include the election of Lieutenant Governors for the ensuing year and may include the District Oratorical finals. All such Conferences will be budgeted by the District Administration on a non profit, break-even basis. The District Administration may collect fees for any meal service and gratuities provided at such Conferences. Notice of Conferences and programs will accompany the notice of the District Board of Directors meetings. (See Article VII, Section 3F, for inclusion of Zone meetings during Second Quarter Conferences)
- c. Every effort will be made to provide the incumbent Governor, Governor-Elect (Designate), Secretary-Treasurer, and Registrar, as well as official Optimist International Representative and spouse, with complimentary Conference/Convention registrations and hotel/motel lodging of suitable character and such shall be anticipated in the budget.
- d. All Conference and Convention leadership and development events for Club and District officers as prescribed by Optimist International (Optimist International Bylaws, Article VII, Section 4) will be appropriately and vigorously conducted.

**11. DISTRICT CONVENTION**

A District Convention will be held in strict compliance with the provisions of Optimist International (Optimist International Bylaws, Article VII, Section 4). District dues will not be allocated to absorb any costs incurred with the operation of the District Convention.

**12. CONVENTION DURATION**

The annual District Convention shall be a two-day event, exclusive of social, recreational or other extra-curricular activities. Dates of the Convention will be published in the District Directory.

**13. GIFTS AND MEMENTOS** (Account 450)

The District will present a gift and/or memento to the retiring Governor, the District Secretary-Treasurer, and to the official Optimist International visiting representative to the annual District Convention, the cost of which shall not exceed \$75.00 each. At each Conference the District may present a suitable gift or memento to the official Optimist International visiting representative, provided the cost of such gift does not exceed \$75.00. The Immediate Past Governor shall be responsible for the selection of such gifts or mementos to the retiring Governor, and the Governor shall be responsible for the selection of a gift or memento to the retiring District Secretary-Treasurer and visiting Optimist International representative.

**14. CLUB/DISTRICT HOSPITALITY ROOMS AT DISTRICT CONVENTION**

All Club and the District hospitality rooms, or other accommodations serving a like purpose, shall be closed during Convention business sessions and training events. The Governor shall establish operating hours for the District hospitality room.

**15. CONVENTION PROGRAM**

The Convention Committee shall prepare, through consultation with the Governor and the Governor-Elect, the schedule of Convention events and meetings for submission to the District Board of Directors, at the Third Quarter Conference. The Governor, in consultation with the Governor-Elect, shall prepare the agenda and/or curriculum for all Convention business sessions, leadership development events, forums, and meal service events. The Convention schedule and program, which must be approved by the District Board of Directors shall be distributed to all District officers and chairmen, Club Presidents and Club Secretary-Treasurers not less than 30 days prior to the Convention. The Convention schedule shall include as a minimum, the following: a. A business session necessary to accomplish the business of the convention, b. A meal service event/Recognition Banquet to provide the official Optimist International visiting representative with an opportunity to address assembled delegates and guests and to install new District officers and the Governor-Designate.

**16. CONVENTION REFUNDS**

All requests for refunds of prepaid Convention registrations must be made in writing by the pre-registered member. Such requests for refunds must be received by the District Registrar on or before the first day of the Convention. No partial refund of registration fees will be honored.

**17. NOMINATING PROCEDURES**

Functioning under provisions of Optimist International (Optimist International Bylaws, Article VII, Section 6) the Candidate Qualifications Committee shall seek, qualify and nominate those qualified candidates for each office of Lieutenant Governor and Governor-Elect, and shall require the following for the consideration and information of the Committee:

- a. A written presentation of the proposed candidate's background and qualifications for the office of Lieutenant Governor or Governor-Elect,
- b. A letter from the Club of which the proposed candidate is a member indicating that Club's support of his candidacy,
- c. The Candidate Qualification Committee shall prepare a brief summary and description of each of the nominees' background and qualifications, and shall publish such names prior to the date of the election.

**18. CONVENTION RULES**

- a. The Convention shall be composed of accredited Optimist delegates as set



forth in the International Bylaws (Optimist International Bylaws Article VII, Section 4).

- b. To be accredited by the Credentials Committee and eligible to vote on the Convention business, or to serve as chairman of ones Club delegation, delegates must have registered at the Convention, paid the registration fee, and produced such credentials as may be required by the Board of Directors.
- c. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the Convention proceedings in all cases not governed by the Constitution and Bylaws of Optimist International, this District, and these Convention rules.
- d. Delegates shall register promptly upon arrival and shall attend all sessions of the Convention.
- e. The first order of business at the Convention shall be the adoption of these Convention rules. They shall be adopted by a majority vote; but may be suspended, rescinded or amended after their adoption by a two thirds vote.
- f. The Credentials Committee shall report at the first session thereof and periodically thereafter or when directed to do so by the Chair. The report shall include only those Clubs in good standing with properly accredited delegates and may be amended by the Committee before or between Convention business sessions.
- g. A member holding membership in more than one Club may become an accredited delegate for each Club provided he has completed registration and paid a registration fee as a delegate from each Club of which he intends to vote.
- h. The number of votes that each Club shall be allowed to cast during the course of the Convention business shall be determined according to Optimist International Bylaw (Article VII, Section 4).
- i. The program as printed by the District shall be the official program of the Convention.
- j. The District Candidate Qualifications Committee shall be composed of the Governor-Elect, the two most immediate and available Past Governors, and two members appointed for one year by the Governor.
- k. Prior to July 1, the District Candidate Qualification Committee shall seek and receive the names and qualifications of prospective candidates for the office of Governor-Elect and shall publish in the District Bulletin such names prior to the date of election. The Committee shall nominate the qualified candidates for that office at the District Convention. The Committee may consider prospective candidates on its own motion. Following this report, the presiding officer shall call for other nominations from the floor and then call for the closing of nominations. The election shall be conducted during the last business session of the day adhering to the rules concerning VOTING in subparagraph n, below.
- I. Nominations from the floor shall be limited to a statement including the candidates name, Club and office for which he is being nominated.

m. There shall be no nominating speeches if there are no nominations from the floor. In the event there are nominations from the floor, nominating speeches shall be given on the day of the election by persons approved by the respective candidates, and shall be limited to two for each candidate - one of five minutes duration followed by one of two minutes duration.

n. VOTING

- (1) Each Club President shall present himself to the credentials committee before the close of registration on the opening day of the Convention, to verify the accreditation of his Club's delegates and obtain official ballots for the use of his delegation throughout the Convention. In the event that the Club President is unable to comply, a letter on Club letterhead appointing a replacement and signed by the President must be presented by that replacement to the credentials committee.
- (2) Accredited delegates from each Club shall select a chairman who shall cast the votes of his delegation on any Convention business requiring a vote by written ballot or roll call.
- (3) Voting strength may be split by Clubs with more than one vote. Such Clubs may caucus prior to voting to determine how voting strength shall be split. There shall be whole votes only.... no half votes are permitted.
- (4) Only accredited delegates chosen as chairman of the Club's delegation may vote according to provisions of Optimist International Bylaws, Article X, Section 5. Said chairman will be seated in a special section at Convention business sessions.
- (5) All voting shall be voice, hand or rising vote, at the discretion of the Chair, unless a ballot or roll call vote is ordered by a majority vote of the accredited delegates. In the event a vote by ballot is ordered, the succeeding steps will be followed:
  - (a) The meeting shall be recessed for marking and depositing ballots.
  - (b) The presiding officer shall appoint a committee of "Tellers" and name its chairman.
  - (c) To expedite the balloting process, multiple ballot boxes may be placed in convenient locations within the meeting room. Tellers shall be stationed at each ballot box.
  - (d) Each delegation chairman shall deposit one ballot for his Club only.
- (6) At the conclusion of the balloting the Tellers shall certify the tabulated results in writing, to the Chair. If the balloting has been for the purpose of electing an officer, the Chair will announce the name of the winner only, and then entertain a motion to destroy the ballots.
- (7) Delegation chairman unable to verify accreditation and obtain ballots within the hours of registration on the opening day of the Convention may do so by presenting themselves to the credentials committee during the hour preceding the time the business meeting of any day is called to order. Ballots shall not be distributed during the conduct of the business

meetings.

(8) In the event of lost blank ballots obtained in advance by a delegation chairman, he may appear before the credentials committee to request duplicated ballots prior to the start of the last business session.

(9) The vote on any business or question before the Convention except reports of the candidates qualifications, resolutions or constitution and bylaws committees shall be taken immediately following its presentation and debate,

- o. The vote on the question, once commenced, shall not be interrupted except to ask the Chair to restate the question.
- p. No delegate shall be entitled to the floor unless he rises, addresses the presiding officer, and gives his name and Club affiliation. Any registered delegate may speak on any issue, however, only accredited delegates may make or second motions. Main motions shall be put in writing when the Chair so directs.
- q. No motion shall be entertained by the Chair unless seconded, and shall not be open to debate or amendment before the Chair has repeated it.
- r. Debate shall be limited to five minutes per speaker.
- s. A delegate shall not speak a second time to the same question at the same setting if another registered delegate who has not spoken thereon rises and asks for the floor.
- t. No accredited delegate shall speak more than twice on the same question if anyone objects,
- u. An accredited delegate may change his vote provided he rises and asks for the floor promptly and before the Chair declares the results as final,
- v. An appeal from a decision of the Chair should be based on a point of order and shall be seconded. The vote thereon shall be put on sustaining the decision from the Chair, not on sustaining the appeal. A majority vote in the negative reverses the decision of the Chair,
- w. Not more than two amendments to any question shall be pending at one time, but after disposal of one or both of them, other amendments may be proposed,
- x. The Convention may, to expedite the handling of business, limit as it chooses the time or the number of speakers for each side on any questions, or the total time for debate, by a two-thirds vote,
- y. Chairmen of committees may make partial reports during lull periods of the Convention unless otherwise ordered by the Chair,
- z. These Convention rules shall be adopted by a majority vote, but they may be suspended, rescinded or amended after their adoption by a two-thirds vote as required by Optimist International Bylaws, Article X, Section 6.

## **19. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** (Accounts 500, 510, 540, 550 & 555)

The Governor, Governor-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and Secretary-Treasurer Designate

shall receive an amount, to be budgeted annually toward the expense of attendance at the International Convention, excluding those expenses reimbursable by Optimist International. To qualify for this amount, each officer must attend and be registered at the full Convention and show evidence thereof when submitting his expense voucher. Actual distances from the North Florida District to the Optimist International Convention site will be the deciding factor in determining the amount that will be budgeted for each officer. Each Lieutenant Governor-Elect who attends the full Optimist International Convention shall participate equally in the distribution of available funds budgeted annually for the purpose of providing financial assistance to those officers who attend and are registered for the full Convention (Account 510). Again, the deciding factor in determining the total amount to be budgeted will be the actual distance from the North Florida District to the Optimist International Convention site, and will be jointly determined by both the Governor and Governor-Elect.

## **20. HOSPITALITY ROOM AT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

(Account 560) The District Administration may maintain a District Headquarters or Hospitality Room at Optimist International Conventions, the rental of which, only, shall be budgeted and chargeable to Account 560 of the Standard District Chart of Accounts.

## **21. DISTRICT DIRECTORY**

The District Administration will publish, in conjunction with the beginning day of the Administrative Year, a District Directory. It shall contain the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all District Officers, District Committee Chairmen, Club Presidents and Club Secretary-Treasurers, and appropriate Optimist International Officers. When feasible and practicable, it shall also contain all District program highlights, and the dates and locations of scheduled District Meetings Conferences and the Convention being held during the administrative year.

## **22. DISTRICT FINANCES**

- a. All District finances will be conducted in accordance with Optimist International Bylaws (Article VII, Section 5).
- b. Each Club in the North Florida District shall pay for each member enrolled in the Optimist International Office, annual District dues per member, payable quarterly as billed, throughout the year. Payment of such dues shall be made in advance, payable on the first day of each quarter, e. g., payable on October 1 of any year for the first quarter months of October, November and December. Annual dues payable by a newly affiliated Club shall commence on the first day of the third month following that in which such Club is officially organized.

**23. GOVERNOR'S CLUB VISITATIONS**

The Governor's Club visitations will be limited, at his discretion, to Charter Presentations to New Clubs, Zone Meetings and such other special events as may be conducted by Clubs and to which he has been invited.

**24. NEW CLUB CHARTER PRESENTATIONS**

Dates and programs for Charter Presentation events of New Clubs shall be established by the New Club, the Sponsor Club, and in consultation with the Governor or Lieutenant Governor of the Zone in the Governor's behalf. Charters will be presented by the Governor or his appointee. In the event of a Charter presentation occurring after the end of the administrative year in which the New Club was established, the then Immediate Past Governor shall have the prerogative of presenting the Charter.

**25. GIFTS TO NEW CLUBS** (Account 440)

The District Administration shall provide each New Club with a complimentary Club Banner, Bell and Striker, purchased from Optimist International Supply, and shall budget an estimated amount for such purposes annually.

**26. INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S VISITATION** (Accounts 130 & 360)

The Governor, at the request of Optimist International, shall provide preferred and alternate locations for the International President's visitation. All plans and arrangements for the International President's visit shall be under direct supervision of the Governor and District Administration including the provisions of complimentary accommodations, customary courtesies, and a suitable gift or memento. The event shall be budgeted and conducted under Accounts 130 and 360, and operated on a break even basis. All Clubs in the District shall be invited, at least 30 days in advance, to send representatives to this event. Clubs in the city or area of the visitation, under the leadership of the local Lieutenant Governor, may be invited to provide manpower for the conduct of this event. The Governor and spouse, or a Past International or District Officer and spouse, shall be designated as official host to the International President.

**27. INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO DISTRICT MEETINGS**

In keeping with the policy of Optimist International to provide an official Optimist International representative to the District Board Meeting to be held in the first quarter of each year, and to the Annual Convention, the Governor shall issue an invitation, at his earliest convenience, to such individuals as soon as their identities are established. Courtesies traditionally provided to the International President, including complimentary accommodations and registration, shall also be provided to such official International Representatives.

## **28. DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTEST (Accounts 140 & 370)**

- a. At a date and place designated by the District Oratorical Committee Chairman in consultation with the Governor the District shall conduct both a boys and girls Oratorical Contest each year. Said contests will be combined in-so-far-as possible. The District finals should be held in May. At the Third Quarter Conference, held annually during the month of May, the District boy and girl Oratorical Contest winners may be invited to attend the District Conference and present their orations at the District Banquet. However, at the Governor's discretion, the entire District Oratorical Contest may be held in conjunction with a general session at the Third Quarter North Florida District Conference.
- b. All phases of the District Contest shall be conducted in strict compliance with Optimist International Oratorical Contest rules.
- c. If requested, members from Clubs in the city where the District finals are held shall be appointed by the Governor to assist the District Contest Chairman in the selection of facilities, equipment, judges, etc., and any other details pertinent to the conduct of the contest.
- d. Zone contests are to be conducted under the supervision of the District Oratorical Contest Chairman, and responsibility for the actual conduct of Zone contests is assigned to Zone Lieutenant Governors or Zone Oratorical Contest Chairmen.
- e. An entry fee shall be paid by all Clubs sponsoring an entrant in Zone/Regional contests. The costs of all transportation, food, lodging, while at, or enroute to or from Zone/Regional contests shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring Clubs.
- f. An entry fee shall be paid by all Clubs sponsoring an entrant in the District Oratorical Contest Finals. The costs of food, lodging and transportation while enroute to and from the District Oratorical Contest finals shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring Clubs.
- g. All District trophies and Zone certificates and frames, shall be budgeted/ordered by the District Contest Chairman. All budgets, receipts and expenditures shall be made in consultation with and concurrence by the District Secretary-Treasurer who shall authorize all purchases and expenditures and record all revenue and expenses.
- h. It shall be the responsibility of the District Oratorical Contest Chairman to submit required materials and information on contest winners to the Optimist International Office (copy to be provided to the District Governor and Secretary-Treasurer) within 30 days following the actual District contest.

**29. DISTRICT ESSAY CONTEST** (Accounts 147 & 390)

- a. The District shall conduct an Essay Contest each year. The required information regarding the District winner shall be forwarded to the Optimist, International office no later than date specified of each year.
- b. All phases of the contest shall be conducted in strict compliance with Optimist International Essay Contest Rules.
- c. A District Chairman shall be appointed by the Governor to administer all details pertinent to the conduct of the District contest
- d. An entry fee shall be paid by all Clubs sponsoring an entrant. Entry fees shall be adequate to cover all expenses incurred by the District in the conduct of the contest.
- e. The costs of all District awards and all authorized receipts and expenditures shall be budgeted and audited under Accounts as stated above. All such items shall be supervised by the District Secretary-Treasurer who shall make all purchases and expenditures.

**30. DISTRICT CHEMICAL ABUSE PROGRAM**

It is the policy of the North Florida District to pursue an aggressive Substance/Drug Abuse Prevention program. All Clubs are encouraged to participate in this District sponsored program. Funding for a Drug Abuse Prevention Contest will be included in the budget as deemed appropriate by the Governor in consultation with the District Secretary-Treasurer and the Chairman, Substance Abuse & Just Say No Poster Contest. The contest will be described and managed by the Substance Abuse Prevention Chairman.

**31. DISTRICT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT** (Accounts 145 & 380)

- a. The District may conduct a Junior Championship Golf Tournament each year. The District finals shall be conducted and the number of contestants provided to the Optimist International office by the required date.
- b. All phases of the contest shall be conducted in strict compliance with Optimist International Junior Championship Golf tournament Rules,
- c. A Chairman shall be appointed by the Governor and shall be responsible for all details pertinent to the conduct of the contest,
- d. An entry fee shall be paid by all Clubs sponsoring an entrant in the District contest, or Zone contest if such contests are conducted. The costs of all transportation, food and lodging in relation to Zone and/or District contests shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring Clubs,
- e. All awards and their associated receipts and expenditures shall be supervised by the District Secretary-Treasurer.

### **32. YOUTH CLUBS CONFERENCE - (JOOD)**

- a. The District shall be encouraged to conduct a conference for Junior Optimist and Octagon Clubs each year. Alpha Clubs will also be included while realizing their participation most likely will be minimal.
- b. A planning committee comprised of the District Youth Clubs Chairman and the Youth Clubs Governor shall be responsible for organizing all phases of the Conference. Selection and appointment of additional committees or committee members shall be at the discretion of the District Youth Clubs Chairman
- c. Elections for District Youth Clubs' officers will be held in accordance with District Youth Club Bylaws and those of Optimist International.
- d. All finances shall be under the control of the North Florida District Secretary-Treasurer and District Youth Clubs Chairman.

### **33. NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT HALL OF FAME**

- a. The Hall of Fame Committee shall be composed of the five most recent recipients of the District Hall of Fame Award. This committee shall have the authority to nominate and select the Hall Of Fame Chairman and report their selection to the Governor. District appointment is automatic with selection.
- b. The Hall Of Fame Committee shall abide by the existing Hall Of Fame Resolution as developed for their operation. For purposes of necessary autonomy of operation, the Hall Of Fame Committee shall conduct business and make selections of Hall Of Fame Award recipients without consultation with any other Optimist or entity.
- c. Annually, a member of the North Florida District may be inducted to the North Florida District Hall Of Fame.
- d. The Hall of Fame Resolution (Operating Procedures and Committee Rules) shall be approved, amended, revised or changed from time-to-time as deemed necessary. Change, revision or amendments to the Hall of Fame Resolution may be resolved only at the Third Quarter District Conference. Changes, revisions or amendments approved will become effective immediately,
- e. Funding:
  - (1) All budget and expenditures will be under the control of the District Secretary-Treasurer. All expenditures shall be approved prior to the release of contracts or funds.
  - (2) Budget items will include only:
    - (a) Stationary and postage.
    - (b) An appropriate plaque proclaiming the name of the winner of this coveted award.
    - (c) A banquet meal for the recipient of this award and his spouse at the First Quarter Conference. "Family or Friends, Optimist members or non-members that are invited and attend "only the banquet" will have their registration and name tag fees refunded.



- (d) Printing costs of appropriate souvenir flyer announcing the award,
- (e) Immediately following award presentation at the Annual Convention, the Committee will submit a "Banner" article for publication in the First Quarter Banner edition of the subsequent District administrative year.

### **34. THE NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT “OLD TIMERS CLUB”**

- a. The “Old Timers Club” is of long standing and consists of Optimist who meet annually during the “Old Timers’ Breakfast” at the start of the District Convention.
- b. Members of this Club will include all past members of the Old Florida District “Old Fogies Club” chartered in May 1953 in Miami Beach; current North Florida District membership; and three Optimists added annually at the ‘Old Timers’ Breakfast”, who shall be...the North Florida District Governor in office, the Optimist International Representative who is officially attending the Convention and an Optimist that “Old Timers Club” members feel has contributed significantly to the North Florida District and has served in Optimism for many years.
- c. The District Governor shall appoint the “Old Timers Club” Chairman at the start of District administrative year. The Governor shall insure provisions for an adequate breakfast site, a meal service, and shall cause tickets to this event to be made available and sold for attendance for this occasion. Ticket sales shall be part of pre-registration process.
- d. The “Old Timers Club” Chairman shall, following pre-established guidelines and policies, prepare the agenda and full program for this event. Funds for the operation of the “Old Timers Club” Breakfast will be included in the District budget and shall be under the control of the District Secretary/Treasurer. All planned budget and expenditures shall be approved by the Governor, in concert with the “Old Timers Club” Chairman and the District Secretary/Treasurer.

### **35. DISTRICT STANDARD POLICY & PROCEDURES**

The District Secretary-Treasurer shall provide Optimist International, and each member of the District Board of Directors with a copy of the District Standard Policy & Procedures at the District First Quarter Conference.

### **36. DISTRICT STANDARD POLICY & PROCEDURES REVISIONS**

These District Standard Policy & Procedures shall be reviewed annually at the First Quarter Conference by the District Executive Committee and revised if necessary. All revisions to these procedures shall be approved by the District Board of Directors at the First Quarter Conference. Procedures may be reviewed/revised at other times by the Board of Directors, if necessary.

**37. TRAVEL EXPENSES - GENERAL** (Accounts 200 thru 265)

Authorized individuals may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in travel on District Administration business, upon receipt, by the District Secretary-Treasurer, of a properly completed and signed voucher accompanied by a copy of any required report in writing, such as a Visitation report, Zone Meeting report, or Committee Chairman report, that no reimbursement shall be made for occasions within the city of the individual's residence.

**38. TRAVEL EXPENSES - GOVERNOR/SECRETARY-TREASURER**

(Accounts 200 & 250)

The above mentioned officers shall be reimbursed for authorized travel expenses when engaged in the execution of the responsibilities of their offices excluding those occasions reimbursed by Optimist International.

**39. TRAVEL EXPENSES - GOVERNOR-ELECT (DESIGNATE)**

(Account 255)

The Governor-Elect (or Designate) shall be reimbursed for authorized travel expenses incurred in attendance at the Optimist International Convention, and may be reimbursed for other expenses incurred at events specifically requested by the Governor.

**40. TRAVEL EXPENSES - LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS** (Account 210)

Lieutenant Governors may be reimbursed for authorized travel expenses, or, receive a per-diem for attendance at District Conferences, an amount to be determined and specified in the annual District budget. It is recommended that each Optimist Club in the District contribute voluntarily to help defray those expenses incurred within their Zone by their respective Zone Lieutenant Governor. Such practice would help alleviate any further need toward their travel reimbursement.

**41. TRAVEL EXPENSES - PAST GOVERNORS** (Account 260)

The Past Governors serving as members of the District Board of Directors or Executive Committee may be reimbursed for authorized travel expenses incurred in attendance at meetings of the District Executive Committee and District Board of Directors, and the District Convention.

**42. FINAL EXPENSES - GOVERNOR/SECRETARY-TREASURER**

(Accounts 310, 320 & 430)

The retiring Governor and Secretary-Treasurer will submit for reimbursement, with full documentation, their final expense account debt covering postage and telephone costs, by the end of the month in which the District Second Quarterly Conference is held.

#### **43. INTERPRETERS**

Interpreters shall not be paid direct compensation for services rendered to the district. The District will provide one (1) room to be shared by two (2) Interpreters at each conference. Registration fees for those interpreters will be waived. Meals if the interpreter is acting in the capacity of interpreter at that meal, it will be provided. The conference coordinator will arrange for their interpreters to eat immediately after the head to permit them to eat prior to interpreting. Spouses of interpreters will be responsible for their expenses. If a deaf or hard of hearing person needs an interpreter during training at the District Convention, the District will provide an additional room night. This must be requested in advance by the club of which the deaf, hard of hearing person is a member

#### **B. Closing Statement**

- 1. These Policy • Procedures constitute the entire Standard Policy Procedures for the North Florida District, Optimist International. No other procedures or policies are implied or otherwise expressed.**
- 2. To preclude annual reprinting of this entire document, it is requested that each District Administration, at the start of the administrative year, present to all necessary District members an addendum sheet for these Standard Policy • Procedures, which will include any minor date changes, monetary fees for programs, or other minute detail requiring dissemination.**