



MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Greetings Optimist,

Well here we are going into the fourth quarter and this is my last newsletter from my position as your Governor. It has been a very quick year for me and I feel like I have a lot more to accomplish to help you and your clubs out. We really need new clubs and most of all new members into our existing clubs to get this organization back on track.

As we just returned from the O I convention last month with a great training experience and with the positive attitude and leading our organization into a new year feeling from the next President, Jan Graves. She has a great team that she has put together and has some great ideas to make our membership grow. I will be discussing a few of these items at the district meeting in Buda in August.

As always during our fourth quarter meeting, we will have a memorial service for all of our

members we have so sadly lost in this 2023-2024 year. Please send Jack or myself the names and club name.

We will also be doing officer training at this meeting for all old and or new officers. Lunch will be free for all members at this meeting and the evening meal is at a very affordable rate. We will also have an open bar for a few refreshments in the lobby. Also in

attending this meeting I will be giving out tickets for door prizes to be won. We can make this a great meeting, so please plan to attend for training and great fellowship among members. Come share your ideas and hear some new ones from others to help us grow.

The evening will also include putting the new 2024-2025 officers under the new Governor-elect Doug Allen into effect with the swearing-in of his team.

Thank You all for what you do,
Jym Chenault, Governor





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Support the Optimist International Foundation for as little as **\$36.50** per year to fund Optimist International programs and services.

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Zone #3 - South Texas District - Optimist International

The Manchaca Optimist Club sponsored a fundraiser for the Centex baseball tournament on June 16, 2024 at the MOYSC Complex.



Our menu included smoked pulled pork sandwiches and delicious burgers cooked by members of the Club. All proceeds will benefit the youth of Hays and Travis counties.

Karen Ramsey, President
Manchaca Optimist Club



Childhood Health & Wellness Program

Happy 4th Quarter! I hope each club had a great third quarter doing great things for the South Texas District (STXD) Optimist International Club youth. I look forward to our STXD District Clubs applying for Optimist International Foundation Childhood Health & Wellness Grant 2023-2024 window. Last submissions for this Optimist year are due August 23, 2024.

Childhood Health & Wellness will include four focus areas (not limited to the examples below):

- **Healthy Lifestyles** (Child Obesity, Healthy Eating, Physical Fitness, Happy Heart Advice, March of Dimes)
- **Chronic Diseases** (Childhood Cancer, Juvenile Diabetes, HIV, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Sickle Cell Anemia)
- **Mental Health** (Depression, Bullying, Abuse)
- **Disabilities – Physical, Intellectual & Developmental** (Autism, Special Olympics)

Information on Optimist International Childhood Health & Wellness programs, grants, and grant application directions can be found at www.optimist.org/member/health-and-wellness.cfm.

Congratulations to the **Optimist Club of San Antonio** for being awarded an OIF Club Grant & **Optimist Club of Galveston, Noon** being awarded an OIF Childhood Health & Wellness Grant!

Thank you clubs for posting events/activities your clubs are doing on our **“South District Optimist Club” FaceBook Group Page!**

Let's finish this Optimist Year strong! What can your club do this 4th quarter for our youth? There are many options from reading books, donating school supplies, partnering with a cancer organization in September for Childhood Cancer Awareness. There is no source of giving that is too small or big.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the district meeting Aug 23-24, 24 in Buda!

Shirley Bratton, STXD Childhood Health & Wellness, Chairperson

Leading? Leading!

We have entered the final quarter of the 2023-24 year which is both a stressor and an incentive. If your club is in contention for Honor or Distinguished Club, members and leaders are ensuring that the requirements have been met or are in process. One of those requirements for officers – president, secretary/treasurer, and foundation representative – is the completion of the specific courses for each role on Optimist Institute. While the deadline has passed for the current year, I would encourage those who will be in those positions next year to go ahead and get them done. Even if you are continuing in the same role, complete the 2024-25 labeled courses. We will include training for incoming club officers at the district meeting in August but it will not cover in depth items covered in the Optimist Institute courses.

Another option is to make it a practice to attend the monthly webinars offered by the Leadership Committee. If the date and time don't work for you, I would again refer you back to Optimist Institute. Once you have signed in, go down the left column to Optimist Media Library and click on that to find a listing of past webinars. If looking for a recent one, allow a few days after presented to make sure it has been transcribed.

For questions on logging in, contact Heather Myers at institute@optimist.org.

And remember that there are more than just officer training courses on Optimist Institute. It is a benefit for all club members.

See you in Buda.

Carol Hodges, Chair, Leadership Development

OI Foundation

Here we are in the 4th quarter, to me this year has flown by. This is my last article as District Foundation Representative. I have enjoyed the last two years and you all have made it so easy for this position. According to my calculations, the South Texas District has raised close to \$28,000 in the last two years for the Foundation. This has all been from Dime-A-Day to Live and Silent Auction items and donations. Our District has lost many members but we are still doing well in our giving. This year the Dime-A-Day members have gone down from 50 last year to 39 so far this year. We still have time to get that number up. I would love to at least meet last year's participation number. This last quarter please consider being a Dime-A-Day member. As of the end of May, 2024, our District was 9th out of 39 districts so we have done very well. We are even better when it comes to how many members in our district compared to our Dime-A-Day giving. We are 3rd so that is great.

The Foundation has so many wonderful programs it supports. We had such an outstanding Oratorical Contest in Baytown at our last District meeting. It is so heartwarming to see proud parents, coaches, and club members congratulate contestants. This is such a great boost to these students. Even if they do not win, many can come back and compete next year. Winning that scholarship money can make a huge difference in many of these kids' lives. Please remember your contributions help to continue this and many other worthwhile programs.

See you all in Buda in August. Please remember to still bring items for the silent and live auctions. This is our Convention, so I do hope we will have many members to attend. Next year I will be the Leadership and Development chairman. I would so like to know what you would like to have happen at our District meetings. Please let me know. I have some ideas for training but I want to know what YOU want. You can let me know in person or either phone or email. I do want to hear from you.

See you in August.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

We look forward to the Fourth Quarter District Convention as a time to gather and install 2024-2025 Officers and celebrate the accomplishment of the District in 2023-2024. It is also a time to celebrate the lives of Optimists that have passed since our last Memorial Service.

If your Club has lost a member since August 19, 2023, please forward their name to me so that we can add them to our service that will be held Saturday morning at the District Convention.

You may send the deceased member's name to jch@jch.us, or you can text or phone me at 210.834.0998.

—Jack Hopkins, Past Governor

South Texas District Fourth Quarter Meeting August 23 & 24, 2024

Comfort Inn and Suites Buda, TX

The Fourth District meeting will take place in Buda the “Outdoor Capital of Texas’ on August 23 & 24. The District conference is going to be a weekend filled with fellowship and celebration !

Submit your registration form today!

Friday, August 23:

6:30 p.m. Hello Party

Saturday, August 24:

8:00 a.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. Executive Board Meeting
9:00 a.m. Memorial Service
10:00 a.m. First General Session
10:30 a.m. Candidate Qualifications Meeting
10:30 a.m. Training for Presidents, Secretary/Treasurers, CFRs, and Lt. Governors
12:00 p.m. Lunch
12:45 p.m. OI Foundation Live Auction
2:00 p.m. Second General Session
6:00 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Governor’s Banquet and Officer Installation

Sunday, August 25:

Breakfast on your own

South Texas District
Optimist International
Jym Chenault, Governor
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Fredericksburg, TX 78624-3411

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TO TALK HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY TO EVERY PERSON YOU MEET.
TO MAKE ALL YOUR FRIENDS FEEL THAT THERE IS SOMETHING IN THEM.
TO LOOK AT THE SUNNY SIDE OF EVERYTHING AND MAKE YOUR OPTIMISM COME TRUE.
TO THINK ONLY OF THE BEST, TO WORK ONLY FOR THE BEST AND TO EXPECT ONLY THE BEST.
TO BE JUST AS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF OTHERS AS YOU ARE ABOUT YOUR OWN.
TO FORGET THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST AND PRESS ON TO THE GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE FUTURE.
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Purposes of the Optimist Club

- ◆ To develop optimism as a philosophy of life;
- ◆ To promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs;
- ◆ To inspire respect for the law;
- ◆ To promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people;
- ◆ To aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of man, his community and world.