

"CYBER COMMUNICATION: PROGRESS OR PROBLEM?"

As most of you know, this year's Oratorical competition will feature \$2500, as the grand prize, for each boy and girl winner, and sponsorship opportunities regarding naming rights are still available (e.g., The Ron & Kitty Graves Oratorical Scholarship). There are two avenues an individual or business can pursue, regarding naming rights. Please announce this to all of your club members, and get the word out to all schools, churches and any other youth affiliated organizations interested in participating, or sponsoring this year's contest. Contact me or Ron Graves (gravesronn@cs.com), for more information. All suggested District Deadline Dates, for Club, Zone and Regional Contests - are posted on the STXD website. District winners will be submitted to Optimist International, by June 15, 2010.

I will be holding a training session, at the 2nd Quarter District Meeting in Houston. All Lt. Governors and Club Presidents should try and attend, and, if possible, all Oratorical Chairs. All Club Contests should be held before the end of March, 2010. The Oratorical Competition is the oldest running program for Optimist International, and it is a true expression of heart, to be involved in the development of tomorrow's leaders, and to know that you played a part in their success.

Please contact me at hijodejuan@sbcglobal.net, with questions, or call 210-452-8862 . Specific information regarding OI rules and regulations, can be found at optimist.org, or stxd.org.



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