



CO/WY Optimist District 4th Quarter Newsletter 2013-2014

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District Officers

- ◆ Governor: Bob Hartwig
Loveland Breakfast
 - ◆ Governor-Elect: Abigail Nicholas
Tamarac
 - ◆ Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Michener
Greeley
 - ◆ Immediate Past Gov.: Phil Perington
Monaco South
- ## Lt. Governors
- ◆ Zone 1: Steve Armfield, Loveland Breakfast
 - ◆ Zone 2: Rob Kelley, Ft Morgan Sunrise
 - ◆ Zone 3: Charlie Pease, Loveland Breakfast
 - ◆ Zone 4: Dennis Hutton, Buena Vista
 - ◆ Zone 5 & 6: George Mills, Far Northeast
 - ◆ Zone 7: Paul Simon, Monaco South
 - ◆ Zone 8: Curt Merrill, Denver Tech Center
 - ◆ Zone 9: Michael Chavez, Monaco South
 - ◆ Zone 10: Shannon Richter, Pueblo
 - ◆ Zone 11: Sherman Phillips, Dakota Ridge



Governor's Corner



Gov. Bob Hartwig

"Follow Our Creed & Other Things"

We are OPTIMISTS! And, we profess to be such. Do we act as Optimists? Always? As frequently as we say our Creed, do we really think about how it can be an effective tool for helping us help the kids? Turn your thoughts into actions.

There are ten tenets in the Creed. We all know them well. They focus on such aspects as: developing a positive attitude, pressing on, being strong, improving ourselves, forgetting our mistakes, seeking greater achievements, etc. They are all action items focused on strengthening ourselves while caring for others. What a wonderful premise upon which to build a life of service. Keep going on a daily basis. You will get results!

LEADERSHIP

The other day, I heard a simple definition of leadership. In fact, it went by so fast that I had to think twice about what the session leader actually said. He said simply there are four characteristics of leadership: mission, vision, values, and direction. We, as Optimists have a clear mission and purpose: to bring out the best in kids. Our vision: a better world. Our values: high and morally driven. Our direction: here is where we sometimes disagree and have to work harder to keep going in a common direction.

A few weeks ago, at the OI convention in Las Vegas, the following notes were scribbled down about how we interact with kids and what we, as Optimists, can instill in them. These characteristics neatly summarize what our youth really need:

- a. Values: high moral standards;

- b. Confidence: self-esteem, reliance on their abilities;
- c. Attitude: an optimistic can-do attitude;
- d. Outlook: our world is a very large place; full of young people needing help to live better; and we can be the ones to help. Lots of challenges and opportunities for us!
- e. Successes: having the feeling of what you did is worthwhile and helpful – successfully completing a task (with or without recognition).

Recent events in Missouri have led to much commentary, (almost too much?), about what is needed for our youth. The best of these boiled down to finding people who are good examples of how leaders should act and behave. That's what is missing for many of our young people. You can provide that good example for them. It will be appreciated. We have been personally thanked by teen-age participants in Brain Bowls, Tri-Star, oratorical contests, etc. Neat!

The tragedy (martyrdom) of Jim Foley in Syria, an alumnus of where I went to college, is an example of someone who lived to high standards and wasn't willing to give them up, even at the cost of his own life. I found out later that Marquette's new school motto is: *BE THE DIFFERENCE*. We should be that too!

LOOKING AHEAD

OI's board is seeking input on its future. Restructuring the organization is a major topic on the table. Town Hall meetings/sessions are being held at district conventions. Besides a few options (leave it as it is, reorganize

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into 200 club regions, let clubs opt out from districts, etc.), one should only begin with the question: "*How Can Optimist International Better Serve the Clubs?*"

That is the key question. After all, OI only exists to serve the clubs who are helping the kids. Provide your thoughts and input to OI at: structure@optimist.org.

BEST WISHES

As most of you know, new officers were installed at our convention in Cheyenne for the 2014-2015 year. Ms. **Abigail Nicholas** is now the Governor-Designate, **Greg Young** is the District Secretary-Treasurer-Designate, and **Curt Merrill** is the Governor-Elect. There is a full slate of Lt Governors for all 11 zones. Some new, some repeats. Greet yours; meet yours!

We congratulate them and wish them the best as they bring new ideas, new energy, and new enthusiasm to our district for next year and beyond.

IN CLOSING

Thanks to all of those who have helped so tremendously by "*Working Together for Our Kids*" this year. Carolyn and I appreciate all of the hard work that you do, the fellowship and the welcoming attitudes, over the past many months.

I leave you with a story about Sam Taylor, one of our junior golfers, who having just shot a 69 to qualify for the Florida Optimist tournament, and who was more excited about his involvement in our Brain Bowl than he was in shooting the 69 golf score. THAT is what you do for our kids. Thank you so very much. See you "*on the job, some-where.*" You WILL do well. We WILL do well. Thanks again.

Keep Going! Kihelakayo!

Governor Bob

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our kids, and our fellow Optimists

THE POWER – to change our passions into projects, fundraisers, and events, to find new members, to energize our clubs and start new clubs to carry on the legacy of Optimism.

THE LOVE – to encompass the feelings we have for our families, our country, the children we serve, our fellow Optimists and our friends.

Our *Warriors Team* will have some fun with new names for positions within the District. The incoming Secretary/Treasurer, **Greg Young**, will be our "Center" on the "playing field." The folks you call Lt. Governors now will be your "Zone Quarterbacks" for the next year. Our "playbook" is filled with eager, experienced Coaches (currently known as Chairs). All these players are ready to start the "game" for next year with enthusiasm!

What Does the 2014-2015 Colorado/Wyoming Optimist Year Look Like?

By Abigail Nicholas



Abigail Nicholas

Exciting and fun...that's what it looks like! Let me give you a glimpse into the coming year that starts on October 1, 2014. At our District Convention in August, I went from being your Governor Elect to your Governor Designate. As of October 1st, I would like you to think of me as your Head Coach and Cheerleader. This "title" will fit well since a football-themed year is in the works for 2014-2015.



To begin we have chosen the team name of Colorado/Wyoming Optimist Warriors. A warrior is a person who is skilled, courageous, brave, proud, disciplined, and ready for battle. As Optimists, we display these traits daily as we go about our "battles" to save, help, promote, protect, teach, mentor and cheer on the children of our communities. At the same time, as Optimists, we also strive to master these traits as we follow our Creed to become the best that we can be each day.

Our district slogan will be "Cheers For The Kids." We have lapel pins and shirts ready to go for our team players. This coming year our team shirts are red Polo's with our logo of a girl holding a pompom and a boy holding a megaphone embroidered in bright colors. The shirt is red because I believe this color represents three important beliefs for Optimists:

THE PASSION – to do what it takes for our self,

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We will have a "Special Teams Unit" called the *NOW TEAM*. These Optimists will be available to work with Zone Quarterbacks and your clubs to recruit and maintain members, find opportunities for new clubs, encourage and work with clubs to have NOW events on a regular basis and promote Friends of Optimists memberships if applicable. The *Now Team* will be presenting their "playbook" at the October First Quarter Game (Conference).

The format of the quarterly conferences, which will be referred to as "Quarterly Games," will be different. The Games will be only one-day long instead of being held over a weekend at a hotel. Please see the list of dates and locations in this newsletter. The cost to attend will be much less and will include a Continental/Camaraderie Time Breakfast and lunch. The Executive Committee will still meet on Friday afternoon. The District Board will convene on Saturday morning after

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breakfast to handle business as needed.

AFTER THAT THE REAL EXCITEMENT BEGINS AT THE GAMES — for example, at the “First Quarter Game” on October 24th we are going to be entertained by keynote speaker, Steve Spangler, the Science Guy from Channel 9 News. The NOW TEAM will get us revved up and there is a possibility of a surprise guest as well.

After lunch, in the afternoon, we are going to do what Optimists do best...a project for children. We will be assembling small cars for the “Toys For God’s Children” organization after their presentation to us. While we are “working” together as a team, we will have the opportunity to visit with “Coaches” (Chairs) that handle Oratorical, Essay, CCDHH, and more. We will also get to chat and share with our assembly teammates to find out what their clubs have been doing, get ideas and energize each other.

The Convention SUPER GAME of 2015 will be held at the Hotel Colorado in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. BRING YOUR BATHING SUIT! We are planning Fun-Raisers, training for incoming officers, great food, dancing by the Glass Half Full Band and GOOD TIMES with

fellow Optimists.

As you can see the Colorado/Wyoming Optimist Warriors are lining up an exciting “field of plays” for this coming year. Perhaps you can revitalize, rev up, and incorporate your club with a theme for the year! Whether it is football or something else, *I highly suggest making your regular club meetings an event that your members do not want to miss!*

My hope is that you will make the remaining year of 2013-2014 an exciting time for yourself, the kids you serve, and our District Team as you strive to be your best!



Oratorical Contest Policy Changes by Joe De Rose

Greetings:

I am Joe De Rose, your Oratorical Coach aka Chair for 2014-2015. Our District Board of Directors has adopted the following policy changes for the 2014- 15 contests. These changes were debated thoroughly and passed at the August 2014 Convention in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Clubs will conduct a gender combined contest. The 1st and 2nd place winners will move on to the Zone Contest. Clubs will award a 3rd place winner who will be the alternate. The Zone winners: 1st, 2nd, or 3rd as alternate will go on to the Regional contests where these same protocols and procedures will be followed.

The District will award three (3) scholarships: 1st place will receive \$2,500.00, while 2nd place - \$1,500.00, and 3rd place - \$1,000.00.

The topic this year is: “How My Optimism Will Help Me Press on to Greater Achievements of the Future.”

Incoming Club Presidents your Zone Quarterback aka your Lt. Governor will be in contact with you soon. Please appoint an Oratorical Chair Person ASAP.

The **Zone Contests** will be set for early April; the **Regional’s** in late April and the **District Final** will be held on May 9th at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 East Hampden Avenue, in Denver. Clubs should conduct contests with these time frames in mind.

With your support this will be a banner year! We are a team. If you have questions or concerns about the Oratorical Contest please email me directly at: joederose4000@comcast.net.



Academy Optimist Oratorical Winners

Quarterly “Games” (Conferences) and Convention Super Game Dates for the 2014-2015 Optimist year beginning on October 1, 2014

2014

October 24th – Executive Committee Meeting & Dutch Treat Dinner (restaurant TBD)

October 25th – First Quarter Game at Littleton United Methodist Church, Littleton, CO

2015

February 27th – Executive Committee Meeting & Dutch Treat Dinner (restaurant TBD)

February 28th – Second Quarter Game at Franciscan Event Center, Colorado Springs, CO

May 8th – Executive Committee Meeting and Special Event to be announced later (location TBD)

May 9th – Third Quarter Game at Bethany Lutheran Church, Denver, CO

August 27, 28, 29, & 30th – Executive Committee Meeting & Convention SUPER GAME at Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs, CO

Mentor Program by Larry Brown

Mentoring Program

A Mentor Program is only as good as the person mentoring club members. Optimist Club members mentor individuals, groups and some organizations outside their club. I commend those clubs that have a mentor program outside their club as it can be rewarding to both parties. Now, let me ask you this...

- ⇒ Do you have a mentor program within your club?
- ⇒ If not, why not? Do you have a mentor chair?
- ⇒ As you bring new club members into your club how do you introduce him/her to the club and programs/projects?
- ⇒ Do you have them complete a member interest finder form?

By having a mentoring program, it will help you better understand the new member's interests and be able to get him/her involved in a program/project that fits their interest. (Note: The member interest finder form can be found at www.optimistleaders.org under Leadership Information, scroll down to **Tools for Leaders**, click on member interest form).

Make your new member feel welcomed and assign a seasoned club member (not the sponsor) to mentor him/her if you do not have a mentor chair. Do not bring a new club member into your club without an assigned mentor and a club orientation briefing.

A sound mentor program within your club will instill club involvement by club members and will help in club membership retention. Keep club members involved! Something to think about. When does the mentor program end? Never! It continues with all club members; new or seasoned.

To learn more about the Mentor Program visit www.Optimistleaders.org Click on Teaching Materials and scroll down to the **Mentoring Module**. I can also share my Mentor Program that I introduced to our club. I can be contacted at slvrfox1940@comcast.net or telephone 719-502-0752 if you are interested.



Larry Brown

OI Foundation: Have Program Will Travel by Steve Gorrell

Hello Everyone —

For the 2014-2015 year, I have the honor to be the District Foundation Representative.

Does your Club need a program? I have program and I will travel to your Club. I would love to attend one of your Club's meetings to talk about what the Optimist International Foundation does for you and the District, and how you can help the Optimist International Foundation to do more! Just call or email me when you would like me to come to speak at one of your Club's meetings.

I would like to take time to congratulate Phil Pering-

ton, the 2013-2014 District Foundation Representative, for the great job he has done for the 2013-2014 year. Phil has sure left a pair of BIG shoes for me to fill.

My contact information is below. I look forward to coming to your Club to talk about the Optimist International Foundation. I can be reached via email at sgorrell1@yahoo.com, or phone at 303-920-2366.

Steve Gorrell, 2014-2015 District Foundation Representative

**FunRaiser: From the Fun & Fellowship Chairperson** by Charlie Neumann

We kicked off our FunRaiser event with a Bronco Basket, Wine Basket, Lottery Ticket Basket, and a set of glasses from the Bronco player Wes Welker. We raised \$520.00 for our District Scholarship fund and to help with District expenses. We awarded our first two scholarships to Nicole Powell and Elizabeth "WildWoman" Larsen. Each will receive

\$150.00 to cover their expenses in Cheyenne. With the New 2014-2015 Year ahead, we plan to have one-day conferences and will look at possibly revising the current program. I want to thank you my fellow Optimist members for supporting the fun and fundraising.

Mrs. Charlie Neumann

303 766-9649

email: neumann-charlie@comcast.net



Past Governor Phil Perington's FunRaiser 2012-2013 when he was renamed, ART.

Photo Randy Marcove

District Awards Presented by Lois Gallaway

Several Optimist members and Optimist clubs were honored for their outstanding contributions to bringing out the best in fellow Optimists and the best in kids.

Club Foundation Award - The 3rd Quarter Honoree is the club that has the highest percent of President's Club contributors through the 3rd quarter. Monaco South Optimist Club had four out of 14 contributors or 29%.

Optimist Program of the Quarter - This award was given to the Academy Optimist Club for their Pen Pal Program. Carol Brown was recognized as the coordinator of this program. The Academy Pen Pal Program involves regular members of the club and Friends of Optimists pairing with students at Wilson Elementary School. This program gives Optimists and students an opportunity to communicate in written form on many topics.

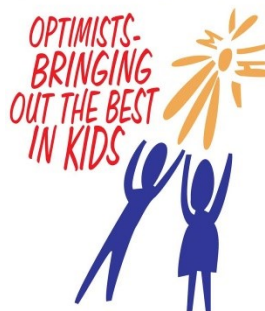
Rookie of the Quarter - Ronda Riley of the Academy Optimist Club was recognized as the Rookie of the Quarter. Ronda is a friendly, energetic fireball who dressed up as Superwoman at the Colorado Springs Relay for Life and for 18 hours sold Healing Hats and Meals in a Jar to raise money for people with cancer. She helps with the newsletter, works with the JOOI Club, and is a new Board member. What a shining example for other Rookies.

Optimist of the Quarter - Carole Smith from the Tamarac Optimist Club was chosen as one of two Optimists of the Quarter. Carole, a member since 2012 and current Board member, has come to the forefront in fundraising activities. She headed up the Butter Braids campaign that resulted in a new high in sales for the club. With foresight, planning, and follow up with the Colorado Rockies promotions \$2300 has been raised allowing the club to add additional programs for kids. Additionally, Carol's promotion of the Brain Bowl resulted in more volunteers from Tamarac for every event. Her fellow members regard her as a person who cares about the people

with whom she is involved, and they are willing to go the extra mile when she is in charge.

Optimist of the Quarter - The second Optimist of the Quarter was John Oss nominated by the Denver Tech Center Optimist Club. Joining the DTC Optimist Club in 2012 he regularly participates in the monthly Shiloh House events for at-risk boys, the weekly Reading Together program at Canyon Creek Elementary School, and lead the DTC Optimist's Club's New Optimists Welcome (NOW) program. He traveled to the Longmont Breakfast Optimist Club to assist them with there NOW program. He is a board member and the president-elect of the Monaco South Optimist Club. He is active at the District level, has participated in several District conferences and volunteered in all four 2014 Brain Bowls. John is an asset to the DTC Optimist Club, Monaco South Optimist Club, and the CO/WY District.

I would like to thank the Awards Committee of Annette Cohen, Char St. John, and Judy Hein for helping with the awards program this year. Also, a big thank you to the clubs who have made nominations this year. We need to recognize those who so unselfishly give of their time and talent to bring out the best in fellow Optimists and the best in kids.

For the future!**And They're Off!** by Sherrie O'Neil

The Fort Lupton Optimist Club held their annual Ducks Across the Rockies duck race on Sunday, September 7, 2014. The event took place at the corner of Weld County Roads 6 and 19 at 2:00 p.m. This year water levels were higher and running faster. This did not seem to bother the ducks at all, but it had all Optimist hands in the water trying to retrieve them as some swam under, over and around the trap after we caught our top 9. It was not a long wait to catch the last duck. The 4



kids helping us chased ducks down the ditch for about a half-mile. We are sure some farmer is going to wonder how a duck ended up in his field when he is irrigating. The ducks have been fed and penned until next year.

This is our annual fundraiser to support our many youth activities and it was highly successful even with the lost ducks. Our small member ship of 10 sold 960 ducks to fund our scholarships, students of the month and our Christmas Angel Tree project to name a few.



Hear the President-Elect Ken Garner's Speech from the 2014 Optimist International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TjHCVPtGGUI>

CO/WY Convention Partners Activities Round-Up

by Kathy Sullivan

HOWDY PARTNER! We had a “rootin-tootin” time in Cheyenne. The festivities began with a reception hosted by the District and Cheyenne (Social) Club. It was held at the Nelson Museum of the West. The grub was delicious and the spirits quenched our thirst. It was great to see old and new friends.

On Friday, the day was open for shopping and sightseeing. About 25 of us cowpokes moseyed on down to the train depot. There we boarded an old trolley car for a tour of Cheyenne. It was very interesting to learn about the colorful characters who roamed this frontier town. Did you know what important roles the railroad and the Wells Fargo Stage Coach line played in building this town? We would like to thank Connie Lester-Hein for donating the trolley ride. The money that was collected was a fundraiser for the district.

At the close of each day, the trail ended in the Hospitality Room.

Alamosa Optimist “Youth Swim Day/Food Drive”

by James Trujillo

The Alamosa Optimist Club recently held their annual “Youth Swim Day” at Splashland Hot Springs in Alamosa, CO—which was a “Hugh Success.” More than 250 youth from Alamosa and surrounding communities took advantage of the event co-sponsored by the Alamosa Optimist Club and Splashland Hot Springs, and enjoyed a relaxing afternoon of fun in the water. “Sebastian the Juggling Jester” made an appearance and provided great entertainment with his fantastic juggling acts!

The event also served as a food drive for the Food Bank Networks of the San Luis Valley and managed to collect more than 550 pounds of food!



Youth Swim Day



Sebastian the Juggling Jester

Alamosa Optimist Awards \$2,500 Scholarship!

by James Trujillo

The Alamosa Optimist Club presented Alamosa High School senior, and recent graduate, Kate Taylor, with a \$2,500 Optimist International Oratorical Contest college scholarship to the school of her choice.

During her freshman year, Kate entered the Optimist Club’s annual Oratorical Contest, and successfully made her way through the local, zone, regional, and district levels, where she took 1st place, receiving the scholarship. Kate has chosen to attend Hastings College in Hastings NE, where she will double major in communications and psychology.

Each year, the Alamosa Optimist Club holds a local Oratorical Contest designed for youth to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with the opportunity to compete for a college scholarship. Contestants prepare a written 4-5 minute speech and present in front of other participants and judges. The top winners were eligible to advance in the competition in an attempt to win a \$2,500 college scholarship.



Pictured (left to right): James Trujillo, 1st vice president; Kathleen Luna, board member; Optimist International Oratorical Contest Kate Taylor; and Allyn Lewis, club secretary.

Childhood Cancer Campaign

by Judy Poulson

CO/WY District is 4th in nation for contributions to Childhood Cancer Campaign.

Thanks in large part to the Leadership of Patty Hasty and the FRACSOC Club, and certainly in no small part to the participation of the Optimist Clubs in the Colorado/Wyoming District, the amount of contributions to this cause placed us 4th in the Nation!

Thanks to all the Clubs and individuals who participated and supported this great cause.

Look for a bigger and more fun event in our CCC fundraising for the 2014 - 2015 Year!



Tamarac Optimist Club – A Fun Club! by Nancy DeNiro

Summertime is a lull for our projects in the schools, but the Tamarac ladies find other ways to keep busy! We managed to work five Rockies games handing out Purple Monday T-shirts and other promotional items. When other groups dropped out at the last minute, we were able to step right up to the plate (pun intended)! Besides, it's a great fund raiser and a lot of fun.

On June 29th, a nice contingent of members volunteered at a hydration station of the MS 150 Bike Ride, along with members of Monaco South. Volunteers stopped at a different hydration station before heading back to Denver! And it's a lot of fun!

Tamarac also volunteered to serve the pancake breakfast at the Kids Cure for Cancer Fun Run and Walk at General's Park on the Anschutz Campus. Many kudos to Joyce Thomson for co-chairing this event with MSOC. We get to meet and greet so many families and individuals who participate to honor someone special to them who is/was afflicted with childhood cancer. As with all these events, participants frequently thank us for our involvement. And it's a lot of fun!



Our GOG (Girls on the Go) group toured the Excelsior Youth Center in Aurora in July. We received an extensive tour, heard a presentation by a soon to graduate resident who had a compelling history, and has made remarkable strides in her effort to lead a very productive life.

Our final event this summer was in Cheyenne, WY, at the CO/WY District Convention where our own Abigail Nicholas was installed as Governor for Optimist year 2014-15. We are so proud of her and look forward to being part of her team to give Cheers for the Kids! We enjoyed the company of Paul Simon at the luncheon on Saturday. And it was a lot of fun!



New Awards & Achievements Nomination Form by Lois Gallaway

The Co-WY District has a new form for the CO/WY District Awards & Achievements. Head Coach/Gov. Abigail Nicholas and the Recognition Team of Lois Gallaway, Larry Brown, Annette Cohen, Judy Hein, & Char St. John have created the categories to recognize and honor our fellow players and teams. Two winners in the Field Goal categories and one winner in the Touchdown categories will be honored. Players will receive a \$25 gift certificate to a restaurant and Teams will receive a \$25 check to further their team projects.

The Categories Are:

- ◆ **Field Goals**
Team Player of the Quarter: A player who has shown dedication, leadership, and commitment to his/her team and community during the previous quarter.
Team Rookie of the Quarter: A new player of one year or less who has embraced the Optimist Creed and exhibited out-standing volunteerism.
New Player Award: A player who has brought in the most new players to their team in the last quarter.
- ◆ **Touchdowns**
Team Project of the Quarter: A team project that has benefited the kids in the community. The project must be completed within the current year.
Team Publicity Award: A team that has promoted the Optimist organization and Optimist Team membership through a brochure, media recognition, published press releases, website, or Facebook page. Submit brochure, media piece, published press release, website address, or address of Facebook page along with nomination form.

Deadline Dates to Apply

For your Team or Player to be nominated the "Nomination Form" must be sent by email or mail. Winners will be contacted a week before the conference or convention.

The 4th Quarter honorees will be honored at the 1st Quarter Conference luncheon at the Littleton United Methodist Church, 5894 S. Datura St. in Littleton on October 25. Deadline for nomination is October 15.

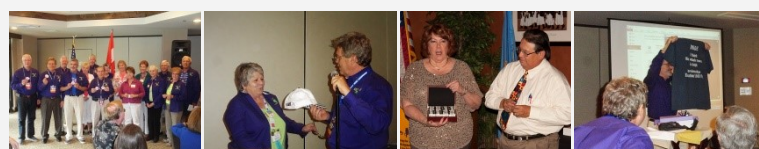
The 1st Quarter honorees will be honored at the 2nd Quarter Conference luncheon at the Franciscan Event Center, 7740 Deer Hill Grove in Colorado Springs on February 28. Deadline for nominations is February 18.

The 2nd Quarter honorees will be honored at the 3rd Quarter Conference luncheon at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden Ave. in Cherry Hills Village on May 9. Deadline for nominations is April 29.

The 3rd Quarter honorees will be honored at the 4th Quarter Convention luncheon in Glenwood Springs at the Hotel Colorado on August 29. Deadline for nominations is August 19.

The Awards & Achievements Nomination Form can be found on the Districts Website

@ <http://optimistcowy.org/>



New Optimist International LinkedIn Webpage by Andy Hudson, OI Director of Marketing

If you haven't visited Optimist.org recently, make sure to do so. The new-look site features a fresh & bright color scheme, simple main-menu navigation, and auto page resizing to accommodate various desktop, laptop, tablet, and smartphone devices. We hope you like it. CLICK here for [LinkedIn Optimist International](#) or [Optimist International](#).

The Tamarac Optimist Ladies Need Your HELP! by Nancy DeNiro



The Tamarac Optimist ladies are collecting small Legos to give to kids in crisis—those who have had to leave their homes quickly with almost nothing.

We hope a canister full of Legos will give them a chance to “check-out” during circumstances beyond their control, with toys designed to stimulate imagination and creativity.

If you have Legos you would like to donate to this cause, please bring them with you to the October Game (Conference). We will wash, sterilize, pack, and deliver them to a local domestic violence facility to offer to kids as they arrive at the shelter. Thanks in advance!



Questions? Contact Joyce Laman @ joycelaman@comcast.net or Joy Criminger @ joycrim@hotmail.com

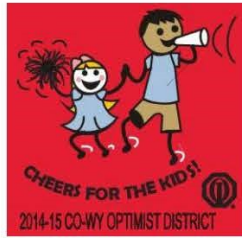
To All Club Secretary's by Greg Young District Secretary/Treasure



MAILING ADDRESS:

Howdy, all you Optimists! This year we are having fun and our team needs your help. We need all club members to tell their **Club Secretary to check their mailing address** and **MOST IMPORTANTLY check your email address** in the official Optimist International (OI) roster. The Club secretary can download and review a copy of the roster by going to www.optimistleaders.org and signing in. The email address is very important, as this is the primary way for you to get informative emails from OI, your District, and your club. All members are encouraged to use only **HOME EMAIL ADDRESSES**, because business servers often block email from our *Constant Contact* email distributor. If you wish to use your business email, then be sure to ask your email administrator to allow email from *Constant Contact*. Please be sure your email service allows email from Greg Young @ gndyoung@comcast.net and Robert Finkelmeier @ rob-ert.finkelmeier@monacosouth.org. Thanks for your help and let's have a **SUPER BOWL YEAR!**

First Quarter Game (Conference) Registration Form - Saturday, October 25, 2014



COLORADO/WYOMING OPTIMIST WARRIORS

FIRST QUARTER GAME (CONFERENCE)

OCTOBER 25, 2014

7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Littleton United Methodist Church, 5894 So. Datura St.,
Littleton, CO**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Game ticket: \$35.00 until Thursday, October 15

Late ticket purchase: \$45.00

Game starts at 7:30 a.m.

Includes continental breakfast and luncheon soup and salad buffet. Please indicate if you will be joining us for either or both breakfast and lunch so that we have a head count. Vegetarian option will be available.

Breakfast _____ (how many?)

Lunch _____ (how many?)

Need meal counts by October 15.

(Please print):

Optimist 1 _____

Optimist 2 _____

Spouse or Guest: _____

Mailing Address: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____ **First Timer?** _____

1 Optimist Club: Position (i.e., President, LT Gov. if applicable): _____

2 Optimist Club: Position (i.e., President, LT Gov. if applicable): _____

Mail check, payable to **Colorado/Wyoming Optimists** and send with this form to:

**TRISH MERRILL
P.O. BOX 440327
Aurora, CO 80044
Phone: 303 885-4288 (cell)**

Please call if you have any questions!

CO/WY District 25 of Optimist International



THE OPTIMIST CREED —

Promise Yourself . . .

- ◆ To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- ◆ To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- ◆ To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- ◆ To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- ◆ To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
- ◆ To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- ◆ To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- ◆ To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- ◆ To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- ◆ To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

WORKING TOGETHER ... FOR OUR KIDS

CHEER FOR THE KIDS

**ATTENTION PRESIDENTS!
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