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Dates to Remember

(More details inside)

Oct 24 – 1st Qtr.
Liverpool Library

Jan 30 – 2nd Qtr.
E-Conf.

May 22 – 3rd Qtr.
Holiday Inn Express
Latham, NY

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR –

I am excited to be your Governor for the 2009-2010 Optimist year and come on board full of enthusiasm carried over from the great Governor-Elect training and the fun and fellowship from the International Convention. For those of you I haven't had a chance to meet, I hope I get the opportunity to meet you sometime during the upcoming Optimist year.

International President Mark Shriver's theme for the coming year is "Promise Yourself For The Kids". My theme is "Sing Out With Optimism". I want the members of our District to sing the praises of Optimism to all of the children and adults that they contact. We may also do some actual singing at the District conferences.

Here is some good news. Optimist International has unveiled some exciting interactive features and new programs that will allow us to serve our youth in additional areas and to better communicate with our fellow Optimists. The interactive features are VoicePoint, My Sidewalk, Five Frogs, and Learn Live. You can get details on the optimist.org web site. One new program is Internet Safety. This program has materials for both children and parents on safe use of the internet by our kids. Barb Scirto-Sullivan is our District chair for this program and will be making a presentation at our 1st Quarter District Conference in October. If you can attend the conference, that will be great. But I am planning to allow anyone in the District to join us and see the presentations and watch the meetings of all four conferences via the internet from your own home.

Here is some not-so-good news with an opportunity to create some better news. Optimist International has some significant financial problems due to continuing membership losses and a poor decision in the past to defer full funding of the pension program for the International staff. The increase in International dues of \$10 per member per year that was approved at the recent International convention is a short-term fix to the long-term problem of membership. If our organization is to survive, we must reverse the membership trend and start a new trend of continuous growth. Each of us must know many people that would be a great addition to our Optimist clubs. Try asking someone! The worst they can say is no.

Dave Fulmer
Governor for 2009-2010

"Singing Out With Optimism!"



**OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT #1
1st Quarter Newsletter**

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Conf. Guest Speaker
Reg.Intl.VP Marc Katz

**2009-2010 ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT
1st QUARTER CONFERENCE AGENDA**

SATURDAY- Oct. 24, 2009

1st Quarter Conference Agenda:

Location: Liverpool Public Library, 310 Tulip Street, Liverpool, NY
Saturday, October 24th, 10:30am-4:30pm

Parking: under library, local streets, Key bank opposite the library.

Agenda: 10:30 Training Workshop: Internet Safety Barb Scirto-Sullivan
11:30 Q & A with VP Marc Katz: Attendees Please have questions for Marc.
12:30 Lunch at The Retreat Restaurant, 302 Vine Street
2:00 District Board of Directors Meeting,
w/guest Regional International VP Marc Katz

**Please RSVP to 01096@optimistmail.org to give the restaurant an estimate, and for # of meeting handouts.

Traveling:

North on I81, use exit 24A (NY Rt. 370), and follow I81 into the village of Liverpool. Bear to the left at the second traffic light. The Library is on the corner at the 4th traffic light.

East or West on the Thruway, take exit 38, turn right onto County Rt. 57 into the village of Liverpool. Turn right onto Tulip Street at the 1st traffic light. The Library is the first building on the left, just past the next traffic light.

Area accommodations for 1st Qtr. October 24 Conference in Liverpool - Lodgings and Restaurants:

<http://www.hotelplanner.com/Hotels/7744-NEAR-Onondaga-County-Salt-Museum>

http://foodio54.com/restaurants/Liverpool_NY

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ATTENTION ALL CLUBS!!

Bring Your Club CPA Books-Photo Albums – Questions for Guest Speaker VP Marc Katz

FROM THE EDITORS – ATTENTION CLUB NEWSLETTER EDITORS – mail your newsletters to **Rob or Fran Reid, 48 Poe Court, New Windsor, NY 12553-6415** (845) 569-7083 or email to: optimist12553@yahoo.com

Important Information:

International Dues, Tier 1 US Clubs: \$59.62; College Dues: 31.60; Life Member Dues: \$336.20. There is no specific amount assigned for insurance.

Spousal Membership continues through 2009-2010 year. (Int'l. Brd. of Dir. Vote)
OI liability insurance covers only Optimist members. Participating adults in kid's programs should consider joining, or being added for coverage.

Still need Lt. Governors for three Zones in New England and in Zone 4 (South of Utica). Please contact Dave Fulmer (315-457-4087; 315-727-6035) or Bob Crabtree (315-458-2396; 315-430-0304; 315-218-2500) if you are interested.

2009-2010 District Conferences Information:

1st Quarter Conference, Saturday, October 24th, 10:30am-4:30pm.

Liverpool Public Library, Liverpool, New York

2nd Quarter Conference, Saturday, January 30th, 9am-12noon.

Electronic Teleconference, participate from home

3rd Quarter Conference, Saturday, May 22nd, 10am-4pm.

Holiday Inn & Suites, Latham, NY (not Wolf Rd)

Oratorical Contest; District Board Meeting

4th Quarter Conference/District Convention, Fri-Sun, Aug. 20-22.

Radisson Hotel, Corning, NY

Combined District Convention w/Atlantic Central District

**All District Conference training and board meeting sessions will be conducted at each conference, and available via internet to those not able to attend in person. (The rules prohibit the broadcast of the Oratorical Contest)

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Club Information:

Zone 1: Baldwinsville, Camillus, Endicott, LaFayette, Liverpool, Marcellus, Cicero-N. Syracuse, Canastota.

Zone 2: Lighthouse, Jamestown, Lockport, Barge Canal, New Fane, Sunrise Lockport, Monday Night Cruise.

Zone 3: East Utica, New York Mills, Sauquoit Valley, Whitestown, Clinton, Sauquoit Valley Club.

“Cruisin’ into Waterville”, September 19th, 8:30 to 4:00, Dick Mathy 315-723-2011.

Wine trip to the Finger Lakes, November 7th. \$34.00/person if we have 24. If you are interested please give Cheri Huey a call asap: 315-768-2528; 723-1253.

Zone 4: Mount Markham-West Winfield, Brothertown, Madison, Chenango Valley, Hamilton.

Zone 5: New Windsor-Cornwall, Southern Ulster, Hudson Valley:

January Blizzard of Fun Lottery – NYS Lottery Pick 3 – Zone Mtg. Balmville Grange 10/20 @7pm

Zone 6: Manchester, Latin Dance & Cultural Arts.

Zone 7: Lewiston-Auburn, Gray-New Gloucester, Tri Town of Mechanics Falls, Oxford Hills:

Welcome Oxford Hills as the newest Club in Maine’s Zone 7 with 16 new members

Zone 8: Sturbridge, Southbridge.

**Please contact Frances Reid (845-569-7083) to have your club’s events included in the Bull.

Our Conference - Guest Speaker VP Mark Katz

Marc is a member of the Royal Oak Optimist Club and the West Branch Optimist Club in the Michigan District.

Optimist International Service: Vice President, Certified International Trainer, Certified District Trainer, Certified Trainer Board, Leadership Development Committee.

Michigan District Optimist Service: Governor, Assistant Governor, Secretary-Treasurer, Finance Committee Chair, Long Range Planning Committee, Leadership Development Committee, Hall of Fame Committee, Candidate Qualifications Committee, Membership Committee, New Club Building Committee

Optimist Club Service: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors, Foundation Representative.

Individual Awards & Achievements:

Personal Growth & Involvement. Level X, Builder of Excellence, East Shore Optimist Club, Builder of Excellence, Rochester Area Optimist Club, Michigan District Hall of Fame

Optimist International Convention Presentations:

President-Elect Conference, District Leadership Development Chair Training, Lieutenant Governor-Elect Conference, Scholarship Contests-Investing in Our Youth, Oratorical Contest, District Secretary-Treasurer, Club Secretary-Treasurer, Certified Trainer, Optimist International Foundation, Public Speaking.

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