



THE BULL

QUARTER 2 CONFERENCE

**O.I. V.P. GEORGE CLARKE TO ATTEND
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017**



Our 2016/2017 Leadership Team

Governor

Mike Damiano

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Zone 7 Lt. Governor

Doug Stone

Zone 8 Lt. Governor

David Livengood



Happy New Year! A Personal Message from Our Governor

Hello Fellow Optimists,

I am inviting all of you to join me in February to continue our very successful event, from our October Conference, where clubs told us about their “signature” event. We will pick up where we left off where a representative from your club will describe either a community activity or fundraiser that has been particularly successful for you over the years. We definitely learned a lot from each other and hope to do so in our meeting in February.

We are very fortunate to have our Region Optimist International Vice President, George Clarke, joining us. He will not only talk to us about things all Optimist related, but I have asked him to share the work he has done, since 2008, with the Habitat from Humanity organization. George will impart some stories about his travels and volunteering as well as an outside the lines, non-traditional approach to club growth and retention.

My slogan for this Optimist Year is “Smile with Optimism” and my Governor’s pin depicts a smiling mouth. I chose this slogan and pin because of the many smiles I’ve had myself over the years with my involvement with Optimists. I have met so many wonderful people and have shared with them so many memorable moments that I can’t help but smile when I think of the 26 years I’ve spent in this organization. Also, I thought it was cute that someone who has spent 31 years improving people’s teeth should have a pin depicting a glittering white smile.

Upcoming Dates To Remember

District Conferences 2016

October 21-23, Victor, NY

District Conferences 2017

February 18, Liverpool, NY

April 7-8, Utica, NY
(Oratorical Contest)

District Convention

August 11-13, Syracuse, NY

Mid-Year Planning Meeting

February 2-3, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

February 10-11, St. Louis, MO

Optimist International Convention

July 6-July 8, 2017

Albuquerque, New Mexico



Being an Optimist has meant not only being involved with the youth in the community, and all that entails, but also being involved with Optimists from other communities. Friendships have been formed and, as friends, we cheer each other's successes, enjoy the camaraderie the Club and District meeting offer and are there to console one another when faced with the loss of one of our own.

So, when you are looking to recruit a new member, or start a new club, say with pride "I am an Optimist", then, Give a Big Smile!!

See you soon,

Mike

2ND QUARTER NEW YORK - NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 18, 2017

First United Methodist Church

604 Oswego St. Liverpool, NY 13088

Our upcoming District Conference, Saturday, February 18, 2017 will include some great learning sessions. **All club members** and Club Presidents are encouraged to attend and participate in our Board Meetings where we approve budgets, share information, recognize our successes and talk together about how we help each other succeed!

Please send Registrations and Checks payable to NY-NE District Optimist

BY FEBRUARY 10th TO:

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Lunch will be on our own: We are going to pre-order (you will get menu at meeting) and it will be delivered to us.

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Registration For _____ Club _____ 1st time attendee? Y N

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Lunch Cost \$10	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL	_____	\$ _____

Come and meet OI V.P. George Clarke!



George Clarke retired from Ontario’s Provincial Electrical Utility, Hydro One on July 31, 2009 and has spent the last 6 years volunteering for the Optimist Club, Barrie Soccer Club and along with his wife Jean and son Tim with Habitat for Humanity Global Village around the world.

George and his nurse wife Jean have been married for 31 years, they have one son Tim who is currently a PhD student in History, they live in Barrie, Ontario about 1 hour north of Toronto.

George joined the Optimist Club of Parry Sound in 1993 (President 1996) and the Optimist Club of Barrie in 2004 (President 2014), he is a Past Distinguished & Outstanding District Foundation Representative (2001-2002), Past Distinguished & Outstanding Governor (2004-2005), a Builder of Excellence, Past Outstanding District Bulletin Editor, a Past Distinguished Club President (1994-1995) and amongst other Club and District accomplishments, currently International Vice President for the Northeast & Great Lakes Region and Secretary Treasurer of the Optimist Club of Barrie.

In addition to his Optimist activities, George is currently Director of Administration for the Barrie Soccer Club and is a member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows in Barrie & Parry Sound. George has been involved with many volunteer projects including political campaigns (where he met Jean), Scouting, hosting 2 Rotary and 3 Youth for Understanding Exchange Students, Each One Teach One literacy tutoring, Habitat for Humanity and chaired the Barrie Terry Fox Run in 2014-2015.

In his free time, George likes to travel, spend time at his cottage in Quebec, collect Canadian art and crafts and read contemporary Canadian fiction.

Starting the year before his retirement George became interested in International Volunteer work and participated in his first Habitat for Humanity Global Village project in India in October 2008. Along with Jean and Tim he has since participated or led Habitat projects to 11 countries in Zambia, Guatemala, Jordan (7 times), Ghana, El Salvador, Malaysian Borneo, Nepal, Madagascar, Cambodia and Paraguay and will head to Portugal later in 2017. He also volunteered for 8 months from 2009 to 2010 with HFH Jordan in Amman, Jordan.

George will impart some stories about his travels and volunteering as well as an outside the lines, non-traditional approach to club growth and retention during his 2nd Quarter visit to NYNE in February.

2nd Quarter District Conference Agenda

Day	Timeframe	Activity	Description
Saturday 2/18	8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration, Coffee and Pastries	Register attendees
	9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Kick Off	Governor Mike will address the group
	9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	Club Bragging Continued	Clubs that did not get a chance, in Oct., will share their signature event or fundraiser
	10:00 AM -10:30 AM	Habitat for Humanity	OI V.P. George Clarke will share his experience with this organization
	10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Break	Complete lunch selections
	10:45 AM - 11:15 AM	2015/2016 Awards	Immediate Past Governor Peter will present awards from 2015/2016
	11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	“The New N,O.W.”	OI V.P. George Clarke will talk about “Thinking Outside the Box for Membership Growth & Retention”
	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch	Lunch will be brought in
	1:15 PM - 3:30 PM	District Board Meeting	Conduct OI Business Meeting and hear status reports from our District Chairs to include: * Honor Club Requirements * Oratorical Contest