



The Bull



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Zone 6 Lt. Governor

Vacant

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Zone 8 Lt. Governor

Debra Ciesluk

Dates to Remember

Feb. – 2nd Qtr. Conf. -
To Be Announced.

May 15-17 - 3rd Qtr.
Conf.—Albany, NY

Aug. - 4th Qtr. Conf. -
To Be Announced.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR –

Governor Irwin Goldberg - The old adage is that time flies quickly when you're having fun. I must have been having a lot of fun, because I can't believe this is my first newsletter column as your new Governor for the New York-New England District.

For those of you I haven't had a chance to meet, I hope I get the opportunity to meet you during my first conference in Holyoke, Mass., Oct. 11-12, 2008. I can't wait to hear about all the activities and programs you and your clubs are doing.

I know everyone is busy with existing projects, but I hope you've left room to do some new ones too. The Optimist International Foundations will be awarding matching grants this year of up to \$500 for a club that conducts a new program.

This could be a great way to generate new interest in your club both from within and from potential new members. Once you find out what someone's passion is, see if there's a club program to match it. If not, encourage prospects by telling them they might be able to launch a new program as a member. What a great way to get someone involved right off the bat.

My theme this year is "Crank it up 5 for the kids." As a DJ and a music lover, I know that while you might be able to hear the music at lower volume levels, raising it by five really makes an impact. And that's what I want our district to do this year. Crank up our efforts to help more kids.

And, I expect the same of our JOOI kids too. I know JOOI Gov. Stephen DeSalvo is working hard to build new clubs as is our Immediate Past NY-NE Gov. Robert "Bob" Crabtree. So, let's press on to the greater achievements of the future by putting the past behind us and doing even more great things.

To help you accomplish these goals, I've asked Leadership and PGI Chair Keith Tilley to conduct a workshop in October on Leadership Styles. This will be a general session for everyone. Whether you are a club leader or not, it helps to know how your leaders and you operate.

Often times, conflicts arise because people's communication styles are different and not understood. This session will help show you how you're most comfortable and give you some insight into your leaders. I hope to see a full house.

This session was one of the most popular and well-received sessions I did when I was PGI chair in Arizona. And, you can put the lessons it teaches to use at home and at the office.

Please remember to get your reservations in quickly. I'll see you there.



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**2008-2009 NEW YORK - NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT
1ST QUARTER CONFERENCE AGENDA**

FRIDAY

5:00 PM. - Midnight Hospitality Room
8:00 PM. – 10:00 PM. Executive Board Meeting

SATURDAY

7:30 AM. - 9:00 AM. Breakfast - Simply Country Buffet
9:00 AM. – 11:30 AM. Training Workshop: “Leadership Styles“ Presented by Keith Tilley
12 noon – 1:30 PM Lunch – Deli Board Buffet
Guest Speakers: Stephen DeSalvo, JOOI Governor, 2008-09, NY/NE District
Sandy Larivee, Optimist International Vice President
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting / General Session
5:00 PM – 6:45 PM Free Time
6:45 PM – 9: PM Dinner –
Keynote Speaker: Sandy Larivee, Optimist International Vice President
After Dinner -9:00PM Entertainment: Music, dancing and ?????
Hospitality Room Open until Midnight!

SUNDAY

7:30 AM. Breakfast on Your Own
9:00 AM. Wrap-up meeting

Please use our District website to see much more detail about our clubs and their great activities for youth!

WWW.NYNEOPTIMISTS.ORG

ATTENTION ALL CLUBS!!

Please remember to bring **Scrapbooks** to the 1st Quarter Conference to be judged!

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: francesreid@earthlink.net

In this modern age of technology I'm sure most of you have heard of e-bill(s) or e-billing. E-Bills allow us to be environmentally friendly, cost savvy, and technology trendy with our kids and grandkids!

(Not to mention saving a postal worker from a hernia with all the junk mail he/she delivers to us these days anyway!)

But have you heard of e-BULL or e-BULLING?

Well, I'm here to tell you about it! e-Bull is our term for bringing "The Bull" (The District Newsletter) into the 21st Century and going to a digital format starting with Volume 2008-2009 Issue 2 (our next publication and mailing). For those who don't have e-mail or internet (to receive, view or download the "new" e-Bull format from the District Web Page), we will continue to mail the traditional "tree killer" hardcopy until you join us in the 21st Century. (↑ = Subtle Guilt Humor = ↑)

But in order for us to do that, you have to mail back the enclosed postage paid / editor addressed postcard and tell us whether you:

- 1) **Want to receive your future "Bull" mailed postal (We won't tell Green Peace or the Arbor Day folks)**
or (↑ = More Subtle Guilt Humor = ↑)
- 2) **Delivered via your email address (don't forget to tell us what your current email address is, as many email addresses are old or no longer receiving mail) (Good option! Dave Fulmer may have some A&A points 4U)**
or (↑ = More Humor – Don't call Dave for points = ↑)
- 3) **You desire self-pick-up of the "new" e-Bull off the internet at: www.nyneoptimst.org.**

(Download, view online, or print out a hardcopy to pass around at your club meeting or Optimist sponsored event!)
(↑↑↑ = Best Option Yet! I'm not kidding! Biggest Savings for District! Environmentally prudent = ↑↑↑)

*****IMPORTANT MESSAGE BELOW*****

(Note: If you don't mail back the postcard we will stop mailing any future e-Bull issues and assume you are going to get your District e-Bull newsletter via Option #3 - the District Website-the most cost effective, content flexible,)

So, are you "up" on saving the environment and "down" with the e-BULL, or are you a hard copy "to hell with the trees!" postal type who likes to read "The Bull" in the john? Well, either way you're an Optimist member, and we will keep you informed: under a tree or in the "Lou"! *(So use the editor-addressed, postage paid postcards and give us your preference for receiving the next e-Bull!)*

Besides the environmental reasons, e-Bull makes sense (cents) for saving our clubs and districts on the ever increasing cost of printing and postage. We can get more content in the newsletter, and deliver more news, more often by keeping you informed in this e-Bull format. So, find out sooner and more about what's happening with other clubs and members within the Club, Zone, District and International level, too! Help us do more with less, and say hello to the new e-Bull!

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1st QUARTER NY/NE DISTRICT CONFERENCE - Registrations Due on or before Oct. 1st 2008

Registration for _____ [] Club _____ 1st time attendee? Y N

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			<u>#</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registrations--\$15 per person; includes Hospitality Room, Lunch/Snacks, Coffee/Tea/Soda			_____	_____
Hospitality Room	(<i>MUST</i> be conference registered to use)		<u>n/c</u>	<u>n/c</u>
Saturday Breakfast	Simply Country Buffet	\$15.50	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch	Deli Board Buffet (<i>Beverage & Dessert included in lunch</i>)	\$19.00	_____	_____
Saturday Dinner	Baked Scrod (Choice #1)	\$26.00	_____	_____
	Vegetarian-Pasta Primavera (Choice #2)	\$29.00	_____	_____
	Chicken Marsala (Choice #3) (<i>All meal prices include tax, tip & Dessert</i>)	\$30.00	_____	_____
Sunday Breakfast	On Your Own		_____	_____
GRAND TOTAL			_____	_____

1st QUARTER NEW YORK - NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CONFERENCE OCT. 10-12, 2008

Holiday Inn, 245 Whiting Farms Road, Holyoke, Ma 01040

Call: (413)534-3311/Fax (413)534-8443

Room Rate (Optimist) \$99 plus tax—(ask for Optimist Block)

*****Hotel room reservation deadline: September 10, 2008******

www.hiholyoke.com

www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hd/HLYMA

HOSPITALITY ROOM & MEALS - REGISTRATION & MEAL CHOICE DEADLINE Oct. 1st

FRIDAY: Hospitality Room (n/c)

SATURDAY:

BREAKFAST Simply Country Buffet \$15.50

LUNCH Deli Board Buffet (Beverage & Dessert Inc.) \$19.00

DINNER: **Choice of Entrée**

Baked Scrod \$26.00

Vegetarian- Pasta Primavera \$29.00

Chicken Marsala \$30.00

(All entrees include the usual fixings & dessert)

Desert: "Gov. Irwin's Special Dessert"

SUNDAY

BREAKFAST On Your Own

REGISTRATION & MEAL PAYMENT Send check, payable to NY District Optimist, w/above form to:

Dave Fulmer 307 Meyers Road Liverpool, NY 13088-4301 (to be received by Oct. 1st deadline)

Meal Tickets (in Registration packet) are REQUIRED for all meals!!