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Dates to Remember

May 15-17 - 3rd Qtr.
Conf.—Albany, NY

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

Optimistic outlook

By Irwin M. Goldberg

The wind is blowing
And snow is falling
White is all around
Feelings of cheer fill your town

But there's a child
Feeling down
His hands are cold, feet are freezing
There's no holiday cheer
For him this season

The wind is blowing
And snow is falling
White is all around
Time for a new start
An Optimist Club
comes to town

Members work, toil and play
They make a difference
To that child today

Brand new shoes, mittens too
Perhaps a toy and some warm food
Are you feeling good?
Let's spread that mood
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Truth be told, that poem came to me as I sat down to write this column and threw me off. But, I figured if it came that easily, it was yearning to be seen so I decided to write an intro and let it rip. [Editor's Note =====>page 2 More from the Governor]

I know that during this busy time of year, it is difficult to think about building a club or adding new members because everyone is so busy.

But think about this. It is at this time of year that people are generally in a more giving, caring frame of mind.

So, if you have even an inkling that someone may be interested in helping your club, ask them. If you've ever thought, "Gee, I wonder why there isn't a club in (pick a spot near you)" ask someone you know or work with there if they'd be interested in helping out the kids in their community.



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We need to start Building!!

Governor Irwin would really appreciate a couple of new clubs in our great district!

At the convention in Texas, a proposal was passed to try a pilot program, where a new club can be built with 15 members. The area for the new club has first to be approved by Optimist International as a ‘targeted area.’ Obviously a targeted area would not be in a community where another Optimist club was already in existence.

For awards purposes, no new club building credit will be applied until such clubs achieve 25 paid member status (the club would have up until September 30th to reach this number) If 2 pilot clubs are formed in the district, the district will receive one new club credit. There is a special 15 member club request form available for downloading from the OI webpage. Also remember that this can be a joint effort, more than one club can be involved in a new club building project.

All other regulations apply as if building a regular adult club. This includes having to have 60% of the 15 members in attendance at the organizational meeting.

So! They’ve made it easy for us this year. Let’s see what we can do.

Pauline Leacock - New Club Building Chairperson

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

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ATTENTION ALL CLUBS!!

Thank You for helping the District Save publication \$ on The Bull!
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*******IMPORTANT MESSAGE BELOW*******

OK, I'm back and poetry-free, at least for now.

I want to talk a bit about our second quarter conference, you know, the one that we'll have but we won't all be in the same room. The one that relies on technology to bring us together, while keeping us apart and saving us all some money and time. That's the point of my idea to host a teleconference/webinar for our second quarter conference. The truth is we've lost quite a bit of money over the last two years on the conferences and for what?

I'm not against seeing everyone. In fact, if everyone who reads this attended our conferences, I probably wouldn't have suggested we try this idea out because we likely wouldn't have lost money and might have even made a little. Although, I still like the idea.

Think about it. Would you feel comfortable if I conducted our board meeting in my boxers and a t-shirt? But, you (and I) could attend a teleconference/webinar dressed as we like without worry about being seen (unless you activate your Webcam).

So, what are we going to talk about and when will it be? I can answer the first question, but not the second, at least not yet. I'd like to show everyone how to take a project from start to finish and use examples from our own clubs. So, I've asked your club presidents to give Keith Tilley and I the best project from your club. We'll pick one and build the program from there. We'll also compile a list of other great ideas and share them with everyone.

Why? Because as you may recall, one of my goals this year is to have clubs do more programs and help more kids, that's why? Plus, if you try a new program, you may be able to get funding from the Optimist International Foundation as part of its grant program.

So, how does that sound?

Encourage your president to respond to my email and if they don't recall it, show them your copy of The Bull with this note in it.

If you've got questions, please call or email me.

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What are you doing this Holiday Season to spread Optimism?

Cicero-North Syracuse Optimist Club is meeting the need of their area and spreading Optimism in the following ways: (excerpts from their newsletter)

- 1. Supporting the Food Pantry of Central New York-Collecting non-perishable food donations for the Food Pantry. The need is especially great this time of year because of the upcoming holidays and due the current economic conditions.**
- 2. Coats for Kids- Picking up coats collected by the participating schools for the Rescue Mission for those in need. They are accepting coats in good condition until December 12th.**
- 3. Financial Support- Providing some financial support to the Military Support Group at Gillette School. The group is collecting hats and mittens for the Army National Guard to be able to distribute to the kids in Afghanistan.**
- 4. Adopting needy families in their area- Buying gifts for the kids so they can enjoy Christmas time. The members will have kids' names and ages so they can play Santa and create some memorable Christmas mornings!**

New Windsor Cornwall Optimist Club is providing the Headstart Program at St. Mary's in Newburgh with a Christmas lunch.

We've gone from 65 to 146 kids this year. The kids will be getting treated to a hot dog/hamburger lunch, with our club members setting up and serving while the entertainment is provided by our JOOI Club. In years past the JOOI Club has put on skits, puppet shows, and have led the group in caroling.

Santa's arrival is the anticipated climax of the afternoon. The kids meet Santa one at a time and are given a goodie bag assembled by the JOOI Club members. It is great to see all those smiling faces.

****Let us know what your club is doing and we will highlight your programs in the next District Bull!! By hearing what everyone else is doing it gives all of us Optimists a better perspective of how to serve our community's needs as well as encouraging us with all those opportunities to share optimism with others.**



Have a very Optimistic New Year!!!!

