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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR –

History was made Feb. 28, 2009 in the New York-New England District as we successfully held the first quarterly conference done entirely via the Web and phone.

Before I go into details, I'd like to thank PGI/Leadership Development Chair Keith Tilley for his help in learning how to use Vyew.com and the great training session on Project Leadership and Communication and Dave Fulmer for his efforts to get me all the material needed for the board meeting in advance.

And, a big, "THANK YOU" to 21 participants who took time out of their schedule to join us. We reviewed five projects that any club is welcome to try: Fishing Day, Youth/Educator of the Month, Youth Appreciation, Wrestling Tournament and Beanie Baby Bingo.

And, Keith led a great training session on the different types of communication skills that are key to holding a successful project.

Now, since I know we've got more than 1,000 members in our district that means a few of you weren't able to make the conference. But don't despair.

The nice thing about doing it this way is all the material is saved at the site and you can access it to view it any time. Just visit:

http://vyew.com/608909/NYNE_District_Q2_Conference

If you'd like to be able to download the pages, let me know by email igoldberg@yahoo.com or call me at 520-465-6887 and I'll try to set up a time to go online with you and give you the necessary clearance to do so. If you were a participant, I have already adjusted your status and you should be able to call up a page, click on it and a little download disc icon should appear to allow the download.

Here are some of the best things about doing the conference this way:

1- We saved the district expenses for hotel accommodations, travel reimbursement, audio rental fees etc. The total cost, \$9.95 plus tax.

2- We saved participants travel, lodging and meal expenses.

3- We saved time. An ordinary conference would take people away from their homes and families for at least one entire day. Get ready for this folks — our entire Web conference took 3.75 hours! That's it.

So, if you didn't participate in this one, plan on participating in the next one. I'm thinking of holding one other Web training session before my term is up.

Our next two conferences are LIVE. May 16-17 we'll be in Albany, NY at the Holiday Inn for the Oratorical Contest finals and I hope to see everyone there. It is one of the best conferences we have. What an inspiration to hear our youth speak about, "For me Optimism is..." I'd like everyone to think about what Optimism is to them and what they've gained from being a member.

The training session will be on public speaking.

You can see details on costs etc. elsewhere in this Bull.

Then, Aug. 8-9 we'll be at the Syracuse University Sheraton. See details elsewhere in the Bull.

Have a great spring. I know I'm looking forward to the warm weather. And don't forget to "Just Ask" people to join you in your quest to make life a little better, richer and fuller for the kids. After all, they are the future.

Gov. Irwin

Dates to Remember

May 15-17 - 3rd Qtr.
Conf.—Albany, NY

July 8-11 – Int'l Conv.
Kissimmee, Florida

Aug. 7-9 - 4th Qtr.
Conf. – Syracuse, NY



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**2008-2009 ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT
3rd QUARTER CONFERENCE AGENDA**

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

7:00 AM. - 8:00 AM. Breakfast - Simply Country Buffet
8:30 AM. – 9:00 AM. Oratorical Contestants Meeting – Phoenix Room (Mike Damiano)
9:00 AM. – 12:00 PM Oratorical Contest – Phoenix Room
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch (See Reverse for Menu / Prices)
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Training “**Public Speaking for Leaders**”– Keith Tilley
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting / General Session

Balance of Evening is Unscheduled

Gov. Irwin would be happy to coordinate an impromptu, on-your-own dinner at a local dining establishment for all who want to join him.

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!!

The 2007-08 District Awards are being distributed at the 3rd Qtr Conference Meeting!

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 or robertreid4745@earthlink.net.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Sponsors needed for three CCDHH contestants

CCDHH Chair Terry Davis has three contestants for our CCDHH contest, but they are all from the school in Rome.

Due to issues with transportation and judges, the contest will likely be held at the school.

I'm asking if there are three clubs in the district willing to pay the \$50 entry fee and sponsor the students?

If you are willing and able, please contact Teri Davis at tdavis05@rochester.rr.com or 585-889-7468.

Thank you in advance.

We are working on a date for the contest and will update all the club presidents and send out an email to all who have registered one.

P.S. If you haven't provided Robert Reid with an email address for your electronic version of the Bull and you want one, please do so today. At robertreid4745@earthlink.net. Thanks!

MESSAGE FROM OUR ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT JOOI GOVERNOR – STEPHEN DESALVO

The following is the tentative agenda for the JOOI conference in May at Albany, NY. If your organization has a JOOI club, please ensure you pass this information along to them!

FRIDAY

6pm Arrival and Mixer / Registration
7:30 Pool and Pizza Party
9:30 Mixer and Networking Introduction
10:00 Rooms \$75.00/room
11:00 Lights Out

SATURDAY

7am Breakfast
9:00 Oratorical Contest
12:00 Lunch
1:30 Training Session
2:15 Break
2:30 Elections
3:00 Discuss International JOOI Convention
3:10 Afternoon Activities / Departure

Thank you,
Stephen

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**3rd QUARTER ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE
- Registrations Due on or before May 4th 2009-**

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)		n/c	n/c
Saturday Breakfast	Deluxe Continental	\$12.00	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch	Optimist Spcl. Deli Plate	\$18.50	_____	_____
	Vegetarian Plate	\$TBD	_____	_____
	(<i>Beverage & Dessert (tax & tip included in lunch)</i>)			
Saturday Dinner	On Your Own		_____	_____
GRAND TOTAL			_____	_____

3rd QUARTER ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE MAY. 15-16, 2009

Holiday Inn, 205 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205

Call: (518)458-7250/Fax (518)458-7377

Room Rate \$110 plus tax—(ask for Northeastern Region of Optimist International)

****Hotel room reservation deadline: April 17, 2009****

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HOSPITALITY ROOM & MEALS - REGISTRATION & MEAL CHOICE DEADLINE MAY 4th

FRIDAY: Hospitality Room (included in \$15 registration fee) (n/c)

SATURDAY:

BREAKFAST	Deluxe Continental	\$12.00
LUNCH	Optimist Spec. Deli Plate (Beverage & Dessert & tax & tip Inc.)	\$18.50
DINNER:	On Your Own	

REGISTRATION & MEAL PAYMENT Send check, payable to NY-NE District Optimist, w/above form to: *Sheila Keenan 39 Magic Circle Drive Goshen, NY 10924-2639 Phone (845)294-8427*

(:-) Registrations to be received by May 4, 2009 – deadline (:-)

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