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Dates to Remember

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR –

How are you feeling?

Has the economy got you (and your 401K) down?

Are you missing some fun in your life?

Some fellowship and friendship?

Well, I've got the solution. If you're involved in your Optimist Club, get someone else to join and share the experience. Both of you will be happier. If you've put aside some of your Optimist activities for more pressing matters (work, family, a job search), get back involved ... even if it is only one activity. You don't know the impact your work can have on others or what impact they'll have on you. If you were at the 3rd Quarter conference in Albany with our oratorical contestants, you know what I'm talking about. But if you weren't able to make it, let me summarize some of the speeches and comments for you:

First, several of the children at our district contest and from club/zone contests thanked US for giving them the opportunity to speak! I heard a 4th grader say some inspiring words about pushing on despite the loss of a relative and having to move to an unfamiliar place and school as a result. She spoke about learning new skills and the memories she retained. Then there was the boy, who ended up winning the contest, who shared about his battle to lose weight and transform into a happier, more social person. And, there were many references to the economy and how we can choose to look at it as an opportunity and find ways to overcome.

Now, my summary doesn't do our contestants' words and performances justice, but it truly inspired me and set my mind right. You see, I've faced a number of challenges this past year at home and work. The details aren't important, but one thing that kept me going was my involvement in Optimist International. Remember, not only am I the Governor, but I also belong to a club and participate in meetings and projects with them. I've made friends across the nation and all have been a tremendous support network. When I heard those speeches May 16, I realized just how lucky I was and how I just needed a new attitude. I hope you too are inspired to move forward in your pursuit of personal and Optimist goals. I hope you can overcome any fear you may have about asking someone to join you on your mission to help the children in your community.

And, I hope you will join us Aug. 7-9 at the convention in Syracuse. I'm looking forward to seeing some people I haven't seen before.

Will you be one of them?

Gov. Irwin



**OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
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Ron Huxley

International V.P. & Conference Guest

His credentials are too numerous to detail here. He has served Optimist International from either an International Committee or International Board for the past 19 years and his district members for 24 years, and his club since 1983! He and his wife Deb will be joining us for our 4th Qtr Conference. Don't miss it!

**2008-2009 ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT
4th QUARTER CONFERENCE AGENDA**

FRIDAY

5:00 PM. - Midnight Hospitality Room – Marshall Room
5:00 PM. – 9:00 PM Registration – Registration Desk
8:00 PM. – 10:00 PM. Executive Board Meeting – Harrison Room

SATURDAY

7:00 AM. - 8:30 AM. Breakfast – On Your Own
8:00 AM. – 9:30 AM. PGA Working Breakfast
9:30 AM. – 12:00 PM. Training – Your Club's 101-
"If you think you know what it's about you're probably wrong!" -Waverly Room
9:00 AM. – 12:00 PM. Training – Presidents & Secretaries – Harrison Room
12:00 PM. – 1:25 PM. Lunch / Speaker (See Reverse for Menu / Prices) – Comstock "C" Room
1:30 PM. – 3:30 PM. Board of Directors Meeting / General Session
3:30 PM. – 6:30 PM. Free time-Scavenger Hunt- Armory Sq.
5:00 PM. – 6:30 PM. Hospitality Room – Marshall Room
7:00 PM. – 9:00 PM. Dinner/VP Speech/Gov Speech – Comstock "C" Room
9:00 PM. – Midnight Hospitality Room – Marshall Room

SUNDAY

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Breakfast / Gov's Recap / Discussion / Fun (Room TBD)

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!!

Bring Your Club CPA Books-Photo Albums –Scavenger Brains and Dancing Feet!!

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

Names can separate or unite organizations: Merger or name change doesn't change our focus!

I was asked to share some thoughts and observations I had voiced at the recent district conference in Albany on the name change of our District from NY-NE Optimist District to Atlantic Northeast Optimist District. Many of us may never go through having an organizational merger. I was both a victim and a benefactor of one so I know how it feels to be on both sides of an organizational, leadership, and communication issue of these things.

I was a proud NYC Transit Police Officer (TAPD) in the mid- 1980's up until 1995 when I became one of approximately 7,500 merged members in two new component bureaus of the New York City Police Department (NYPD). About six months prior to the merger (12/1994) I was asked to take an active part in a small unit (the 7-person Merger Planning Unit) that was tasked with facilitating the merger of the three NYC police forces NYPD, TAPD, and HAPD. In truth this was a strange honor; I likened it to being chosen to get on the helicopter as Saigon (Transit PD HQ and Housing PD HQ) were falling. Many of my friends were asking me what is going to happen to us? What will change? What will stay the same?

I shared at the May 2009 Albany conference executive board meeting, that in hindsight I wished I could have done something to make everyone feel like they were part of something new rather than losing their identity, being merged into the larger entity and losing their cultural differences and unique flare for handling things in their old "Transit way" or "Housing way." In April 1995 though I became NYPD and somehow something felt lost (my Transit identity), I still knew that my opportunities had just grown larger with this new bigger organization that now covered below, on, and above the streets of NYC.

When the discussion of a name change for the NY-NE District came up last August 2008, several representatives from various clubs throughout the regional district got together in New Paltz and discussed their feelings about a wide variety of items. One of them was the name of the District. At that time I thought – and shared – about being the subject of a merger and how my identity as a Transit cop was seemingly lost in a big blue NYPD world. Somewhere between the lines of what I am trying to say to you today and what I said then and again in the meeting in May, you are hopefully reading an important message about being proud of both who we were, as either NY District or NE District Optimists, and who we are as we use that pride as a reason to propel this newly-merged and newly-named district — the Atlantic Northeast District Optimists — into an even more meaningful future for kids of all generations.

In attending the conferences these past few years I am amazed at the vitality and energy which both new and old members bring to being called a Friend of Youth. I've met new friends in areas that I've traveled and camped in, and new/old friends in areas I'd like to visit. Each new friend has made being an Optimist in a bigger regional district more fun, inspiring, and educational as I now think about how I can use these networks of friends to help my club help more kids.

Whether you are in a club in New York, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, or Vermont, you are an OPTIMIST and that makes you a Friend of Youth and a Friend of pressing on to the greater achievements of the future!

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MESSAGE FROM OUR ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT JOOI GOVERNOR – STEPHEN DESALVO

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

SATURDAY – Aug 8, 2009 12 – 5pm JOOI Meeting / Party

12:00 PM Arrival and Networking – Waverly Room -Mezzanine Floor

1:00 PM Workshop #1 1:45 PM - Break 2:00 PM - Workshop #2

2:45 PM Elections 3:05 PM Pizza & Pool Party 4:00 PM Departure

Thank You - Stephen Stephen@desalvowebsites.com



4th QUARTER ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

- Registrations Due on or before July 31st 2009-

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

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	#	<u>Total</u>
Registrations--\$20 per person; includes Hospitality Room, Lunch/Snacks, Coffee/Tea/Soda	_____	_____
Hospitality Room (MUST be conference registered to use)	n/c	n/c
Saturday Lunch	1) Grilled Chicken Sandwich (hot)	\$17.95
Choice of :	Kaiser roll with Lettuce & tomato(L&T)	_____
	2) Bacon Cheddar Burger (hot) L&T	\$17.95
	3) Grilled Vegetables – Wrap (hot) (Vegetarian)	_____
	Red Peppers on Wheat Wrap	\$17.95
	4) Turkey Club Wrap (cold)	\$17.95
	Classic bacon, Turkey, L&T Mayo on Wheat wrap	_____
	<i>All come with Potato Salad, Beverage & Dessert</i>	_____
Saturday Dinner	1) London Broil w/sherry mushroom sauce,	\$26.95
Choice of :	roasted red potatoes (inc. Chefs salad, B&D)	_____
	2) Herb Crushed Haddock (inc. Chefs salad, B&D)	_____
	Baked w. White Wine & Lemon Butter	\$26.95
	3) Eggplant stuffed w/ grilled vegetables (olive oil, sauce)	\$24.95
	(all options inc. Rolls, (Beverage & Dessert (B&D))	_____
Sunday Breakfast	“Optimists” Continental-Danish Pastries & muffins, more	\$12.95
	<i>(taxes & tip included in all meal prices)</i>	_____
	GRAND TOTAL	_____

4th QUARTER ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE AUG 7-9, 2009

Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center

801 University Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13210

Call: (315)475-3000/Fax (315)475-3311 or 1-800-325-3535

[Sheraton Syracuse Hotel and Conference Center](#)

[Directions - MapQuest Link](#)

Room Rate \$119 single \$125 double plus tax—(ask for Atlantic Northeast Optimist District rate)

*****Hotel room reservation deadline: July 1st 2009*****

HOSPITALITY ROOM & MEALS - REGISTRATION & MEAL CHOICE DEADLINE JULY 31st

FRIDAY:	Hospitality Room (included in \$20 registration fee)	(n/c)
SATURDAY: BREAKFAST	On your Own	
LUNCH	See Above Choices	\$17.95
DINNER:	See Above Choices	\$24.95/\$26.95
SUNDAY:	BREAKFAST “Optimists” Continental-Danish Pastries & muffins	\$12.95

REGISTRATION & MEAL PAYMENT Send check, payable to A.N. District Optimist, w/above

form to: **Diane Skapura, 52 Chaucer Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027**

(-) Registrations to be received by July 31st, 2009 – deadline (-)

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