



Greetings Fellow Optimist,

We in the West Missouri District have a lot to be thankful for. We started the year at a plus 20 in membership in just a few days. We had our first ever district fundraiser to help with the district budget. It was a casino night at Adrian, we netted 50% more that we had expected in our budget. I would like to thank everyone that helped make it such a BIG success. June 4th we will have a golf tournament in Clinton. We organized our first club of the year on December 13, in El Dorado Springs, It is called Nine Wonders Optimist Club of El Dorado Springs. They chartered with 53 members and they are now at 60.

On January 22, we had their Charter Banquet. Kip Yoss, some of the Adrian Optimist Club, the El Dorado Springs Optimist Club served ribeye steaks to members of the new club and the sponsoring club. Charter a new club with more than 35 members, Kip and I will provide steaks for the new club and the sponsoring club members.



**2010/2011
Governor
Bob Floyd**

Governor's Message

I would like to take this time to thank you for all you do. If you notice above I said we, because I didn't do these things, you all have done them. Keep up the great work with the kids in your community. Let me know when you are having projects, Debbie and I would like to attend, if it is possible.

As I have been visiting clubs I have found that a lot of members don't know that when they sponsor a new member that they are entered into a drawing for a \$100.00 gift card each quarter.

I have included a flyer on our membership awards program. If you don't have a membership program in place, please get started on one. Optimist International estimates that we lose around 20% of membership a year.

To continue to help the kids of our communities we need to work on rebuilding our clubs each year. If we don't rebuild each year eventually we won't have the number of members needed to do our projects. If you need help with a membership drive or program, give me or your Lt. Governor a call.

Again, thanks for all you do and keep up the good work.

Optimistically yours,
Governor 2010-2011
West Missouri District
Robert Floyd

Don't forget to get your reservations in early for the Second Quarter Conference in Independence on February 11 - 12. OI Vice President Debbie Hill and Past Vice President David Prather will be our guest.



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District Meetings

Second Quarter

February 11-13, 2011

Hilton Garden Inn

19677 East Jackson Drive

Independence, Mo 64057

816-350-3000

Rate \$73.00

Third Quarter Conference

May 6 - 8, 2011

Inn at Grand Glaize

5142 Highway 54

Osage Beach, Mo 65065

573-348-4731

Rate \$67.00

Optimist International

Convention

July 4-6, 2011

Baltimore, Maryland

26th District Convention

August 11-14, 2011

Capitol Plaza Hotel & Convention Center

415 West McCarty St.

Jefferson City, Mo 65101

573-635-1234

Rate \$69.00

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALL
OUR OPTIMIST FRIENDS
THAT HAVE BEEN MISSING



The West Missouri District would like to extend their thoughts and prayers to the families of Optimist International Vice President Margaret Barklay, Andy Enos and Family of Leslie Brown, and Andy Enos

It is indeed with a heavy heart that I pass on the news the Optimist International Vice President Margaret Barlclay passed away. She was a great Optimist and touched the lives of countless youth over her many years of service. Shewill begreatly missed. Please remember her husband Roy and their family in your prayers.

Leslie Brown passed away on Thursday October 12, 2010. Lesliwas an active and valuable member of the Knob Noster Club in KnobNoster for many year.

Andy Enos announced that his father passed away on Sunday, December 19th in Adrian. Services was held at the Adrian Methodist church on Wednesday, December 22nd.

2nd Qtr Conference

Check out pages 6, 7 and 8 for additional activities at the conference.

Essay Contest

Essays must be sent to Essay Contest District Chair Debbie Lyons by February 28, 2011

Mail to: 1451 S. Giger Blue Springfield, Mo. 65809 and Oratorical Contest.

Oratorical Contest

Paperwork is to be sent to District Chair Randy Hargis by April 18, 2011.

Mail to: P. O. Box 144

Lowry City, Mo 64763

Deadline for next District Newsletter

I will need any information that is coming up for your club by April 15th. The next newsletter will go out April 20th.



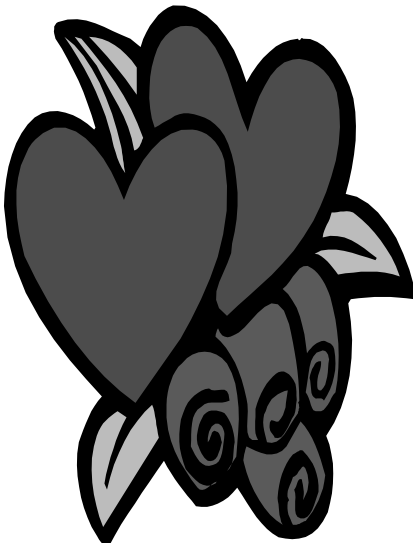
NEW OPTIMIST CLUB

The new club was sponsored by the El Dorado Springs club. They chartered with 53 members. Tuesday night they added 5 more members, up to 58.

Polly Floyd is the charter president. Lori Heiser is the charter Sec/Trea.

They are working on their Charter Banquet, talking to the school about Substance Abuse Poster Contest and Oratorical Contest.

HAPPY
VALENTINE'S DAY
FEBRUARY 14, 2011



Governor Bob is inviting members of the West Missouri District to come and help celebrate Debbie Floyd's Surprise 50th Birthday.

Please contact Josh Floyd if you have any questions at 417-876-8057.

SHHH...

A FABULOUS BIRTHDAY PARTY IS PLANNED,
AND YOUR INVITED TO SHOW,
BUT DON'T TELL THE BIRTHDAY GIRL,
CAUSE SHE DOESN'T KNOW!!!

SURPRISE!!!

DEBBIE FLOYD IS 50!

COME JOIN US FOR FOOD, DRINKS AND FUN
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

7PM- ???

LEEPER BUILDING
EL DORADO SPRINGS, MO

REGRETS ONLY: JOSH @ 417-876-8057
BEER PROVIDED



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WEST MISSOURI DISTRICT

BUILDING THE FUTURE



THRU DOORS OF OPTIMISM



Membership Challenge – Making Healthy Clubs! Optimist Year 2010-2011

PASSION: a strong or extravagant fondness, enthusiasm, or desire for anything:
i.e., passion for helping kids

For new members – dual memberships not eligible

GOALS – To grow the West Missouri District 20% = +550 to +600 new members.
67 clubs – 2,271 members – 64 dual memberships = 2207 single memberships

Incentives for sponsoring members: Receive new member pin for each new member

1. Receive one chance per new member sponsored to win a quarterly gift certificate
2. Receive one chance per new member sponsored to win an iPhone on 9/30/11.

1st quarter (Oct-Dec): Each sponsor of a new member receives one chance to win a \$100 spa gift certificate at the second quarter conference in Independence, MO.

2nd quarter (Jan-Mar): Each sponsor of a new member receives one chance to win a \$100 American Express, Best Buy or Visa gift card.

3rd quarter (Apr-Jun): Each sponsor of a new member receives one chance to win a \$100 American Express, Best Buy or Visa gift card.

4th quarter (July-Sept): Each sponsor of a new member receives one chance to win a \$100 American Express, Best Buy or Visa gift card.

September 30, 2011: Each sponsor of a new member between October 1, 2010, and September 30, 2011, has one chance to win an iPhone OR a \$500 American Express, Best Buy or Visa gift card.



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CLUB RESTORATION FORM

Restoration Club:

Club Number _____ Club Name _____

Oct. 1 Membership: _____

Sponsoring Club:

Club Number _____ Club Name _____

Oct. 1 Membership: _____

The sponsoring Club must help the Restoration Club with one (1) new fundraiser, one (1) new community project and enter Optimist International Foundation Club Grant Program. Both Clubs must add 20% in membership.

Restoration Club President's Signature: _____

Sponsoring Club President's Signature: _____

Governor's Signature: _____





WOODY "KINGPIN" HARRELSON WEMO OPTIMIST UMTEENTH ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT INDEPENDENCE AMF LANES



*\$10 Entry Fee
Open To All Ages And Skill Levels
Sponsored By The New Club
Building Committee*

*Second Quarter Conference
February 12, 2011
3:15pm-5:30 pm
Limited Space
Sign Up Early*

Great Fun For All

Trophies & Fabulous Prizes For Singles, Doubles And Team Events

For More Information Caontact Kip Yoss 816-738-3212 Please Return Form With Registration

<i>Name/Club</i>	Check All That Apply			
	Regular League Bowler	Recreational Bowler	This Is Better Than A Boring Break Out Session	\$10 Entry Fee Enclosed



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CARNIVAL

GAM

HULA HOOPS





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**WEST MISSOURI DISTRICT
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2010 - 2011**



Your Hospitality Room

Friday Night Special

Baby Back Ribs & Fixins
All You Can Eat A 29.95 Value
Free Will Donation
Beginning At 5:00 P.M.

Saturday Am

Bacon & Eggs & Omlets
+Bloody Mary's
Saturday PM Late Night
Hot Wings And The Usual Stuff

Friday Night No Limit Texas Hold Em

Tournament

\$1000.00 Purse

*Rebuys
& Add Ons*

*6:30 P.M.
Shuffle &
Deal*

1st Place \$400 2nd Place \$200 3rd Place \$150 4th Place \$100
5th Place \$75 6th Place \$50 7th Place \$25

Free Entry For Registered Attendee's

\$30 Entry Fee For Non Registered Attendee's

<i>Name/Club</i>	<i>Registered Attendee</i>	<i>Non Registered Attendee</i>

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West Missouri Optimist District Lieutenant Governors

RE: Internet Safety Education (ISE)

District Goal : Each Club to conduct ONE Internet Safety Education (ISE) community presentation before September 30, 2011.

I need your help. If you know that one of your Zone Clubs has conducted an ISE program during Governor Bob's 2010-2011 term or has scheduled one for later this year please let me know so I may include it in my ISE Committee report scheduled for Saturday, February 12 at our WEMO Conference. Input from you on or before February 10 will be most appreciated. Thank you! :-) !

The ISE Optimist International collection of resources has the potential for an important impact on parents and teachers. ISE has similar potential to keep children safe from high risk Internet situations as a result of a parent's and/or a teacher's positive and supportive intervention based upon what they learned through our Optimist Club ISE community presentation.

I have attached a file with all the info a Club needs to "get started" with the ISE program locally. Your help will be most appreciated in recommending ISE as a Club community service project when you talk and visit with your Zone Clubs. Please also let them know that I am willing to assist any Club regarding implementation of this important community resource.

Thanks again for your help!

With Optimism,

John

John R. Albright

District Chair

Internet Safety Education (ISE)

West Missouri Optimist District

Residence:

573-207-0044