



THE COLORADO-WYOMING OPTIMIST

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A SPECIAL EVENT PRESENTED BY
GOV. JOE PRIESTER

THE PIKES PEAK COG RAILWAY HAS MADE A SPECIAL TRAIN AVAILABLE TO THE COLORADO/WYOMING OPTIMISTS ON FRIDAY AUGUST 28TH AT 4 PM. IT WILL TAKE US TO THE TOP OF THE PEAK AND WILL INCLUDE A MEAL, ALL FOR THE PRICE OF \$30. CHILDREN ARE WELCOME FOR ONLY \$15.

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST BECAUSE SPACE IS LIMITED SO PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION FORM ASAP
THANK YOU

Calendar

2009

July 7,8,9,10,11,12

Optimist International Convention, Kissimmee, Florida

August 27,28,29,30

Colorado/Wyoming District Convention, Crown Plaza, Colorado Springs

October 17

First Quarter Board of Directors Conference, FlatIrons Golf Course-Spice of Life, Boulder, Colorado.

OI Convention, July 7-10, 2010 Denver, Colorado

OI Convention, July 3-6, 2011 Baltimore, Maryland

OI Convention, July 11-14, 2012 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

OI Convention, July 3-6, 2013 Cincinnati, Ohio

COLORADO/WYOMING DISTRICT OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
ANNUAL CONVENTION AUGUST 28-30, 2009

LODGING INFORMATION The 2009 CONVENTION will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel located at 2886 South Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80906 (I-25 Exit 138). Book your room at www.crowneplaza.com/coloradospring, and be sure to use the **Group Code OI8**. You may also call direct to 1-800-465-4329. Be sure to mention the Colorado/ Wyoming Optimists. We have arranged a special rate of \$95/night. Rate available until August 4, 2009.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION – \$25 Postmarked by August 14th then \$30. One Day Fee \$15, Friday or Saturday.

Anyone registering by Aug. 14th will be included in a drawing for \$100 that will be done at lunch on Saturday.

Member Name _____ Club _____

2nd Member/Guest Name _____ Club _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(Day) _____ (Evening) _____ (Cell) _____

Email _____

Is this your first Convention? Yes ___ No ___ There will be a 1st timers reception Friday evening at 7:30 pm

Come join 1st Lady Donna for a tour of the American Numismatic Museum on Saturday afternoon, just \$3 payable at the door. **Please check here to reserve a space** _____

Thursday August 27, 2009 6pm – Dutch Treat Dinner for training staff and others (Not Mandatory)

Macaroni Grill 2510 Tenderfoot Hill St. Colorado Springs, 80906 Simply Prepared Dishes starting at \$9.99, payable at the restaurant. **Please check here if attending** _____

DINING RESERVATIONS (include selected beverages, 7.4% taxes and 20% service charge).

Friday Lunch, August 28, 2009

___ @ \$20 **Chicken Caesar Salad** Grilled Breast of Chicken on fresh Romaine Salad with garlic croûtons and dusted lightly with Parmesan cheese. Caesar dressing on the side. Served with assorted rolls & butter. Includes Lemon Bar.

___ @ \$20 **Turkey/Ham Wrap** Hearty Smoked Ham, Turkey & Swiss Hoagie in a tortilla wrap. Whole Fruit Cup.

___ @ \$20 **Special Vegetarian** Includes Whole Fruit Cup.

Friday Dinner and Train Ride

___ @ \$30 **Dinner** will be served on the Pikes Peak Cog Railway on our trip to the top.

___ @ \$15 **Children are Welcome at Half Price.**

Saturday Breakfast, Governor's Roast August 29, 2009

___ @ \$18 **The Western Denver Scrambler** Fluffy Scrambled Eggs with Cheese, Green Peppers and Onions. Grilled Ham Steak and Breakfast Potatoes on the side.

Saturday Model Lunch Includes Family Style Assorted Gourmet Cookies & Double Fudge Brownies.

___ @ \$20 **Cobb Salad** Diced Turkey Breast and Ham with Tomato, Hard Boiled Eggs, Cheese and Bleu Crumbles, Sliced Cucumbers, Bacon Bits and Choice of Dressing- Ranch, Italian, Raspberry Vinaigrette.

___ @ \$20 **Turkey Club Croissant** Flaky Croissant with Ham, Turkey, Bacon, Swiss Cheese and Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Red Onion & Pickle. Mayonnaise and Mustard with Homemade Pasta Salad on the side.

Saturday Governors Banquet, Includes Green Leaf Salad with Toasted Almonds & Raspberry Vinaigrette and Alternating Dutch Apple Pie and New York Cheesecake for Dessert.

___ @ \$35 **Marinated and Grilled Flat Iron Steak** Served Medium with Maitre d' Butter Piped & Starred on Side. Cheddar Twice Baked Potatoes and Vegetable Bouquet Blend.

___ @ \$35 **Orange Roughy** with Dill Garlic Butter, Seasoned with Smoked Paprika and served with Rice Pilaf.

___ @ \$35 **Special Vegetarian**

Sunday Breakfast, August 30, 2009 Served with Chilled Juice and Pastry Basket, Coffee and Assorted Herbal Teas.

___ @ \$18.00 **The Western Scrambler** Fluffy Scrambled Eggs with Cheese, Green Peppers, Onions, Country Bacon and Hash Brown Potatoes.

___ @ \$18.00 **Special Vegetarian**

Total: \$ _____ Make checks payable to Colo/Wyo Optimists and send with this form to:

Warren Fair at 3401 West 98th Drive, Unit 'A' Westminster, CO 80031

Please note Dietary Restrictions _____ In emergencies, call Warren at (303)465-5829

AGENDA

Friday, August 28, 2009

7:30 am-4 pm Registration

7 am- 3 pm Social Room & Club Displays are in the Hospitality Suite (Breckenridge Room, 2nd Floor)

8 am- 11:30 am Training of new Lt. Governors, Presidents and Sec/Treas (Committee Chairs welcome)

Noon Lunch in Foothills Hall including entertainment by the Bad News Bulldog Band

1- 3 pm Training 101, Lt. Governors and President's Elect

1- 3 pm Training 101, Sec/Treas Designate plus Club & District Finance Chairs

1- 3 pm Executive Board Meeting (current officers)

3:15 pm Meet in Hotel Lobby to car-pool to the Pikes Peak Cog Railway

4 pm- 7:15 Train ride up Pikes Peak with dinner included (Children are welcome to attend)

7:30- 11 pm Coffee & Dessert in Hospitality Suite for First Timers and returning train riders

Saturday, August 29, 2009

7 am - 5 pm Registration

8- 9 am Breakfast, Governor's Roast in Foothills Hall

9:15-11:30 am General Business Session with Awards Program for 2009-10 and Election of Gov/Elect

Noon – 1 pm Model Lunch in Foothills Hall with speaker

1- 4 pm Braggers Display of club projects in Hospitality Suite

1- 1:30 pm Memorial Service

1:30- 3:30 pm Meet in Hotel Lobby for Trip to Numismatic Museum with 1st Lady Donna

1:30- 3:30 pm Training 102, Lt. Governors and President's Elect (Committee Chairs welcome)

1:30- 3:30 pm Training 102, Sec/Treas Designate and Club & District Finance Chairs (makeup session)

3:30- 4:30 pm Joint Executive Committee meeting with Governor's & Lt. Governors

3- 4:30 pm Scrapbook Judging

5- 6:15 pm Taking pictures for District Directory outside Summit Ballroom

5:30- 6:30 pm Governor's Reception in Summit Ballroom (Hosted by the Hotel, **FREE Drinks**)

6:30- 9 pm Governors Banquet (Formal wear for District officers) in Summit Ballroom.

9-11 pm Hospitality and Story telling in Hospitality Suite

Sunday, August 30, 2009

8 am Ecumenical Service with 'Rev' Charles Larson

8:30 am Breakfast in Foothills Hall

9:30 am Closing Business and Convention Session in Foothills Hall – **All Members should attend.**

11:30 am Adjourn

NOTICE: The Colorado-Wyoming Optimist is published quarterly as a service to the Colorado-Wyoming District of Optimist International. We welcome comments from our readers. Please send those to: Governor Joe Priester at CoWy_GovJoe@live.com

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COLORADO/WYOMING DISTRICT – OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
NOTICE OF CALL – ANNUAL CONVENTION
AUGUST 28-30, 2009 – COLORADO SPRINGS CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

The CONVENTION will be held in Colorado Springs at the newly remodeled Crowne Plaza Hotel at I-25 and Exit 138. Our official Optimist International President's Representative will be Vice President Tommy Vaughn and his wife Cynthia from Gilbert, Arizona. He will be involved in training the incoming officers and also presenting the OI Recognition Program for 2009-2010. We are also planning to have a special experience on the Pikes Peak Cog Railway on Friday afternoon.

A Dutch Treat dinner on Thursday evening will be at The Macaroni Grill and is not mandatory but will be lots of fun for the training staff and anyone who wants to meet Tommy and hear his story.

On Friday morning Lt. Governor Elect, President Elect and Sec-Treas Designate training will start promptly at 8:00 am and is scheduled to go all day. It is mandatory for all incoming Lt. Governors so that they can learn what needs to be done to make this a Distinguished District. For room locations please pick up the days Agenda at the Registration desk. At noon Friday we will be visited by the Bad News Bulldog Band from the Colorado School for the Blind. They will entertain us during lunch and I guarantee you will be blown away by this group. After lunch we will have both the Executive Board Meeting and training for all incoming officers, including Club and District Finance Chairs. At 3:15 pm sharp we will meet in the lobby to car-pool over to Manitou Springs for our Cog Railway experience. Anyone who signs up for the train ride will be provided with a meal to eat when the train reaches the top of Pikes Peak (kids are welcome). The train leaves the Cog Railway station promptly at 4 pm and will return at about 7:15 pm. When we get back to the hotel we will meet in the Hospitality Suite (Breckenridge Room on 2nd Floor) for coffee and desert and to help our First Timers get to know us.

The Governor's Roast is Saturday morning at breakfast so come and enjoy the fun. After breakfast, the General Business Session will start. A Model Luncheon will demonstrate a typical meeting and the speaker will be on a topic all Optimists will enjoy. Please note that **\$100** will be given to someone who registered by the August 14th deadline. Immediately following lunch there will be a Memorial Service for departed Optimist's followed by Lt. Governor and President's Elect training as well as a session for Sec-Treas Designates and Club and District Chairs until 3:30 pm. 1st Lady Donna Priester will be taking anyone who is interested on a tour of the American Numismatic Museum this afternoon.

The Governors Reception is going to be very interesting because it is hosted by the hotel. They are so appreciative of us having two events here this year that they want to show us some love. **FREE** drinks and Hors d'ourves including Swedish Meatballs and Chicken Tenders will be served. Be sure to have your drink refreshed just before dinner starts at 6:30 pm. Dress this evening is Formal for all officers and pictures will be taken for the District Directory. The Installation of Officers will begin after corsages and boutineers are given to the honored attendees.

Then on Sunday morning the General Session will reconvene immediate following breakfast and any unfinished business will be taken care of. Please plan to be there to vote, it is important!

Yours in Optimism, Joe Priester, 2008-09 Governor

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