



CO/WY Optimist District

3rd Quarter Newsletter 2014 - 2015

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Important Websites

- ◇ Optimist International: www.optimist.org/
- ◇ OI Foundation: oifoundation.org/
- ◇ CO/WY District: www.optimistcowy.org/
- ◇ CO/WY Brain Bowl: www.optimistbrainbowl.org/
- ◇ CO/WY Junior Golf: sites.google.com/site/cowyoptimistgolf/

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- ◆ Governor-Elect: Curtis Merrill
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- ◆ Secretary/Treasurer: Greg Young
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- ◆ Zone 3: George Buzick, Monaco South
- ◆ Zone 4: Charlie Neumann, DTC
- ◆ Zone 5: Michael Chavez, Monaco South
- ◆ Zone 6: Tony Carpenter, Wheat Ridge
- ◆ Zone 7: Gunar Neumann, DTC
- ◆ Zone 8: Paul Simon, Monaco South, FRACSOS, TIDOC
- ◆ Zone 9: Michael Chavez, Monaco South
- ◆ Zone 10: Larry Brown, Academy
- ◆ Zone 11: Nancy DeNiro, Tamarac



Governor's Corner

Greetings to my fellow Optimists!



Abigail Nicholas

Hello, Colorado/Wyoming Optimist District Warriors!

FOUR months to go in our 2014-2015 Colorado/Wyoming Optimist year! Where is the time going? We have so much to do to make our District strong going forward into the 2015-2016 year!

Here is where we stand right now as of May 31st:

Currently in our District there are 1,536 club members ... we are down by 90 members. We have 56 clubs (down by four clubs since October 1, 2014).

As you can see we have some "work" to do and only you, our members, can do it! We have the "tools" ready for you in the form of your Governor, Lt. Governor and the NOW Team. (NOW stands for New Optimists Welcome and is a program designed to capture the interest of prospective Optimist Members.) Don't let lack of motivation, energy, time, etc. stop you in finding members for your club. We are here to HELP you succeed ... call us, email us ... we will be there to help you in building your club for the future of our children!

Please don't stop caring or trying ... please. Remember why you became an Optimist in the first place. Those reasons haven't gone away. They may be a bit dusty or tarnished but you can clean them up and renew them for yourself and your club. Don't say, "I can't do it" ... say, "I can do it"!

We have two new clubs that are in the planning stages. We are hoping for great success in the chartering of these clubs by September 30th. The

Academy Optimist Club in Colorado Springs and the Denver area, Monaco South Optimist Club, are the sponsors behind these new club efforts. Thank you to these clubs and the dedicated members who are willing to create joy in the eyes and hearts of children by finding new Optimists to carry on our tradition of "hands-on" volunteer work!

Are you or others in your club willing to give of your time to be involved in one of the very best ways you can give back to your community ... building a club? I was a club builder for the Cheyenne Optimist Club and it remains today as one of the finest things that I have accomplished as an Optimist. I promise you will never forget the joy in the room on the day a new club charters. You will be surrounded by the excitement and new ideas coming from the enthusiastic newly "minted" Optimist club members. Do you have what it takes?

Several clubs have held NOW events in the last quarter and many more have plans in the works. Whatever you've been told in the past about NOW events you can disregard. They do work! They will succeed in bringing in new members to your club if properly planned and executed. We have experts who will help you every step of the way. They will be at your event to help you make it a SUCCESS. Our oldest club, Mile High Optimist Club, which will be 100 years old in 2016, just held a NOW evening event and ended up accepting three new members right then and there.

On another subject, have you put the following dates on your calendar: August 27, 28, 29, 30th? This is the time frame for the District's SUPER

Governor's Corner Continued

Game or Convention (as it is conventionally called) in Glenwood Springs this year. The Hotel Colorado is the site and it is one beautiful hotel surrounded by lovely gardens and fun things to do within walking distance. We will be honored with the attendance of the Optimist International President, Ken Garner and his lovely wife, Patsy.

You will find the Registration form included in this newsletter along with a DRAFT Agenda of the SUPER Game. The Registration form can also be found on our District website: www.optimistcowy.org where you can pay by credit card for the event through Paypal.

Let me entice you with some of the happenings at the SUPER Game/Convention in August:

- ⇒ Thursday, the 27th: Golf at the Glenwood Springs Golf Course for \$59.00 followed by a fun evening in the Hospitality Suite where a "make your own" sandwich board will be available for just ten bucks.
- ⇒ Friday, the 28th: Breakfast on your own or enjoy Brunch with Optimist friends at a Bavarian restaurant. If you are a Past Governor, I hope you will join me as my guest for lunch at 11:30 a.m. (place to be determined and no cost to you).
- ⇒ There will be a tour of the hotel in the afternoon ... find out about this interesting, historical place!
- ⇒ The Executive Huddle/Meeting will convene at 2:15 and is open to anyone who wants to attend and see your District level Optimists "in action."
- ⇒ Friday evening is an event you won't want to miss! Buy, rent or sew yourself a 1920's or 30's outfit and come to the "Great Gatsby Speakeasy" Italian dinner and party. There will be a contest for the best dressed man and woman in their period costumes plus lots of great dancing to our own *Glass Half Full Band*.
- ⇒ Saturday, the 29th: If you enjoy fun and laughter then don't miss my Head Coach – Governor's Roast at breakfast. I wonder if I should sleep in that morning ... hmmm? Immediately following the frivolity we will get down to business and hold

the annual Optimist Convention.

If you are an incoming Club President, Secretary and/or Treasurer there will be sessions designed specifically for you during the late morning and afternoon. Governor Elect Curt Merrill is working hard to make these meetings valuable and informative for you.

- ⇒ Join us for Saturday lunch and participate in a Respect for Law program. In the afternoon, bring a new stuffed animal to the Teddy Bear Tea. Gentlemen, this sounds kind of "fluffy" but it will be an interesting time as we learn about President Teddy Roosevelt's visit to the hotel along with some other historic characters. Good tea, yummy snacks, equals good times!
- ⇒ Saturday evening will be our annual installation dinner and a chance for the ladies and gents to dress in their finery, if desired. Lots of tasty dinner selections are available on the Registration form. Dessert and camaraderie will be served up in our Hospitality suite after dinner.
- ⇒ Sunday, the 30th: We will meet for our final meal at breakfast time where we will also hold our annual Remembrance Celebration for fellow Optimists who have passed on during the year. We are in the process of searching for a Keynote Speaker to entertain us at breakfast as well.

The very best reason to come to the SUPER Game/Convention is to renew friendships in an atmosphere of good will and the belief that what we do as Optimists really does matter!

CHEERS for the KIDS!

Head Coach/Governor Abigail L. Nicholas



3rd Quarter Game Awards & Achievement Winners by Lois Galloway

Team Players of the Quarter

Chris Brogan from the Optimist Club of Pueblo is a Team Player of the Quarter. Chris was the key chairperson for the annual Wine and Beer Tasting fundraiser in April that usually draws approximately 300 attendees. This is no small event! She began by organizing weekly planning meetings, contacting vendors, coordinating other Optimist tasks and otherwise leading the charge. This year's Wine and Beer Tasting fundraiser would not have happened if it weren't for Chris stepping up to the task! After all of the preparation, approximately \$3,000 was raised. Congratulations Chris! Submitted by: Janina Goodwin.

John Swanborg from the Westminster Optimist Club is a

Team Player of the Quarter. This past quarter John has shown deep commitment to helping one of the club's members, Sue Hartman, as she faced leukemia and underwent a bone marrow transplant. Sue became a friend solely through participation in Optimist meetings and projects. John and his wife received intense training in caring for Sue during her recovery, and both John and Susan have generously supported their fellow Optimist by providing home care and transportation over the past three months. In addition John has continued to support the club by attending and photographing Student of the Month Recognition Dinners, spearheading the King Soopers fund raising efforts, planning and executing the Safety Appreciation Dinner with

3rd Quarter Game Awards & Achievement Winners *continued*

two other clubs, helping with trash pick-up, and helping speakers with their audio-visual and computer needs. John exemplifies leadership as an Optimist and dedication to living the Optimist Creed. Submitted by: Jane Keen.

Rookies of the Quarter

Noel Hasselgren from the Monaco South Optimist Club is Rookie of the Quarter. Noel started out setting up the Christmas tree lot. Gary Miller had invited his friend. He was a great worker and soon he filled out his application. Noel worked at the Brain Bowl events. Monaco South meetings begin at 7 a.m., but Noel is consistently twenty to thirty minutes early. He graciously gives our opening invocation. Noel agreed to train for setting up the sound system for the meetings. Noel asked seriously, "Should I be there at 6 a.m.?" Congratulations Noel! Submitted by: John Oss.

Miguel Silva from the Academy Optimist Club is Rookie of the Quarter. Since becoming a member of Team Academy, he is always volunteering, helping move storage material to a new location, attending club sponsored activities, which include helping with the Bringing Up Grades (BUG) program, Tri-Star Basketball, Zone and Regional Oratorical Contests. As if that wasn't enough, he attended the CCDHH club contest for oral presenters held at the Canon School in School District 12. Not stopping there, Miguel helped with the Liberty Day preparation for the kids at Keller Elementary to quiz college students at UCCS. A go-getter, he definitely "Brings out the Best in Kids". Congratulations Miguel! Submitted by: Joe Priester.

New Player Award

Merlin Dart from the Boulder Evening Optimist Club gets the New Player Award. He created amazing programs and a flyer for the club's Optimist events that help spread the word and advertises the club's activities and projects. He prepared a packet and power point presentation used for the club's NOW program that was given to each candidate. Included in the packet is an explanation of the club and its activities. This has resulted in seven new members joining our club. Merlin never says no to a challenge and demonstrates what Optimism is all about. Congratulations Merlin! Submitted by: Bernard Mendon-

ca and Herb Chameroy.

Team Project of the Quarter

The Longmont Breakfast Optimist Club wins the Team Project of the Quarter, which was headed up by Mike Mitchell. The 15th Annual Chick Clark Kids Fishing Program at Isaak Walton Pond and Park was held on April 4th and drew 250 kids (ages 15 and under) plus parents and volunteers. The Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife provided rods and reels. Mike started the event to honor his friend and mentor Chick Clark. He needed \$3000 to buy fish, do publicity and get the event started. He talked to the Optimists who supported his idea with the full amount. The club has been a major supporter every year since. The man, for whom the event is named, Chick Clark, lived to see this worthy program take place for three years. He mentored troubled boys referred by the Boulder County Court System taking them fishing where he could talk to them about straightening up their life. What a worthy project! Congratulations to the Longmont Breakfast Optimist Club and Project Head Mike Mitchell! Submitted by: Claire Young.

Team Publicity Award

Academy Optimist Club receives the Team Publicity Award for the rebranding of their club banner. The club's rebranding is AWESOME! The look is crisp, sharp, and eye catching. It gives Optimists a future look. The Rebranding Committee continues to show a new optimistic approach by creating name-tags, t-shirts, and a future club pin. Congratulations Academy Optimist Club! Submitted by: Charlie Neumann.

Thank you to all who submitted nominations for the different categories. Remember to focus on club members who have contributed to their club in the last quarter and projects and publicity that have taken place in the last quarter. 3rd Quarter honorees will be honored at the 4th Quarter Convention luncheon in Glenwood Springs on August 29. DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19th. Please email the nomination form to: kljgalloway@gmail.com.

Please do not send nominations by U.S. Mail.

3rd Quarter Game Photos by Joe Priester

[More photos can be see by clicking here](#)

District Oratorical Contest by Joe De Rose

The District Oratorical contest culminated in a competitive and excellent final at the 3rd Quarter Board meeting. The six finalists demonstrated the excellence we have come to expect in this contest. Our contest was a combined contest. For the first time both young men and women competed in a single competition. The Oratorical process consisted of 4 rounds. Over 200 young men and women competed at the Club level. From this auspicious start the clubs produced 22 winners (1st and 2nd place) who then moved on to 8 Zone contests. The Zones produced 16 contestants for the Regional contests North, Central and South. The Regional Contests produced our six finalists.

The Winners

1st Place, Clair Davidson, sponsored by the Summit/Lake Dillon Club (\$2,500.00).

2nd Place, Dhivya Murugan, sponsored by Littleton Breakfast Club (\$1,500.00).



Clair Davidson

3rd Place, Megan Cho, sponsored by the Academy Club of Colorado Springs (\$1,000.00).

Our other finalists: Lauren Bigler, Evelyn Moyer both from the Optimist Club of Windsor, Colorado, and Scott Spangler from the Littleton Breakfast Club.

Congratulations to all who competed and to the fine work of Club Presidents, Club Oratorical Chairs, Lt. Governors and to our Regional Chairs, George Mills, Michael Chavez, Sherman Phillips, Paul Simon, Larry Brown, and Shannon Richter.

It was truly an honor to serve as your Oratorical Chair this year. In Optimism, Joe De Rose



Joe De Rose, Oratorical Chair

3rd Quarter FunRaiser by Charlie Neumann

Thank you to all the clubs and individuals who contributed a bottle of Tequila. We raised \$450.00, which benefits our Scholarship fund. We had 13 bottles of incredible Tequila that our winners will get to enjoy. For our Super Bowl Game in Glenwood Springs we selected 3 Clubs, which will get the following:

Registration Fee & One night's lodging at the Hotel Colorado. The club winners were: Dakota Ridge, Wheatridge, and T1 Doc. A check will be sent to the club once it has been determined who will be attending.

As of March 2015 the fund had \$1963.36

Tequila Pull \$450.00

Total as of May 9, 2015, \$2413.36 "WOW" thank you my fellow optimists!!!!

Super Game FunRaiser

Glenwood Springs dates August 27-30. Clubs please bring a Sports Themed Basket.

Mother's Day Celebration Winners

We had a drawing of 5 books that honored mothers. The winners were: Carol West, Donna Priester, Nicole Powell and Trish Merrill

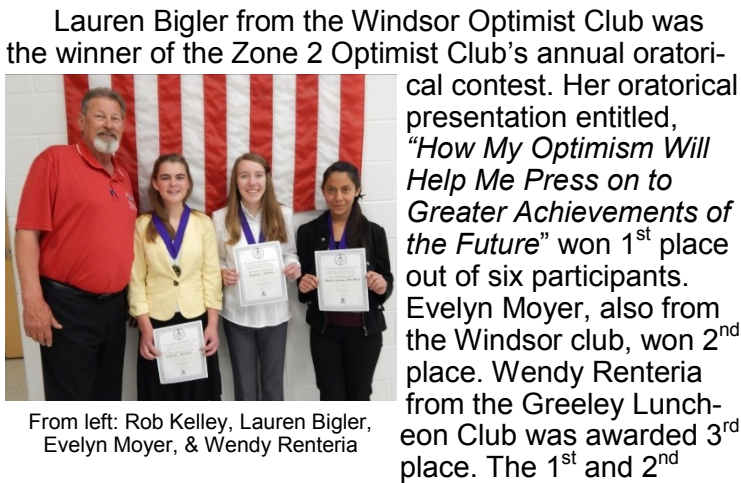
A special thank you to the Front Range American Cancer Society Club for a wonderful Casino night with great food and incredible entertainment. A fun time was had by all. Patty Hasty and Judy Poulson and their team worked very hard to make it outstanding.

Who Are Optimists?

*They're the ones who find their way
Through the maze every day.
They're the ones who see the light
In the darkness of the night.
They're the ones who dream afar
Wishing on the brightest star.
They're the ones who see the glory
In the pages of the story.
They're the ones who believe
All our dreams we can achieve.
They're the ones who lend a hand
When we need help to stand.
They're the ones who give a smile
When we're walking the hardest mile.
They're the ones who learn and grow
Search for truth, thirst to know.
Leave the world a better place
Filled with hope, love, and grace.*

Lynn Schardein, Mile Hi Optimist Club

NEWS FROM DISTRICT CLUBS

Windsor Optimist Club by Rob Kelley

From left: Rob Kelley, Lauren Bigler, Evelyn Moyer, & Wendy Renteria

Lauren Bigler from the Windsor Optimist Club was the winner of the Zone 2 Optimist Club's annual oratorical contest. Her oratorical presentation entitled, *"How My Optimism Will Help Me Press on to Greater Achievements of the Future"* won 1st place out of six participants. Evelyn Moyer, also from the Windsor club, won 2nd place. Wendy Renteria from the Greeley Lunch-eon Club was awarded 3rd place. The 1st and 2nd place winners will compete in the regional contest scheduled for April 25 at the Montbello branch of the Denver Public Library at 12955 Albrook Drive in Denver.

The Zone 2 contest was held at the Wiggins Event Center on April 11 under the direction of Mark Pelton. The contest was chaired by the Zone 2 Lt. Governor, Rob Kelley. The judges for the event were Kevin Condon from Denver, Kristine Rodine from Ft. Morgan and Sharon Kauffman also from Ft. Morgan.

Contestants were scored on four categories: poise, content of speech, delivery and presentation, and overall effectiveness.

Since its start in 1928, the oratorical contest has become the longest running program sponsored by Optimist International. The contest is designed for youth to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with the opportunity to compete for a college scholarship.

Congratulations to all the contestants!

Chinook Elementary JOOI Club by Larry Brown

The Chinook Trail Elementary JOOI Club members were treated to donuts and juice drinks for their year-end club meeting. The word "Tornado" is an understatement for what these JOOI Club members (32) did during the school year. Major projects were successfully completed; the kids collected over 3700 pounds of food for Care and Share to help hungry people in the area, they knitted 15 hats for the homeless and for baby bird's nests, a penny war raised over \$2100 to be donated to two different charities (World Vision and Craig Hospital in Denver), they made blankets for the humane society animals and "Jump Rope for Heart" for the American Heart Association raising over \$6556.30. They ranked 2nd in the most donated to the American Heart Association through "Jump Rope for Heart". Keeping the environment green, they planted trees in the Black Forest area and made wire fences to put around the trees to protect them from animals.

A thank you goes out to Sandy D'Angelo, Larry and Carol Brown and President Nicole Powell for being there for these great kids. Congratulations Chinook Trail JOOI Club kids for your outstanding year and community support!

**Chinook Elementary JOOI Club 2014-2015** by Sandy D'Angelo

The JOOI Club at Chinook Elementary School, Colorado Springs, CO, Club #214 has been busy again this year. This is the 6th year for the club. This club has really evolved into a well functioning team. They have several events they do every year, and some new ones that get added as the students vote them into the schedule. Chinook Elementary is located in North East Colorado Springs. The students are lucky to have support from their parents, guardians, family and friends each year with the projects they choose. Below you will find a list of the projects completed. Their project goals are to serve the school, serve the Colorado Springs community and serve the world. You will see these goals in the projects completed.

October 2014 – The students organized, made posters, held up posters for the drop off lines in the mornings, and decorated the boxes for donations for the Annual Care and Share Food Drive. Non-perishable items and cash were collected. Their recorded donation was 4000

pounds.

November 2014 – The students learned to loom hats. They voted on the organizations to receive these loomed hats. They decided the larger hats would go to the Marion House Soup Kitchen in Colorado Springs, and the very little hats went to "Wildcare," an organization that uses these hats for orphaned baby birds. The students also loomed over winter break. The JOOI students have loomed every year and donated to the organization of their choice.

December 2014 – Another annual event, for the staff at Chinook Elementary, was Secret Santa. The students made cards and ornaments for ALL the staff at the school.

January 2015 – The Penny War was another hit, an annual event to collect donations for the organization(s) of the clubs choice. This year it was The Craig Hospital in Denver (spinal and brain injuries) and Clean Water (international organization to bring clean-

Chinook Elementary JOOI continued

water to those that do not have it) were chosen. The total amount collected was around \$2,000; I do not have an exact figure.

February 2015 – The JOOI club learned how to introduce new students to the school. All students GROWL (Give your best, Respect your world, Own your choices, Work hard, and Listen carefully), they learned how to give a school tour and give examples to new students how to GROWL. This project continued through the end of the year.

February 2015 – The JOOI club decorated the kindergarten classrooms. The kindergarteners enjoyed the attention and the students enjoyed decorating.

March 2015 – The students made toys for the animals at the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region. The toys were then donated to the HSPPR.

April 2015 – Jump Rope for Heart was a new event for this club. They wanted to make sure it would be will planned to continue as an annual event. To promote health and collect money for the organization, they signed up and received donations. The club raised \$6,556.30.

May 2015 – The students help build fencing around some newly planted trees at School In the Woods, District 20, Colorado Springs. The Black Forest fire a couple of years ago impacted this area greatly and the club wanted to do something to help.

The JOOI Club at Chinook Elementary has become a well functioning junior service organization in the Colorado Springs community. I have had the pleasure of watching it grow the last 6 years and look forward to what the future brings.

Tamarac Optimist Club by Nancy DeNiro

May brought diverse projects and activities for Tamarac club. May 1st was International Night at Place Bridge Academy. Optimist Club members helped serve all types of different ethnic dishes the parents of many immigrant students at Place brought in to give out as samples. Just as impressive as the food was the ethnic entertainment. Each of the two



gyms and cafeteria 'housed' a different continent, Americas, Africa, Asia, where the older students had prepared many educational posters and displays about their different countries and cultures, plus unique clothing the students and adults wore from all over the world. Students with 45 different languages are getting their education at Place.

We certainly had a good time and learned a lot. Tamarac Essay Contest for 2015 had 3 winners of



from La Academia in the Inner City Parish. 1st place Mark Gutierrez (junior), 2nd place Anya Dickson (senior headed to Metro State U.), and 3rd place Gabrielle Padilla (senior headed to CCD).

The topic this year was "Optimism Should Be a Priority," and on April 14 a Tamarac delegation made tracks to La Academia to present these winning essay writers with cash-filled Tamarac coffee mugs - \$200 for 1st, \$175 for 2nd, and \$150 for 3rd. An additional award of big-time District value was presented to the 1st place essay winner Mark Gutierrez. Mark's club winning essay came in first in this year's District Essay competition. Mark's essay competed with those from 16 clubs in the District, and won 1st place for the CO/WY District. This victory entails a \$2500 scholarship that will be available to Mark, a junior, when he goes off to college.



Meeting fun! With the first race of the Triple Crown right around the corner, the ladies wore their fancy hats, and enjoyed mint chocolate ice cream cones instead of juleps!

Help T1DOC Send Kids To Camp by Pat McAlister

Last year the Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club (T1DOC) coordinated efforts that resulted in raising over \$5,000 to help send 18 kids to a special summer Diabetes Camp. Because of continual medical costs related to Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) families have a difficult time funding the \$610-\$650 camp cost. T1D kids are unable to participate in other overnight summer camps due to medically necessary around the clock monitoring of blood glucose levels. The 2015 Camp Colorado is to be held from June 28 through July 3, 2015 at Eagle Lake Camp outside of Woodland, Colorado. Typically 250 plus attend the camp but some deserving T1D kids are unable to participate because of financial constraints. Camp attendee ages are between 8 and 17. The camp, structured by the American Diabetes Association (ADA), gives T1D kids an opportunity to foster independence, self-confidence and

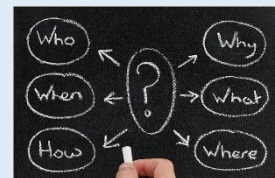
Club Highlights, Event Announcements, & Articles Needed



Help to improve the District's Quarterly Newsletter by submitting articles and pictures. The second quarter newsletter will be going out after the second quarter meeting. Submit your Club's stories and activities by March 6, 2015.

If you have any newsworthy information about your club, your club's upcoming projects, or any pertinent District News, send it to Newsletter Editor Robert Finkelmeier, robert.finkelmeier@monacosouth.org by June 1st.

A Simple, sure-fire way to create great articles is to use the 5 W's and H methodology. Use Word or Publisher format, or text in the body of an email. Photos should be submitted in .jpg format. Based upon size constraints, articles will be inserted into the newsletter on a first come, first serve basis. Be clear and concise. Please share this information to others in your club who would be interested in developing a story.



Help T1DOC Send Kids To Camp Continued

awareness of a healthy lifestyle through education, nutrition, exercise, emotional well-being in a glucose monitored and safe medical environment.

The T1DOC encourages Optimist Clubs, other non-profits, corporations, church and other groups, private parties, etc., to help underwrite kids with T1D to Camp Colorado. Support can be provided in any of the following three ways:

1. Mailing a tax-deductible check, payable to the American Diabetes Association, to the T1DOC. We will get the funding to the correct party at the ADA.
2. Mailing to the T1DOC a tax-deductible donation of \$100 or more made payable to the Optimist International Foundation. The Foundation will pass through the funds to the T1DOC for forwarding to the ADA.

3. Direct non-deductible contributions payable to the T1DOC, which will be aggregated and forwarded to the ADA. Our T1DOC group has a 2015 goal to help generate as many \$305 partial camp sponsorships as possible.

Please join our efforts by helping! Send a T1DOC kid to Camp Colorado. Donations of any amount can be mailed to the T1DOC, Attn: Ron Gustas, 7813 S. Locust Ct., Centennial, Co 80112. For more information about Camp Colorado or how to help T1D kids get to camp please call Ron at 303-770-9640.



Childhood Cancer Campaign (CCC) by Larry Brown

President Nicole Powell (far left) along with CO/WY District Lt. Governor Larry Brown (far right) and Carol Brown (taking the photo) made a visit to the local Children's Hospital for Cancer & Blood Disorder Clinic on May 6, 2015. A generous donation of King Soopers gift cards (\$640 in \$10 increments) was presented to the clinic to help parents waiting while their kids receive

their treatment. The gift cards can be used for food or gas. Also shown in the picture are employees of the Oncology Clinic.

This is the 5th year that the proprietor of Nicole Powell Photography has used her professional skills to raise money for the work of the local service organization, Academy Optimist Club. Powell, the current President of the club, envisioned a community service by providing

low-cost professional photographs of pets as a means of raising money for the Academy Optimist Club's Childhood Cancer Campaign. To date Nicole Powell Photography has donated over \$4,000 to the Children's Hospital for Cancer and Blood Disorder Clinic.

The Academy Optimist Club have become champions for those dealing with childhood cancer! Established by Optimist International in 2001, the mission of the campaign is to be "the leading force to rid the world of childhood cancer."

Through a variety of activities within the program, Optimists are building awareness of the disease that kills more children than any other. In addition, members provide support for children with cancer and their families, and support research to find a cure.



Denver Tech Center (DTC) Optimist Club by Trish Merrill

Though Spring has not quite finished with us, Denver Tech Center Optimists presentation of 2015 Summer On the Vine was a huge success on Saturday, May 30. The summer theme introduced a selection of wines, especially selected by the Will Schneider, wine buyer at Chambers Wine and Liquor, paired with delicious appetizers from the chefs at Citron Bistro, who hosted the event.



DTC Wine Tasting



Governor Abigail Nicholas, of the Colorado Wyoming District of Optimist International mingled with other supporters from the OI and Denver Community, including Steven and Vicki Ramirez, Founders of Shiloh House, one of the many community organizations supported by the DTC Optimists.

As the primary fundraiser for the DTC, 100% of the proceeds go back to the kids in the community involved in the many projects sponsored by this energetic group of Optimist volunteers. From reading and academic reward programs in several of our community schools as well as the CO/WY District sponsored Brain Bowl, the DTC group works closely with Shiloh House, sharing game nights, special holiday celebrations and fun events with the young boys in the residential treatment program at one of the homes, along with OI sponsored Oratorical and CCDHH scholarship programs.

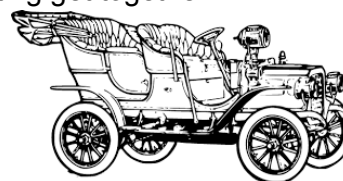
Thanks to generous local businesses the silent auction was a great success.

DTC has an awesome team of volunteers who assisted in putting together this event, with a special thanks to Lois and Wes Parker, for organizing the silent auction, and to Sherry Pearn and Gunar Neumann for working coordinating and working the check in.

Classic Car Optimist Club by Phil Perington

The Classic Car Optimist Club of Colorado will convene their first official general meeting at their new Club House, on Wednesday, June 24th at 6 p.m. The Club has many Monaco South OC members as charter members that include O.C. Larson, Ed Collins, Scott Walker (foundation rep), Dr. Bob Finkelmeier, Dr. Ed Fankhauser, Robert Duval, Dave Peck, Al Gapuzan, Fred Pasternack, Kent Gloor, Phil Perington (sec/treas.), Michael Chavez, and Allen Yockey who are urged to attend. Other interested Optimist members may attend and enjoy a complimentary BBQ buffet; however, please RSVP with Marc Wheeler, club vice president @ 720-289-2976. The address is 9335 Commerce Center St.,

Unit B-4, located just south of the intersection of C-470 and South Santa Fe Drive, in Highlands Ranch. The Club House is decorated in the style of an old-fashioned diner with attached warehouse filled with classic cars that are available to members and other Optimist Clubs for fundraising events and membership "drives." Gov. Abigail and Gov. Elect Curt Merrill will be present to help kick off this exciting get together.

**Read Aloud Program Looking for Volunteers** by Alberto Pellicer

The Denver Public Library is expanding their Read Aloud Program that currently serves more than 5,000 children weekly and we are looking for volunteers that would like to read to preschoolers. CO/WY Optimist clubs were mentioned by some residents at the Montbello or Green Valley Ranch schools so I am trying to follow that lead. Materials and a training towards the end of August will be provided, times are flexible and we also have substitutes to cover for our volunteers in case they have to miss a session.



If you or your Club decided to make a difference the only three requirements are:

- ♦ Committing 30 minutes a week from September to December (around 14 weeks, excluding holidays).
- ♦ Being able to pass a background check.
- ♦ Respect young children as learners.

You can find more information and the actual application here: http://kids.denverlibrary.org/grownups/read_aloud.html. Just fill it out and we will contact you for a brief interview and further instructions.

Interested but with some questions? Send Alberto Pellicer, program coordinator, an email at apellicer@denverlibrary.org or give us a call at 720-865-0320. If you are unable at the moment, feel free to share this information with whoever you might think would love to read to kids.

SUPER Game / Convention Agenda, Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs—August 27 - 30, 2015**Draft Agenda****Thursday, August 27th**

- 1:00 pm – Golf at the Glenwood Springs Golf Course, 193 Sunny Acres Road, Glenwood Springs, \$59.00 – includes cart
- 6:30 pm – Sandwich Board Dinner in the Devereux Hospitality Suite Friday, August 28th Breakfast and lunch on your own
- 10:30 am – Brunch at the Bavarian Restaurant
- 11:30 am – Past Governors Lunch hosted by current Head Coach/Governor Abigail Nicholas (location to be determined)
- 1:00 pm – Hotel Colorado Tour
- 2:15 pm – Executive Huddle/Meeting
- 6:00 pm – Great Gatsby Speakeasy Cash Bar, Dinner and Dance

Saturday, August 29th

- 7:30 am – Head Coach/Governor's Roast and Breakfast
- 9:00 am – Fourth Quarter District Board Meeting
- 9:30 am – Annual Colorado/Wyoming Optimist District Convention
- 10:45 am – Club Presidents 101 Session – Trainer: OI President Ken Garner
- 10:45 am – Club Secretary and Treasurer Session One – Trainer: District Secretary/Treasurer, Greg Young & Team

- 12:00 pm – Lunch and Respect for Law program and Announcements
- 1:45 pm – Club Presidents 202 Session – Trainer: OI President Ken Garner
- 1:45 pm – Club Secretary and Treasurer Session Two – Trainer: District Secretary/Treasurer, Greg Young & Team
- 2:00 pm – Teddy Bear Tea/Snacks and Historical Presentation; Special Guest, OI First Lady Patsy Garner

Saturday, August 29th (continued)

- 5:00 pm – Pictures and Corsages for Incoming and Outgoing Officers and Dignitaries
- 6:00 pm – Happy Half Hour - Cash Bar
- 6:30 pm – Dinner and Installation
- 9:00 pm – Dessert in the Devereux Hospitality Suite

Sunday, August 30th

- 7:30 am – Spiritual Morning with Chaplains Elizabeth and Charles Larsen
- 8:00 am – Breakfast and Remembrance Celebration for Deceased Optimists
- 9:30 am – Keynote Speaker
- 10:30 am – Adjournment of the 2014-2015 SUPER GAME/Convention and Optimist Creed

SUPER Game / Convention Registration Form - Download full form from distribution email

**COLORADO/WYOMING OPTIMIST
WARRIORS**

**SUPER GAME CONVENTION
AUGUST 27-30 2015**

Hotel Colorado
526 Pine St. Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
www.hotelcolorado.com

Tel: 970-945-8948 or 1-800-544-3998

Room reservations must be made by July 27. Indicate that you are with the Optimist Convention. The rate is \$119 per night plus tax.

Convention Registration: **\$25 if received by July 27;**
Late registration: \$35 from July 28-August 13; \$45 after August 14.
Non-Member Spouse/Guest Registration: **\$15 (no late fee)**

Name: Optimist 1: _____ Optimist 2/Guest: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____ First Timer? _____

Optimist 1: Club: _____ Position: _____

Email Address: _____

Optimist 2: Club: _____ Position: _____

Email Address: _____

PLEASE SEE PAGE TWO FOR MEAL SELECTION AND TOTAL FEES! Do NOT forget to put your name at the top of page two in case the sheets get separated.

YOU MAY PAY ONLINE at the Colorado/Wyoming website:
<https://www.optimistcowy.org/events-conferences/conferences/>

If paying by check: Mail check, payable to Colorado/Wyoming Optimists to Trish

EITHER WAY YOU PAY, SEND YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TO:
Trish Merrill, P.O. Box 440327, Aurora, CO 80044
Phone: 303 885-4288 E-mail: t_merrill@comcast.net

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

NOTE: MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN: AUGUST 20 - otherwise an upcharge of \$5.00 per meal.

MEMBER REGISTRATION FEE (FROM PAGE 1) \$25, \$35, or \$45)		#	\$
NON-MEMBER GUEST FEE: \$15		#	\$
Thurs. Aug. 27			
6:30pm	Dinner in the Devereux Hospitality Suite. \$10 per person. Build Your Own Sandwich Board, chips, salads, cookies, beer and wine	#	\$
1:00 p.m.	Golf - Glenwood Springs Golf Course 193 Sunny Acres Road, Glenwood Springs, CO 801601 - \$59.00 - includes cart. Pay at the golf course.	#	\$
Fri. Aug. 28			
	Breakfast and lunch on your own. Option - 10:30 Brunch at the Bavarian Restaurant	#	\$
11:30 a.m.	PAST GOVERNORS ONLY - LUNCHEON Abigail Nicholas, 2014-2015 Head Coach/Governor	#	\$
1:00 p.m.	Tour of the Hotel Colorado. \$10.00 pay at time of tour.	#	\$
6:00 p.m.	Great Gatsby Speakeasy Party. Cash bar. Wear your 1920s or 30s costume - There will be a costume contest.	#	\$
6:30 p.m.	Italian theme dinner (Chicken Parmesan). \$35 per person. Dinner followed by entertainment and dancing - Glass Half Full.	#	\$
Sat. Aug. 29			
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast and Governor's Roast (Tamarac, DTC, Cheyenne). \$27 per person. Fruit, eggs, bacon, muffins and scones, orange juice, coffee, tea.	#	\$
12:00 noon	Lunch - Soup and Salad Buffet. \$24 per person.	#	\$
3:00 p.m.	Teddy Bear Tea - Hospitality Suite. Admission is a stuffed animal to be donated to children in crisis. (Included in reg)	#	\$
6:00 p.m.	Cash Bar - Social.	#	\$
6:30 p.m.	INSTALLATION DINNER. \$45 per person Salad - Organic field greens, roasted tomatoes, marinated artichokes and balsamic vinaigrette.	#	\$
Please indicate your choice of entrée below:		CHOOSE YOUR MEAL PLEASE	
_____ Grilled Salmon filet, vegetables, baby spinach and Harissa (red chili) sauce.		_____	
_____ Braised Beef Short Ribs, whipped potatoes, caramelized root vegetables and gremolata (chopped herbs).		_____	
_____ Vegetarian selection - Sage Gnocchi Soufflé with wild mushrooms, arugula and shaved parmesan.		_____	
9:00 p.m.	Dessert and drinks in the Hospitality Suite.	#	\$
Sun. Aug 30			
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Remembrance Celebration. \$24 per person. Quiche and fruit plate, OJ, coffee and tea.	#	\$
TOTAL REGISTRATION AND MEALS:		#	\$

CO/WY District 25 of Optimist International



THE OPTIMIST CREED —

Promise Yourself . . .

- ◆ To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- ◆ To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- ◆ To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- ◆ To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- ◆ To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
- ◆ To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- ◆ To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- ◆ To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- ◆ To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- ◆ To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

CHEER FOR THE KIDS

**ATTENTION PRESIDENTS!
PLEASE READ THE CONFERENCE
ANNOUNCEMENT TO YOUR CLUB
MEMBERS, AND CIRCULATE THIS
NEWSLETTER TO ALL YOUR MEM-
BERS WHO DO NOT HAVE EMAIL**

CO/WY District 25, address changes
c/o Greg W. Young
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