

# CO/WY Tribal Tribune

## Governor's Corner - John Swanborg 2017-2018



Hello fellow Optimist,

This Optimist year is almost over and what a year it was. At the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter conference we were entertained by the **Seven Falls Indian Dancers** and we saw a video from One Nation Walking Together that showed the conditions

that a lot of Native Americans are living in. You donated hundreds of food items that were given to the **Denver Indian Center**.

At the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter conference Emerson Little Elk sang several prayer songs and **Detective Chris Stadler** talked to us about the Innocence **Lost Task Force**. Again, you opened your hearts and brought hats, gloves and mittens that were given to Detective Stadler to give to children that were rescued by the Task Force.

At the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter conference we did the traditional **Oratorical and CCDHH contests**. It always amazes me that using just one subject, every child looks at it a different way. The Hands-on-Protect for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter was to bring baby items to be given to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and you donated over 2,000 items and gave cash contributions of \$500 that that was used to purchase more items. It took two trips with my truck to take all the donations to the Tribe.

Just a few weeks ago the District held it's 70<sup>th</sup> Convention in **Breckenridge** and what a good time we had. It started out with a pajama party on Friday night with music DJ'd by our own Indian Princess Pocahontas. Mini Mouse, Ralphie from the Christmas Story, Superman and other super heroes showed up. Our OI representative, **Roger Lesofski**, came in his patriotic red, white and blue PJ's. To go along with the pajama party- theme we asked that you bring a child's book and/ or stuffed animals.

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### District Officers

- Governor: John Swanborg, Westminster OC
- Governor-Elect: Linda McDonald, Wheat Ridge OC
- Secretary/Treasurer: Craig Baldwin, Heather Gardens OC
- Immediate Past Gov.: Paul Simon, MSOC, FRACSOC, TIDOC

### Lt. Governors

- Zone 1: Andrew Stanger, Windsor
- Zone 2: Steve Armfield, Loveland
- Zone 3: Robert Krech, Gateway OC
- Zone 4: Steve Theurer, Westminster OC
- Zone 5: Jean Shelton, Arvada Clear Creek
- Zone 6: John Oss, DTC OC
- Zone 7: Wade Hammond, Wheat Ridge OC
- Zone 8: Sharon Foster, Academy OC
- Zone 9: Terri Kearney, Arvada Lake Arbor

### Important Websites

- Optimist International:**  
[www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)
- OI Foundation:**  
[oifoundation.org/](http://oifoundation.org/)
- CO/WY District:**  
[www.optimistcowy.org/](http://www.optimistcowy.org/)
- CO/WY Brain Bowl:**  
[www.optimistbrainbowl.org/](http://www.optimistbrainbowl.org/)
- CO/WY Junior Golf:**  
<https://sites.google.com/site/cowyoptimistgolf/home>

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And caring people that you are, we collected over **1,100 books and 150 stuffed animals**. First lady and I took them to the **Southern Ute Tribe** and as before they could not have been more appreciative of your compassion and willingness to help them.

The convention began with the election of your 2018-2019 Governor Elect and for the first time in over 20 years we had two people running for that office. **Tony Carpenter and Jean Shelton** each gave a 5 minute talk on why they should be elected. In the end, Tony was elected as the Districts Governor Elect. The convention ended with the installation of the 2018-2019 District officers. They are; **Linda McDonald Governor Designate, Carma Lytle treasurer, Sandy McKenzie secretary**, and the following Lt. Governors:

**Zone 1: Mary Hall Zone 2: Charlie Pease Zone 3: Dennis Hutton Zone 4: Joe Priester  
Zone 5: Jeannine Montgomerie Zone 6: John Oss Zone 7: Wade Hammond Zone 8: Larry Brown  
Zone 9: Terri Kearney**

**Mark King** was installed as the second **Governor of the Colorado/Wyoming JOI District**. The district presented **Katrina Smith** current JOI Governor and Mark King JOI Governor Designate with a \$100. Katrina developed a program called "**A Week of Kindness**". She submitted the program to Optimist International and it was accepted as a JOI program to be used worldwide. Mark has sponsored over 25 new JOI members and started a new JOI Club at his high school. Mark attended the JOI Convention in Ottawa Canada and was elected to the OI JOI Board of Directors.

I want to thank everyone who donated items throughout the year and those who attended the conferences and convention. It was a very successful year and I know that as a District we can do more in the years to come.

**John Swanborg,  
Governor Colorado/Wyoming Optimist District**

### CO/WY District 3rd Quarter Conference Photo Album



Friday Night Pajama Party

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Cheyenne OC members at PJ Party



Gorrells



Priesters



Tony & Curt



Mary, Sharon, & Joyce



Pease's & photobomber



Tony & Andrew



Montgomerys



Gov Designate Linda McDonald addresses conference



2018-19 Officers and Lt Govs for Installation



From left: Secretary Sandra McKenzie, Treasurer Karma Litle, Gov-elect Tony Carpenter, Gov Designate Linda McDonald, JOI Gov Designate Mark King, Gov Swanborg, and OI VP Installing officer Roger Lesofski



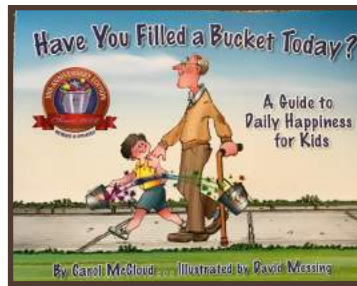
JOI Gov Designate Mark King



Gov Swanborg & OI VP Roger Lesofski

## Tamarac OC Launches New Bucket Book Program Nancy DeNiro

September is the kickoff for Tamarac's NEW PROJECT, **Have You Filled A Bucket Today?** the title of the book we are giving 1st grade students in 9 schools. This heartwarming paperback encourages positive behavior by using the concept of an invisible bucket to show children how easy and rewarding it is to express kindness, appreciation and love by "filling buckets. These are pics from schools that have been visited so far...



## District Award Nominations Due Charlie Neumann

Chairperson Mrs. Charlie Neumann 303 766-9649 [neumann-charlie@comcast.net](mailto:neumann-charlie@comcast.net)

Address: 4473 S. Granby Ct, Aurora, CO 80015

Please send your nominations 10 days prior to each conference

**Rookie of the Quarter** - Awarded to a member who embraces the Optimist Creed along with their volunteerism during their first year of joining.

**Club Project of the Quarter** - Awarded to a club that conducted a project that has "Brought out the Best" for the youth in our communities. The project must be completed within the current year

**Optimist of the Year** - Each club can submit one nomination. The nominee can be either an old or new Optimist Member who has demonstrated an exemplary example of Optimism in the club and community, the award presented by the Gov. Linda McDonald.

**Sponsor 3 New Members Award** Chairperson Curt Merrill [c\\_merrill@comcast.net](mailto:c_merrill@comcast.net)

**303 589-3000** - Receive a \$50.00 gift certificate to your favorite Restaurant by sponsoring three new members into your club this quarter.

## CO/WY JOI Impacted the International Scene Donna Priester

Our JOI Leaders attended the 99<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada this past July 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – and they really made a difference!

JOI Governor **Katrina Smith**, JOI Governor Elect **Mark King**, Secretary Treasurer **Caliphe Brown**, Secretary Treasurer Elect **Justin Watkins**, and Governor Elect for 2018-19 **Elise Clark** made their appearance and interacted in an outstanding way with the JOI members from all over the U.S., Canada, and Caribbean.

Our leaders had promoted having a project for all to engage in – we cleaned the banks of the river running through downtown Ottawa.

We suggested fewer, but exciting “icebreakers” – our Katrina and Mark led the 170+ convention attendees in fun and excitement (ask them about “beach balls!”)



The crowning achievement was when attendees nominated our **Mark King** to be elected to the Junior Optimist International Board. There was campaigning and speech making and well qualified candidates. Pictured with this article are the winners – do you see Gov. Mark King in the tan suit? He has been elected to the International JOI Board and is attending the first Board meeting Sept. 7-8<sup>th</sup> in St. Louis! Let’s all get behind these marvelous young men and women as they continue to pave the way toward an Optimistic world!

When you see Gov. Mark, Sec./Treas. Justin, and Gov. Elect Elise during this year at District meetings, be sure and get to know them. They love Optimism and will go far in life carrying the Torch of Optimism forward.

They love been touched by Optimism and will carry the Optimist mantle into the next generations!



## September 2018 JOI News Donna Priester

Schools are beginning and therefore, JOI Clubs are popping up all over! Those that were in place last year are reorganizing again with “old” and new members joining to make sure that their communities are “the best they can be”!

JOI members are there to help “make a difference” for the people that need their assistance within the community! Some are entering “Walks” for different charities; some are collecting school supplies for students in need; some are entering into community celebrations; and some are bringing the idea of “KINDNESS” into their schools, families, and community! Our JOI members are limited only by their creativity which means they are making the difference.

Optimist have always had the motivation to “Bring Out the Best in Kids”, and through Junior Optimist Clubs they are making it happen. The World is now aware that the children of the Future have been touched by Optimism and will carry the Optimist mantle into the next generations!

### Memorial Service at Convention

Sixteen CO/WY Optimists were honored in a memorial service at the convention in Breckenridge. A red rose for each one was accepted by club members or their representative.

Vernon Abbott	Buena Vista	Melvin Goldberg	Heather Gardens
Gus Anderson	Denver Northeast	Leo Hagele	Monaco South
Virginia Anderson	Heather Gardens	Paul Hage	Lake Dillon
William B Anderson	Monaco South	Darcelle Harris	Denver Northeast
Vincent Ball	Denver Northeast	Joyce Love	Denver Northeast
Maye Dixon	Denver Northeast	Ralph Pederson	Monaco South
Carole Gauntlett	Windsor Gardens	Willie Shanault	Denver Northeast
Wilma Gillespie	Denver Northeast	George VanArsdale	Ft Collins Breakfast



### SAVE THE DATE for the CO/WY 1st Quarter Conference



Colorado/Wyoming Optimist District  
2018/2019

**Saturday, October 6, 2018**  
**St Anthony Conference Center**  
**11600 W 2nd Place**  
**Lakewood, Colorado 80228**

**Watch your email for registration  
information**

**Visit website: [www.optimistcowy.org](http://www.optimistcowy.org)**

## ***Personal Growth and Involvement (PGI) or Professional Development Program (PDP) - Why is it Different? By Larry Brown***



**First off, there is a difference between PGI and PDP.** I am sure most of you remember the PGI program and the passport where you kept track of your progress as you completed levels I thru X. The PGI program is still something you can continue to pursue. Optimist International (OI) currently has no plans to discontinue the PGI program.

**Why PGI?** It gives you the opportunity to enhance your knowledge at the OI, District and Club levels. Not to mention improvement in leadership. Sadly, some clubs have put PGI on the back burner, along with the mentor program. Both are needed to energize their club and to allow members to have a better understanding of the importance of leadership. Something to remember as you progress in your PGI passport, you can skip around in the different levels. Once you have completed level I and so on, you must contact a club officer or the PGI/PDP chair to certify completion. At this point, a Recognition Form will be completed and sent to the OI PGI/PDP Department. They in turn will send a copy of the Registration Form along with a color tab for the level completed to the PGI/PDP District chair. You will be recognized at a club meeting.

**What is PDP all about?** Interesting, the PDP brochure is a little different from the PGI passport in size and content. There are 10 levels and 3 Advanced levels of PDP. Before you can start the Advanced levels, you must complete levels I thru X. Advanced levels must be completed within one year of starting the first advanced level and levels must be worked on consecutively. There are three levels; Bronze pin, Silver pin and Gold pin.

It is up to you to decide if you want to continue with the PGI program or start the PDP. If you haven't started the PGI program, start with the PDP.

**What type of recognition** will you receive after you have completed levels I thru X of the PDP? Instead of the color tab, you will receive a certificate for the level completed.

Once a club member has completed level I and so on you must contact a club officer or PGI/PDP to certify completion. A PGI/PDP Recognition Form will be completed and sent to the OI PGI/PDP Department. They in turn will send a copy of the Registration Form along with a certificate for the level completed to the PGI/PDP chair. You will be recognized at a club meeting.

The Advanced levels completed will follow the same process as PDP levels I thru X. Recognition should be at the District level.

For questions or **further information** please contact: Larry Brown [slvrfox1940@comcast.net](mailto:slvrfox1940@comcast.net)  
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[Stephanie.Monschein@optimist.org](mailto:Stephanie.Monschein@optimist.org) and [Jackie.Moore@optimist.org](mailto:Jackie.Moore@optimist.org) (800) 500-8130

## Oratorical Contest Information 2018-2019 Steve Gorrell

The Oratorical Contest is open to students who have not reached the age of 19 before October 1, 2018, and are not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a post-secondary institution.

### Guidelines for 2018—2019

- ◆ This year's topic is: **“Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?”**
- ◆ All contest will be Combined Gender
- ◆ Clubs will send their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners to the Zone Contest. The Zone Lt Governor's will set the time, date and location for the Zone Contest.
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Zone winners will then go to a Regional Contest.
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Regional winners will the go to the District Finals being held April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference. The District 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship and then will be able to go to the Regional/World Championships Contest at St Louis University in St Louis, MO. Where the possibility to win up to additional 20,000 in scholarships. 2<sup>nd</sup> place District winner will receive a 1,500 scholarship and 3<sup>rd</sup> place District winner will receive a 1,000 scholarship.
- ◆ The Club contest must be completed on or before March 17,2019.
- ◆ The Club will pay a onetime entry fee of 20.00 per entrant that goes to the Zone contest payable to the District.
- ◆ All contestants must speak on the official topic in the first sentence of the speech. Timing will begin with the first spoken word.

Schools are starting. ***Now is the time to contact your local schools to get them involved in the Oratorical Contest!***

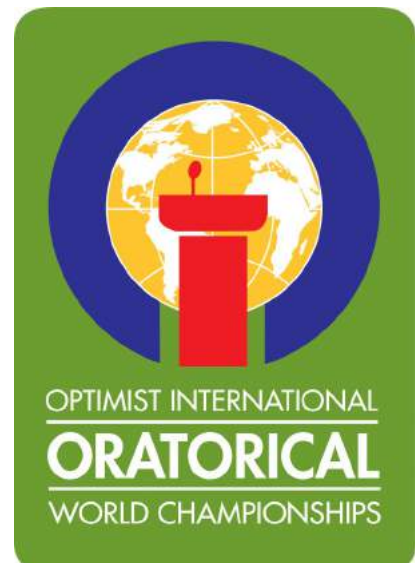
You can go to [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org). Programs-scholarship contests -oratorical contest. From there you can download the rules and application for the contest.

If you have any questions, contact your Lt Governor or me.

Steve Gorrell

District Oratorical Chairperson, 2018-2019

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## Optimist Junior Golf Program

Bob Myers



To date in 2018, the CO-WY Optimist District Junior Golf Program has had a highly successful year. Our ongoing relationship with the **Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado (JGAC)** helped us achieve a record field size for our three District Qualifiers in June 2018. We had over 250 golfers compete in those June District Qualifiers. That's a 10% increase over 2017 and double the field size we had as recently as 2015. The increase in field size results in our receiving additional

slots for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships (commonly referred to as THE OPTIMIST) held at PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens FL (home of the PGA Tour's Honda Classic). Based on the field size for our 2017 District Qualifiers, we received 46 slots for THE 2018 OPTIMIST. That's on top of 23 slots we received for our field size at the October 2017 Optimist Junior Tour event held at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club.

We didn't fill all 69 of those slots, but we did fill 60 of them, with 49 junior golfers from Colorado, five from Wyoming, two from Montana, and one each from the States of Utah, Arizona, Missouri, and Oklahoma. For the second year in a row, there were more junior golfers from Colorado at THE OPTIMIST than there were from any other of the 49 States.

We wouldn't have been able to fill those slots without our extremely successful fund-raising efforts. Our fund-raising activities include an adult golf tournament (with a live auction) at Broken Tee Golf Course in Englewood in June 2018; soliciting over 45 hole and banner sponsors for that adult tournament, the October 2017 Optimist Junior Tour event at Green Valley Ranch, and the June 2018 District Qualifiers at Aurora Hills Golf Course, Meadow Hills Golf Course in Aurora, and Flatirons Golf Course in Boulder; generous contributions from District Optimist Clubs, individual Optimists and their friends, local companies, and parents of junior golfers competing in our District Qualifiers. We also had four Optimist Days at the Rockies, where we sell discounted Rockies tickets at face value.

At THE 2018 OPTIMIST, there were almost 700 junior golfers from 28 countries around the world. During THE OPTIMIST, Colorado and Wyoming golfers performed well. The best performances were as follows:

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## Junior Golf Finals and Photos

Boys 10 – 11 Carson Bertagnole T4, Austin Barry 14

Boys 12 – 13 Nicholas Pevny 1 (Photo to right)

B 16 – 18 Micah Stangebye T8, T J Shehee T8

Girls 10 – 12 Caitlyn Chin 16

Girls 13 – 14 Eva Pett T6, Kaylee Chen T17,  
Rachel Penzenstadler Hole in one (Photo to right)

Girls 15 – 18 Caroline Jordaan T6

In addition, Jessica Zapf and her dad finished first in a Parent-Child  
Tournament at THE OPTIMIST at PGA National.



## Boulder Optimist Evening Club News Charlie Pease

The Boulder Optimist Evening Club's 2018-2019 Officer installation will be held on October 9th at the Greenwood-Myers Mortuary in Boulder. In attendance will be incoming **Lt. Gov. Joe Priester & Donna** as well as incoming **District Governor, Linda McDonald & Ron**.

The incoming Club President will be **Joe Mesoros** assisted by VP **Lou Medal**.

On Sunday, Sept 2nd, **Charlie & Veronica Pease** will be hosting the club membership at their house for their annual end 'O summer and **Gridiron Kickoff**. The Club works with CU football helping with the parking at home games as a fund raiser.

**SEVEN DAYS WITHOUT OPTIMISM MAKES ONE WEAK!**

## Multi-Club Social and Fund Raising Event Ron Gustas

A number of District Optimist Clubs are joining together to have fun and hopefully raise a few dollars at the “**FALL KICKOFF SOCIAL**” to be held on **November 9<sup>th</sup>** at the **Pinehurst Country Club** located at 6255 West Quincy Ave., Denver. Individual Optimists are welcome and Colorado/Wyoming District Clubs are encouraged to join in and come as a group to take advantage of the fund raising opportunity for their club.

In addition to enjoying a fantastic dinner of either Prime Rib or Salmon and have fun being entertained by nightclub entertainers Optimists can boost their treasuries.

Each participating Optimist Club can bring auction items to be part of either the silent or live auction held through-out the evening. The MC and auctioneer for the evening is **Dave Aguilera from Channel 4. Auction proceeds will revert back to the Club** supplying the auction items, less a small cost sharing charge of from 3% to no more than 10% of auction proceeds to cover event overhead and entertainment costs. The greater the combined auction proceeds the lower the cost sharing percent.

The event will kick-off with a cash bar and silent auction bidding opening at 5:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 7:00 to be followed by live entertainment and live auction bidding. Cost to attend is \$40 per person.

Please see the attached event flier for registration information.

For more information on how you and your Club can participate in the event please contact any of the following committee members- **Douglas Smith** (720-329-3695); **Jean Shelton** (303-933-0843); **Jeff Gartz** (303-842-6680); **Ron Gustas** (720-934-3566); or **Ralph Dergance** (303-906-8237). Join in and get to know Optimists from other District Clubs!

**NOVEMBER 9, 2018: OPTIMIST CLUBS’  
FALL KICKOFF SOCIAL**

**@**

**6255 West Quincy Avenue, Denver, CO 80235**





**5:00 CASH BAR  
& BIG SILENT AUCTION**

**7:00 SERVED DINNER – Prime Rib or  
Salmon w/dill sauce**

**NIGHTCLUB ENTERTAINMENT  
LIVE AUCTION**

**Emcee Dave Aguilera, Channel 4**

*Order Now – seating limited! Write checks to Littleton Optimist Club.  
Send \$40 per person via mail Jean Shelton, 11718 Elk Head Range Road,  
Littleton 80127*

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**Meal Request**

Prime Rib #	Salmon #	Your Name (s) _____	
<input style="width: 50px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid #8ebf42;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 50px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid #8ebf42;" type="text"/>	Club Name _____	Please
		Address _____	print
		_____	

Clip out  
and Mail

**SAVE THESE DATES!**

Your Club's Fundraiser Flyer could be on this page in the 1st Qtr Newsletter

## How Can You Help Local Kids?

Come with Family & Friends to the Wheat Ridge Optimist Club's



### **PANCAKE SUPPER (the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual!)**...

'All You Can Eat Dinner' with Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Peaches, & Beverages

### **SILENT AUCTION...**

Be the Highest Bidder for Restaurant Certificates, Fun Excursions, and More

### **YARD SALE...**

Treat Your Kiddos and Yourself to Great Deals on Gently-used Items, like Stuffed Animals, Sports Memorabilia/Clothing, Household Goods, and More!

### **MAGICIAN...**

Kids of All Ages will Love the Magic and Personalized Balloon Creations

**Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30pm-8pm**

**Wheat Ridge High School**

9505 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO

**\$8 adults; \$4 kids (under 12)**

**Tickets available at the door**

## Tamarac Optimists 2nd Annual



# CHILI SUPPER & SILENT AUCTION

**Saturday, November 3**

**4pm-7pm**



**Calvary Baptist Church**

6500 E Girard Ave  
Denver CO



\$20 admission includes wine or beer  
Choice of 3 homemade chilis with  
toppings, drink & dessert



All proceeds from this event support Tamarac's programs for youth in our communities

## 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.

