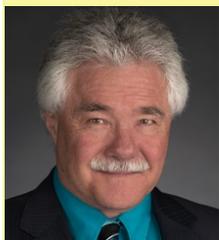


# CO/WY - The Bandwagon



## Governor's Corner - Tony Carpenter 2019-20

This year's theme for our District is Vision 2020.

The theme is contained in a logo, a logo chocked with symbolism. I've shared the meaning of the symbolism at conferences and club events, and have received numerous requests to share it with the District.

**Vision 2020:** A play on words:

20-20 Vision = Seeing Clearly. Clearly now, and clearly into the future. And since the majority of our year is in 2020, well...you get it.

**The Trapeze flyer**

By now, almost everyone knows I'm a Flying Trapeze artist. But the flyer represents more than my Flying Trapeze avocation.

Notice how the flyer is looking off into the distance, peering into the night sky. It's difficult to see into the night, for many it's a real challenge. So the flyer represents challenges, and we're up for challenges!

The Flyer also represents FUN! Optimism should be fun and rewarding to our youth our communities and OURSELVES!

**Now lets focus on the youth:**

***The girl shooting the basketball*** represents Athletics. Programs such as Tri-Star Basketball and Junior Golf help build confidence, team work, individual effort, a sense of accomplishment, the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat...and how to deal with both, and it builds strong bodies to boot!

***The boy reading a book*** represents learning and improving academic skills. Programs like The Bug Program, the Oratorical and Essay contests are just some examples of how we help the kids in our communities improve their minds.

***The girl in the foreground*** has achieved her academic goals and is Reaching for the stars. OI and many clubs provide scholarships and resources to help the youth in our communities reach their goals..and in reality reach for their dreams.

Together, they represent how we help improve the Body, Mind and Spirit of our youth.

Is that worth stretching your comfort zone? An easy way to continue growing is by asking someone you know to attend a club function or meeting. Let me ask you: What would your community look like if your club was no longer around to provide that hope and positive vision?

**Notice that the images extend past the circle.**

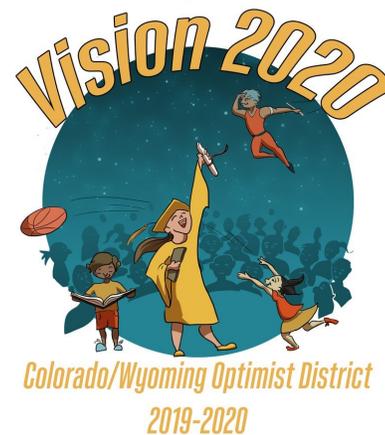
I think of it as coloring outside the lines. Sometimes we need to break out of our rigid rules and habits and find new and exciting ways to "get-er-done".

Now notice ***the Crowd behind the kids.***

That's us. Where are we focused? We're focused on the kids...Helping them achieve their goals. "We're better together". A phrase that represents continuity.

"By providing hope and positive VISION, Optimists bring out the best in Youth, Our Communities and Ourselves."

My hope is that whenever you see our logo, it will remind of our vision.  
**Vision 2020.**



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### District Officers

- Governor: Tony Carpenter, Wheat Ridge OC
- Governor— Designate: Terri Kearney, Arvada Lake Arbor OC
- Secretary: Craig Baldwin, Heather Gardens OC
- Treasurer: Carma Lytle, Wheat Ridge OC
- Immediate Past Gov.: Linda McDonald, Wheat Ridge, OC

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- Zone 1: Mary Hall, Loveland Bkft OC
- Zone 2: Charlie Pease, Boulder Lunch OC
- Zone 3: Dennis Hutton, Buena Vista OC
- Zone 4: Joe Priestler, Academy OC
- Zone 5: Charlie Neumann, DTC OC
- Zone 6: Abigail Nicholas, Tamarac & DTC
- Zone 7: Larry Brown, Academy OC
- Zone 9: Kris Gresl, 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>

# CO/WY District 1st Quarter District Conference

The District 1st Quarter Conference was held at St Anthony Conference Center in Lakewood on Saturday, October 5, 2019. After a delicious breakfast, **Emcee, Jeanette Thomson** took the mic



**Ringmaster Jeanette Thomson was in high form with one-liners!**

and a 'high-flying' theme took over for introductions. **Governor Tony presented his theme for the year in a most creative way (see pic).**

Following the Board of Directors meeting and DFR awards, there were breakout sessions with the Lt Governors with their club's members.

The morning flowed into afternoon with a working lunch, with a special presentation (see page 3).

The afternoon had information central with representatives from JOI, Jr Golf, Brain Bowl, Oratorical, Essay, and Tri-Star answered questions and promoted their projects.



**Gov Tony introduces his theme for 2020 in high flying style**



**A room full of Optimists!**



**On left, Makenna Weiner, JOI Gov-Elect, and Elise Clark, JOI Gov this year at their Information Central Table**



**Fundraiser basket table to raise funds for the JOI District**

## Program at the 1st Quarter Conference Charlie Neumann

### Program Speaker & Stuffed Animal Drive for Packs of Hope

At our conference we had Mrs. **Amanda Beck** the Director of "Packs of Hope" tell us of the amazing outreach for children going in and coming out of foster care. Over 10,000 children in Colorado are in foster & kinship care. Kinship care is when family members are taking over the care when the child has been removed from the home. They leave in a hurry, not able to take any of their 'things' and are rushed into a new home where a new family, who has just been notified of their arrival, welcomes them. This is where *Packs of Hope* steps in and offers a bit of hope and comfort.

The backpacks are filled with toothpaste & toothbrush, toy, clothing and a stuffed animal. They serve many counties in Colorado and are headquartered in Arvada. They provide these packs through donations and 98% of the monies go to purchasing the items needed.

**Lt. Gov Kris Gresl** suggested them as our speaker and the Purpose Driven Optimist Club has been a huge supporter for Packs of Hope. The drive was to bring stuffed animals that Ms. Beck said was their greatest need. As always with great pride our members and clubs came through in a very big way. We did not count them but I would say we donated over 300 animals. A special mention to Pet Smart in U-Hills for donating a huge bag of stuffed animals that the Tamarac Club asked for. "Way to Go"! Also, Rebecca Clark mother of our JOI Governor Elise mentioned that a woman in Colorado Springs makes blankets and then donates them. She asked me if I would want them for Packs of Hope I said that would be wonderful. So in addition we provided 15 beautiful blankets. Here is their contact information:



**Packs of Hope Golden Packs  
Director: Amanda Beck  
8270 West 80th Ave #2  
Arvada, CO 80005  
720 530-3306**

[amanda@packsofhope.org](mailto:amanda@packsofhope.org)

[www.packsofhope.org](http://www.packsofhope.org)





## SAVE THE DATE for the 2nd Quarter CO/WY Conference

**Sat, February 8, 2020**

Maggiano's Restaurant,  
7401 South Clinton St.

Englewood, Colorado 80112

The 2nd District Conference is coming up faster than you think. **Our guest from Optimist International will be Don Crall, Director of the OI Foundation.** We will also have **Cindy Charlton (Speaker Trainer, Author)**, presenting "De-mystify Disabilities, with Miss-ability":

Cindy has turned surviving into an art form, and she truly is a maestro. From her own words: "If I only looked at what I've lost, I'd never be able to see what I have." She is coming to inspire us so please come to the 2nd Quarter conference.

Registration will include a continental breakfast and a lavish buffet lunch.

Registration will begin soon so mark the date on your calendar.

**Trish Merrill, District Conference Co-Chair**

## Scott Elementary Inducts Students into Their JOI Club Donna Priester



JOI Governor Elise Clark inducts 32 students



Scott Elementary Induction of 32 students This is Scott's 4th year as a Junior Optimist (JOI) Club. They have done the Week of Kindness every year for their school; they have collected new stuffed animals for the Childhood Cancer Center that treats children from all over southern Colorado; they have collected items for the Humane Society that were needed; and so much more!! We are so proud of these 4th and 5th graders who choose to step outside their own wants and needs and plan projects to help others! We can't wait to see what they choose to do this year (beside the Week of Kindness that they did in early October)! Parents now know that these are special kids and as you can see by the pictures they came to support them in their induction!!

## Governor-Elect Speaks Out

Greeting Fellow Optimists,

It may seem too soon, but it is already time to start looking for candidates for the Office of Governor-Elect. If you would like to apply for the position, I would need the following items per the District Policy;



- Letter of Intent which states you have served a full term as President of a Club and include your background and qualifications for the office of Governor-Elect
- A letter from the Club of which you belong indicating that club's support of the candidacy for the Office of Governor-Elect
- A statement from your employer indicating the employer's understanding and approval of your anticipated commitment to serve one year as Governor-Elect and one year as Governor. If you are self-employed or retired, such statement shall be submitted by the candidate.

If by chance there are other candidate or candidates who decide to run, then I, as Governor-Elect will set up a meeting for you to meet with the Candidate Qualifications Committee. If the District has more than one candidate running at District Convention time, then we will be holding election, with speeches. If that happens, you would be notified and what and how the election will be ran.

Serving with Optimism!

Terri Kearney  
Governor-Elect 2019/2020



## 2020 Optimist Brain Bowl

Know questions asked

**It's time to start thinking about the BRAIN BOWL!! It takes volunteers to run a successful Brain Bowl.** Volunteers are the backbone of the Optimist Brain Bowl

**This year's schedule is as follows, so mark your calendars:**

**Central Region Tournament :** Saturday, January 11 at Heritage HS  
1401 W. Geddes Ave Littleton, CO 80120

**North Region Tournament:** Saturday, January 25 at Standley Lake HS  
9300 W 104th Ave Westminster, CO 80021

**South Region Tournament:** Saturday, February 22 at Challenger MS  
10215 Lexington Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80920

**Championship Tournament:** Saturday, March 7 at Hamilton MS  
8600 E Dartmouth Avenue Denver, CO 80231

## DTC-T1D, & Academy Members at the JDRF Walk

On Oct. 12, 2019 Phil Perrington and Wes Parker from DTC-T1D Joe Priester from the Academy Club, sold shirts and jackets to participants and friends



and families at the **JDRF walk** in Colorado Springs. A rather frigid early morning was followed by a gorgeous autumn day.

All the items for sale were donated and every \$\$ raised will go to JDRF programs. The event shut down around noon and they managed to raise about \$135.



L– Phil Perrington

R– Joe Priester

## Optimist Club of Littleton Celebrates 60th Anniversary



Pinehurst Country Club was the site of the Optimist Club of Littleton's 60th Anniversary Banquet

To the left is the photo of the the Past Presidents , and below are the members who were present.



## Gateway Optimist Club's New Fundraising Project Ev Sequeira

The Gateway Optimist club is excited to begin the New Optimist year. We had an exciting 2018-19, with a change in meeting location. This change ended up invigorating our club, we have added new membership and meeting attendance has increased significantly, and we are having fun as we serve the youth in our community.

Our new fundraising project is being spearheaded by a new member and **Vice President Tom Mehl**. This project called "Wreathes across America" is heartwarming and patriotic because it honors our fallen veterans.

On December 14th a wreath laying ceremony will be held at the Fairmont cemetery. Each wreath costs \$15, and all clubs and individual members in the district are invited to participate in this effort. Online donations can be made at [www.wreathesacrossamerica.org/co014p](http://www.wreathesacrossamerica.org/co014p)



## Optimist Club of Northwest Denver Fundraiser Donna Lucero

Our club is small, but mighty! With one fund-raiser each year, we are able to invest \$15,000 into the youth of Northwest Denver!

On Nov. 2nd, 300 supporters gathered for an Italian dinner and drinks, than settled into a delightful reverse raffle interspersed with frequent door prizes.

As each ticket was pulled, a table of participants' groans were met with "The children of North Denver thank you!" Because we are all winners when we support the youth programs in our low-income neighborhood.



### How does this happen?



26 members sold \$100 dollar tickets to a variety of generous friends who bought a ticket, split a ticket or even brought 4 to dine. Every 50th ticket won \$200, and the final two tickets had a choice of splitting the \$10,000 prize or taking their chances. That Saturday, two winners walked away with \$5,000 each.

And the club will continue distributing thousands of Reading is Fun-damental books to children at 4 schools, will celebrate Honor Roll at our local high school, run chess programs at the local schools plus two tournaments, support a pre-collegiate middle school program, and much more.

## **Award Presented at Conference** Charlie Neumann, District Awards Chair

**"Rookie of the Quarter" award was presented to Edward Quintrall Member of the Purpose Driven Club. He was nominated by Lt. Gov Kris Gresl**

Since joining Edward has attended every meeting, served on a committee, represented our club for our community recognition project and attended the District Convention in Pueblo. Ed helped set up for our Harvest Parade, and created a contraption to help us carry our Banner better during the parade. He has not only jumped in, but has also supported all projects and members in our club. Thank you Edward for being a great "Rookie of the Quarter"

Edward was presented a \$50.00 gift card to the Outback Steak House. Enjoy!



## **District Award Nominations Due** Charlie Neumann, District Awards Chair

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

**Address: 4473 S. Granby Ct, Aurora, CO 80015 \*\*Nominations due by February 1, 2020.**

**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.

## Oratorical Contest for 2019-2020 Steve Gorell

The Oratorical Contest is open to students who have not reached the age of 19 before October 1, 2019, and are not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a post-secondary institution. All contests will be **Combined Gender**.

This year's topic is: **"Just iMagine a World without Boundaries"**

**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 then go to the District Finals** being held April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 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 15,2020.**

**The Zone contest must be completed on or before March 29,2020**

**The Regional contest must be completed on or before April 12,2020**

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.

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.

Schools are in session. ***Now is the time to contact your local schools to get them involved in the***

## Heather Gardens Optimist Club Pillowcase Project Jeannine Montgomerie

Heather Gardens Optimist Club has made and donated 250 pillowcases to the Colorado Children's Hospital since August. Fabric patterns vary from bright patterns, Disney, animals, sports for kids and teens.

The Children's Hospital can distribute 100 pillowcases per month. Heather Gardens welcomes anyone to partner with us, to sew pillowcases or to donate fabric.

Contact Jeaninne Montgomerie



**SAVE THIS DATE!!**

**Your Club's Fundraiser Flyer could be on this page in the 2nd Qtr Newsletter**

## 2020 TRAVELOGUE FILMS

SPONSORED BY: Loveland Breakfast Optimist Club ~ [www.loveoptimist.org](http://www.loveoptimist.org)

For Information Call: MARY HALL, 970-663-7638

Season Tickets: Adults \$35.00, Seniors & Students \$32.00, Family \$70.00

Single Tickets: Adults \$15.00, Seniors & Students \$12.00



Jan. 18, 2020 • 7:00PM - **Loveland HS Auditorium**

**"Spain and Portugal" - Marlin Darrah**

From Lisbon is Portugal's capital, we are on to Sintra, Fatima, and Cascals. Located in a place that should belong to Spain, the famous British Crown Colony of Gibraltar stands at the northern side of the Gates of Hercules. In Spain, the city of Seville lies at the heart of the most fascinating region in Spain – Andalusia. The city of Granada is the jewel city of lovely Andalusia. From there we travel to the visually rich Spanish coastal cities of Valencia and Malaga; and to the beautiful Spanish island city of Palma de Mallorca. Then north to the rugged and beautiful Costa Brava region, and to the town of Cadaques. Nearby is Barcelona, a city that sizzles with creativity and inspiring sites, from medieval to contemporary.



Feb. 15, 2020 • 7:00PM - **Loveland HS Auditorium**

**"Burma: Reflections On A Hidden Land" - Sean Cassidy**

Myanmar, also known as Burma, is a sovereign state in South East Asia. Bordered by Bangladesh, and Thailand. forms an uninterrupted coastline along the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea. The military junta was officially dissolved following a 2010 general election, and a nominally civilian government was installed. While former military leaders still wielded enormous power the Burmese military have taken steps toward relinquishing control of the government. After 15 of 21 years house arrest, the release of Aung San Suu Kyi and political prisoners, has improved the country's human rights record and foreign relations, and has led to the easing of trade and other economic sanctions. In a flawed but largely credible national legislative election in November 2015, Aung San Suu Kyi's party won a majority in both houses. Burma's first civilian government after more than five decades of military dictatorship was sworn into office on 30 March 2016.



March 21, 2020 • 7:00PM - **Loveland HS Auditorium**

**"Southern England" - Marlin Darrah**

First we stop at Southampton, a port city famous for it's connection to the RMTitanic. We'll then explore England's southeast coast, starting in Dover. We'll then visit Canterbury, and then to the site of the battle of Hastings, and also enjoy Beachy Head, Brighton and Portsmouth. Southern England sits upon a foundation of caulk, and there are miles of white cliffs towering above its beaches. We'll also travel to Canterbury, Brighton, and Portsmouth, a major city along England's south coast. From SE England, we'll then continue our journey, exploring the West of England. Starting in the Cotswolds, and then south to Wells, Glastonbury, and the prehistoric stone circles of Stonehenge and Avebury. Wrapping up this journey to southern England, we travel to London, one of the greatest and most fascinating cities in the world.



April 18, 2020 • - **Loveland HS Auditorium**

**"The Road to Namibia" - Rick Ray**

Most people have never heard of Namibia even though they may know the world map very well. And yet it is one of the safest and most visually stunning countries in all of Africa. Sitting on the West coast north of South Africa and East of Botswana, Namibia is poised to become the "next big thing" tourist destination for world travel. Our journey will start in Cape Town South Africa with a full excursion around this beautiful city and the world-renowned Cape of Good Hope. Then we will journey north into the deserts, wild coastline and fabulous safari parks of Namibia. From there, we travel along the famed "Skeleton Coast" where the carcasses of both ships and humans remind us of the human frailty of man when pitted against the vast uncharted Atlantic Ocean. Finally, we will end our journey at the famed Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River, on the border of Zimbabwe and Zambia,



Have safe  
and happy  
Holiday  
Seasons!!



## 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

