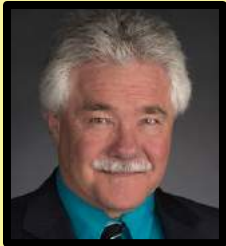


CO/WY - The Bandwagon

Governor's Corner - Tony Carpenter 2022-2023



Our Colorado/Wyoming District has been busy!

We welcomed a new club to the District: **The Horizon Drive Optimist Club of Grand Junction**. The Club was installed on March 7th with 17 new members. (see pic) Congratulations!!



Our members are regaining their

momentum coming out of the Pandemic and are again focused of serving the community. Just some of the in-person activities include:

- The Brain Bowl
- The Essay Contest
- Zone and Super Zone meetings

2nd Quarter Gathering was held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakewood on February 25th. The gathering was Informative, inspiring and fun!

Activities included:

- A specially called convention to vote on mandated OI policies
- A "Hands on" project: 200 shower bags for the Bethlehem Lutheran homeless shower
- An Inspirational featured speaker Ryan Bresnahan on personal Health & Wellness
- Branding /PR and other media by Connie Ackerman

3rd Quarter Gathering will be held on April 29th at The Family Resource Pavilion. This gathering will focus on the kids. It will feature the finals of The Oratorical Contest. We'll also enjoy presentations of the winners of the Essay Contest and the Communication Contest for the Deaf and hard of Hearing (CCDHH).

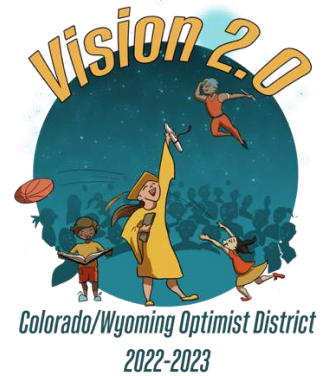
Keep an eye out for the announcement that will include the Registration and Agenda.

JOI Convention is coming up on April 22nd at the Tri-Lakes Center for the arts in Palmer Lake.

The District Convention is being moved from Canon City to Ft. Morgan. More details to follow.

This is an exciting and busy to be an Optimist. By providing hope and positive vision, you're giving youth, our communities and ourselves a chance to be the best they can be while having fun doing it!

Tony Carpenter
Colorado/Wyoming Governor 2022-2023



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District Officers

- Governor: Tony Carpenter, Wheat Ridge OC
- Governor— Designate: Mary Grace Wake, Windsor Gardens OC
- Secretary: Pat Bush, Monaco South OC
- Treasurer: Bill Ashbee, Boulder Luncheon OC
- Immediate Past Gov: Nicole Powell, Academy OC

Lt. Governors

- Zone 1: Linda Chasson, Cheyenne OC
- Zone 2: Bill Ashbee, Boulder Luncheon OC
- Zone 3: Burke Kaiser, Buena Vista OC
- Zone 4: Tom Mehl, Gateway OC
- Zone 5: Abigail Nicolas, Tamarac & DTC
- Zone 6: Linda Williams, Tamarac
- Zone 7: Kevin Keilbach, Pueblo OC
- Zone 9: Terri Kearney, Arvada Lake Arbor



CO/WY District 2nd Quarter District Gathering



The Gathering had a Mardi Gras Theme. Our own **Emcee Abigail Nicholas** nailed it once again for making the gathering fun with the highlights and history of Mardi Gras. I think we all learned a few things. Best dressed went to our **Registrar Pearl Meulemans** for having the best theme costume.



Keynote Speaker: Ryan Bresnahan a Personal Trainer at Landow Performance presented on how important it is to exercise, eat healthy, be grateful each day. He had us out of our seats doing an exercise to get the blood flowing and it was fun to see everyone moving and shaking around. He is available to come speak to your club. Contact information: 1 972 658-1328 and his email: ryanbresnahan@gmail.com. His website: www.landowperformance.com



Governor Tony led the meeting and moderated the Town Hall which is always spirited conversation!



Distinguished Club: President Gary Banninga and the Windsor Club were honored with being distinguished. Great Job Windsor!!

Fort Morgan Members: We were honored to have **Earleen Oswald and Ron Pflug** present to the members of the district the upcoming Convention in Fort Morgan on Aug 18 & 19 2023. Both clubs the Fort Morgan Sunrise & Fort Morgan Evening will be our hosts. We are planning to have a great conference and we hope you can come. Details to follow.



CO/WY District 2nd Quarter District Gathering

Governor-elect Mary Grace Wake moderated round-table discussions so members in attendance could share their ideas on fund raising, newsletters, and the use of social media to promote their clubs.

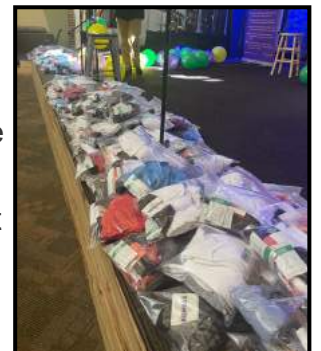


Connie Ackerman presented important information on Branding/PR and other media based on current OI requirements. See page 9....



Special Recognition: Member **Barbara Althouse** a member of **Tamarac Optimist Club** was recognized by Don Cheadle in People Magazine and the Wall Street Journal for being a teacher who inspired him into the Arts. Barbara was his music teacher in elementary school. Very deserving and so special to know how she affected his life. Kudos to Barbara for being an amazing teacher!

Hands on Project: Our generous members and clubs donated \$1050.00 which enabled us to buy the T-Shirts, toiletries and gallon size bags to pack them in. **Bill Cassel and the Wheatridge Optimist club** who partners with Bombas Socks donated 200 pairs. Clubs who donated were: **Denver Tech Center, Academy Club, Heather Gardens, Windsor, Tamarac, U-Hills** these clubs stepped up to support a great program. We did a drive for men's and ladies underwear and the response to our request was perfect. Again, I am always grateful and appreciative of what our District does and your willingness to support the District projects. **Bethlehem Lutheran Church has a traveling Shower Trailer for the Homeless and they provide 237 showers a year.** We packaged 100 bags for men and 100 bags for women. Our members enthusiastically helped bag these up and then we placed them on the stage. The church was so impressed by the CO/WY members for taking on this great program. A special thank you to **George Steinke and Kris Gresl** for helping get the donated items separated and ready to be bagged.



After-Hours Gathering: We had a great turnout of 31 members enjoying great Italian food and fellowship at Amici's Restaurant. Everyone is welcome so we hope to see you at the next gathering.

February 2023 JOI Update from JOI Governor Cali Zahn

There are **18 JOI Clubs in the Colorado/Wyoming Optimist District** and here is an update on just a few of them...

Colorado Springs:

- ◆ **Vista Ridge JOI Club** began the year replenishing the “JOI Cabinet” so that students in need of help can get personal items or school supplies as needed. At Halloween, their members donned their costumes at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and volunteered at Boo at the Zoo. At Christmas, they helped the Horizon middle school JOI Club with their Christmas Party for Foster Families by getting flannel or fleece to make tie blankets. Then they went to the actual event dressed as elves and helped at the Party. Now they are working on a project to show gratitude to the teachers, administration, support staff and security staff at the Vista Ridge high school!
- ◆ **Allies JOI Club** has 30 members and conducted a toy drive to benefit Children’s Hospital Colorado Springs. They collected many boxes of toys and delivered them to the hospital on January 17, 2023.
- ◆ **Chinook Elementary JOI Club** started their coin war today for the Ronald McDonald House and Children’s Hospital. The kids have done a wonderful job on the flyers, posters, and announcements – it’s off to a great start and one grade has already almost filled their jar!
- ◆ **Horizon Middle School JOI Club** has 18 members and put on their 7th Annual Christmas Party for the Foster Families of Fostering Hope by providing food, crafts, face painting, toys and LOTS of fun to over 100 foster parents & kids. During the year the kids also decorated the offices of School Counselors, Security Guards and SRO’s for their respected Appreciate Weeks. They are now planning their school’s Week of Kindness.
- ◆ **Sand Creek High School JOI Club** has around 12 members and is putting on a Talent Show to raise money for a local family in need of help with Medical bills. They are also preparing a Spirit Week for their school’s Week of Kindness.

Denver:

- ◆ **Kullerstrand JOI club** has close to 30 members and meet twice a month. They have had Three Hot Cocoa sales benefiting both St Jude’s and Foothills Animal Shelter and are currently helping a local organization with their food drive. They have their own clothing drive that is continuous throughout the year and each pound of clothing raises money for their sister school in Nepal. They are in planning stages for their big day of service, which is in April.
- ◆ **Happy Optimist Campers** is 33 students, all 5th graders, at 6th Ave Elementary School. They meet twice a month. And even have Officers!

JOI Update continued.....

- ◆ **Alameda Junior Optimist Gem Club** has renewed its charter and they officially have 8 members. They held their fundraiser on Feb 13th selling Cotton Candy to the student body. The official total is coming soon, but a preliminary count looks like they made over \$50.00.
- ◆ **Bradley Helping Hands JOI Club** has over thirty 5th graders and they meet every other Tuesday at lunch. The kids are doing a project for the Denver Dumb Friends League by collecting paper towel rolls for puppies, kittens and gerbils. They are also learning about how the Optimist Creed is a guidepost on how to treat others in the school and in the community. School Principal Wera also visits the meetings on occasion to tell the kids to "Listen to Mr. Wachter and the Optimists" as well as to pass along, "you are as happy as you make your mind up to be." They are planning on taking a walking field trip to the neighborhood senior citizens center to visit and play games with the oldest members of our community.
- ◆ **The Grandview High School Junior Optimist Club (GVJOI)** consists of 13 members. This club is enthusiastic and is dedicated to making a difference in the School and the Community. Some of the projects they are working on include:
 - 1) Providing cheer and goodwill to the "Peakview Assisted living facility" residents
 - 2) Helping with the organization "ILC" [Integrated Life Choices] at Grandview High School on a day of positivity, by making encouraging signs and posting them throughout the school in the near future.

*****The Colorado/Wyoming Optimist JOI District will be having their Annual JOI Convention in Palmer Lake, CO on April 22nd from 9:30am to 2:30pm.*****

Please talk to me or the JOI District Chair, Nicole Powell, for more details.

JOI students, Advisors & Teachers are invited to JOI Governor Cali's monthly JOI

JOI Gov Cali and Sec-Treas Samantha Clark at District Gathering



REMINDER!! The District's Fun & Fellowship trip to tour the historic Elitch Gardens Theater on April 15th. You will learn about the history of the Park and the Theater, plus all the actors who came to Denver to Perform in the Summer Stock Productions. Elitch Gardens Theater 4600 W 37th PI, Denver, CO 80212. Tour begins at 1:00pm, so arrive by 12:45. Cost is a \$10 donation to the Theater. After the tour we will walk over to Javier's Diner for an early dinner. Deadline to register with Kathy Sullivan is April 1st. Don't miss a chance to tour this landmark in Denver!



SAVE THE DATE for the 3rd Quarter CO/WY Gathering Saturday, April 29, 2023



**Oratorical & Essay, CCDHH Programs
Family Resource Pavilion
9700 E. Easter Lane
Centennial, CO 80112**

Windsor Gardens OC Hosts Army Junior ROTC Oratorical Honorees

December 2nd at Center Point

Submitted by Kelli Schuttinga

Have you heard yourself or others say...."kids today have no concept of good citizenship, patriotism, hard work, loyalty, and accountability?" Well, that may be true for some youth, but those who attended the evening with JROTC Cadets from ten area high schools would definitely not agree with that generality. Each Cadet was given five minutes to answer the question, "*What Change Would I Make to the Bill of Rights and Why?*" These ten high school students gave speeches, based upon research, critical thinking and passion regarding their answer to the query. A gratifying sense of HOPE prevailed with each speech contributor.



Anyone who has served this nation in one of our armed forces or anyone who loves and respects this country would have been proud and humbled to hear these young men and women clarify their statements. You ask, what is the Junior ROTC? It is a training corps for character development and citizenship programs for youth, organized in 1916. Each military service must have a JROTC Program. They are operated in public and private high schools, military institutions, and correctional centers throughout the US and overseas. The JROTC faculty is led by nearly 4,000 retired from active duty, reserve duty, or National Guard Army service; they are trained and qualified men and women, giving of their time to guide, teach and mentor these youth.

The Windsor Gardens Optimist Club encourages you to visit us, connect with us, ask your questions and find out how you can become involved with various programs helping the YOUTH within our community. YES, OPTIMISM is a distinct word which involves ACTION to make it happen. Sitting in your lounge, lamenting the ills of society will change nothing, BUT attending an Optimist meeting might open your heart and mind to engage with YOUTH, area wide, and YOU WILL make a difference!!

Lake Arbor OC Happenings Kiki McGough



On February 8, our club supported the Community Literacy event at Arvada High School. Local schools and community agencies had information tables and every family got a book.



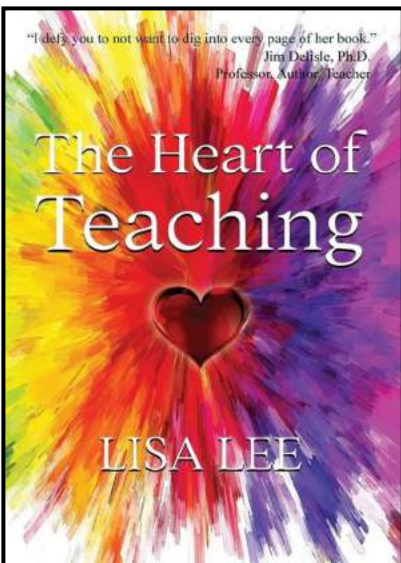
On Feb 24 the Hidden Lake JOI Club read to kindergarten students in Westminster Public School. We collected books for the children.



Special thanks to Ed Malley for organizing our recognition of Lt. Derrick Varela as the Arvada Firefighter of the Year on Feb. 22.



On March 14 Kathy Greb and Hope from the Hidden Lake JOI Club delivered backpacks and activity books for the children at Children's Hospital Oncology Unit.



The club was very inspired by a talk from Lisa Lee, Jefferson County teacher for the Gifted and Talented on March 15. We met at Arvada High School where she read selections from her recent book, The Heart of Teaching. A must have for anyone working to support our children and youth.



Edward Malley of the Lake Arbor Optimist Club presented Sargent Levi Matron with a plaque as the Arvada Officer of the Year. We had a full house for the occasion including 2 retired Arvada Officers who joined us for breakfast and the recognition.

The Music That You Make Bob Hamblin, President of Windsor Gardens OC

Have you ever heard of a man named Yo-Yo Ma? He is arguably the greatest cello player of all time. It is said that his music comes from deep within his soul. And he's been called one of the great appreciators of our world. The only thing greater than his talent is his heart.

There is a story that Yo-Yo Ma was once teaching a masters cello class. His students were among the most promising young cellists in all the world. At one particular session there was a young man who was struggling with the tone of a certain musical passage. He played it over and over, but it seemed he just couldn't make it sound exactly the way he thought it should sound. It was obvious that he was becoming more and more frustrated and embarrassed.

Yo-Yo listened with great interest and patience for what must have seemed like an eternity. Finally, Yo-Yo Ma looked at him intently and said to him, **“Nobody else in the world can make the music that you make.”** The young man's face lit up with happiness. What had just been one of the most humiliating moments of his life instantly became one of his proudest. What a blessing those words must have been not only to that young cellist, but to everyone in the room. “Nobody else in the world can make the music that you make.”

Well, my friends, nobody else in the world can live the life that you live.

And even though not one of us is perfect, we always have the opportunity to use what's unique about us to make someone's day a little brighter. If you can perform even one simple act of kindness for another person, or say something encouraging, you just might make all the difference in the world to them. Don't ever sell yourself short. Nobody else in the world has been blessed with the exact gifts you have. And nobody else in the world can use those gifts exactly the way you can. Nobody else in the world can make the music that you make.



Time Out For a Little Chuckle....



Branding—Important Rules For You From OI

Mary Grace Wake

At the last District Conference, **Connie Ackerman** gave an exceptional talk about branding. Using a Power Point presentation, Connie introduced us to Optimist International's guidelines for branding. She recognizes that clubs like to use various logos, colors and fonts but it is important we try to be consistent. Consistent branding helps the community recognize us as one organization. Connie explained that every clubs' logos are on the OI site, as well as the branding guidelines. She encouraged clubs to review their print media and begin to change using branding guidelines.

Members had a chance to discuss branding with their public relations and marketing communication.

These are a summary of comments from the discussions.

Discuss OI Branding

- Update our image in the community.
- Be consistent with media
- Do not use abbreviated names
- Budget to replace old banners and brochures

Share Print Media

- Clubs should share their newsletters.
- Club Runner is an online newsletter format that clubs can use
- Do a monthly calendar, recognize birthdays and anniversaries, announcements.
- Use the same printer for all club brochures and Creed cards
- Use the template off the OI site for club brochure
- Remember to keep some white space
- Think about using a QR code

Websites and Facebook Pages

- Keep websites and Facebook up to date and use correct logos
- Put your brochure on Facebook
- Use Social Media often, post event, invite nonmembers
- Quit marketing to ourselves
- Share fundraiser dates with pictures of previous year
- Need instruction and guidance on setting up FB page for club

Being Visible in the Community

- Involve community leaders in your meetings- Respect for Law Day
- Have a District brochure to hand out at community events
- Get involved with other service clubs and community organizations
- Have bumper stickers, window stickers, FB page



CCDHH Offers \$5,000 in Scholarships Joe Priester

Topic: “*Discovering the Optimism within Me*”

What: The Communication Contest for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) is a contest that offers an opportunity for students who are deaf or hard of hearing to present their thoughts in the community, gaining skills and experience which can only come from signing or speaking to an audience. Two \$2,500 scholarships are offered, one to a student who communicates using sign language and another to a student who communicates using spoken English.



Who: The contest is open to young people through grade 12. Students must submit the results of an audiogram, completed by a qualified audiologist no longer than 24 months prior to the date of the contest (April 29, 2023). Students must be certified to have a hearing loss of 40 decibels or more.

How To Enter: Interested students should contact their local Optimist Club. To find out the contact in your area, please e-mail joepriester@hotmail.com.

When: The deadline to enter is determined by the sponsoring Club. *For best results, reach out to clubs NOW through March 31.*

Clubs and Districts: The deadline for Clubs to submit their student presentations recorded on video to the Judges of the competition is Monday April 17, 2023. All presentations must be in an MP4 video format.

Where: The top three students in each category will share their presentation at the Colorado/Wyoming Optimist Conference held at the Family Resource Pavilion 9700 E Easter Lane, Centennial, CO 80a 12 on Saturday April 29, 2023. ASL interpreters will be provided. The judges will have determined the winner in each category and winners and runners-up will be identified and given their plaques.

For any questions, please contact:

Joe Priester, District CCDHH Chair

(719) 590-1217 or Cell (719)648 -0935 or joepriester@hotmail.com

NOTICE: All Presentations must be given in VIDEO form using either Zoom or another MP4 compatible format. Please see the Colorado Guidelines for presentation Appointment Information. For students with a cochlear implant, please include the most recent programming report. If a student uses a cochlear implant and a hearing aid, only a cochlear implant programming report is required. Please do not include an audiogram in lieu of a programming report.

Guidelines for the CO/WY District CCDHH Contest Joe Priester

Basically the rules are the same for both Oratorical and CCDHH with a few exceptions of note:

- ◆ There is no age limit except the student must **NOT** have graduated from high school yet.
- ◆ We have two \$2500 scholarships, one for a student presenting in sign language and one for an oral presentation.
- ◆ If a student has a cochlear implant, then the requirement for an audiogram is replaced by a Programming Report.
- ◆ There are no Zone contests; students go from the club to the District.
- ◆ If a club runs a contest with three or more students, only the top three can be entered in the District contest.
- ◆ There is no entry fee for the District contest, however clubs are required to provide their students own interpreters.
- ◆ Since students go directly from the club to the District we recommend that the club encourage the student to come to a meeting or more so that they can practice their presentation and receive moral support and constructive pointers on their presentation so that when they perform for competition they will be prepared.
- ◆ Regarding Presentations, we are streamlining the process so that all presentations are created equally using the best equipment and qualified people to assist the student.
- ◆ Video Appointments, if needed, in an MP4 compatible format are available between April 5th and April 10th 2023. Please contact our Zoomologist, Sara Kennedy at 719-650-3195.



Hope this helps.

Joe Priester, District CCDHH Chair joepriester@hotmail.com
719-590-1217 Home, 719-648-0935 Cell

CO/WY DISTRICT OPTIMIST JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM Bob Meyer



The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships (commonly referred to as **THE OPTIMIST**) is one of Optimist International’s major youth programs for boys and girls ages 10 – 18 and is one of the largest and best-known junior golf events in the world. More than 3,000 boys and girls across the United States, Canada, Mexico, and several dozen other foreign countries compete in official Optimist qualifying tournaments. The best of these junior golfers, along with additional international junior golfers from around the globe, advance to **THE OPTIMIST**.

Each year, **THE OPTIMIST** is held at Trump National Doral Resort - Miami FL and fields over 600 of the world’s best junior golfers from more than 28 countries around the globe. In addition to top-level tournament golf, junior golfers have the opportunity to make new friends and to have a great deal of fun. What makes **THE OPTIMIST** unique from other tournaments, junior golfers and their guests are housed, play golf, enjoy group meals, special events, entertainment, and fun all at a world-class resort. College coaches come from all over the U.S. to scout some of the best junior players in the world.

Past age group winners at **THE OPTIMIST** (and its predecessor, the Optimist Junior World Golf Championships) include Denver’s own Mark Hubbard, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Ernie Els, Davis Love III, Lorena Ochoa, Beth Bauer, Nancy Lopez, Brittany Lincicome, Lexi Thompson, Brooke Henderson, and Jason Day, among dozens of prominent PGA and LPGA golfers.

The 2022 District qualifying tournaments were held Wednesday, June 15, at Flatirons Golf Course in Boulder (boys ages 10 – 11, 12 – 13, and 14 – 15); Thursday, June 16, at Meadow Hills Golf Course in Aurora (girls ages 10 – 12, 13 – 14, and 15 – 18); and Friday, June 17 at Flatirons Golf Course in Boulder (boys ages 16 – 18). Almost 300 golfers teed off in those three events, competing for 71 spots at THE 2022 OPTIMIST. Dozens of local Optimists and their friends volunteered at the three events, acting as forecaddies (ball spotters) and marshals, maintaining pace of play and ensuring that the junior golf competitors played in professionally run District qualifiers.



Colorado Golfers at the 2022 OPTIMIST - L-R: PHASE 1

PHASE 2

PHASE 3

Jr Golf continued....

In October 2022, we held the 7th Annual 36-hole Optimist Junior Golf Tour event at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club in Northeast Denver. This was a new event for us starting in 2016 and, because of its success, has become an annual event, welcoming golfers from around the country and from several foreign countries. A total of 90 golfers teed off, competing for an additional 20 spots at **THE 2023 OPTIMIST**. Again, dozens of local Optimists and their friends volunteered to ensure a professionally run tournament.

The Colorado-Wyoming District Optimist Junior Golf Program is totally self-funded. We sent 60 junior golfers to **THE 2022 OPTIMIST** and raised over \$ 45,000 for that purpose. We were able to give \$ 1,000 to each of the seven age group winners and \$ 500 to the 53 other qualifiers from the 2022 District qualifying events.

If we are to send 70 junior golfers to **THE 2023 OPTIMIST**, we need to raise about \$ 50,000.

As part of our fund-raising activities in 2023, we will hold an adult scramble fundraising tournament and silent auction at Meadows Hills Golf Course in Aurora on Thursday, May 25.

Dates for the 2023 District qualifying tournaments are Friday, June 9, at Flatirons Golf Course in Boulder (boys ages 10 – 11, 12 – 13, 14 – 15, and 16 – 18) and Thursday, June 15, at Meadow Hills Golf Course in Aurora (girls ages 10 – 12, 13 – 14, and 15 – 18).

We will also solicit title, hole, banner, and player sponsors for the qualifying tournaments at Flatirons and Meadow Hills from many Colorado-Wyoming District Optimist Clubs, individual Optimists and their friends and businesses.

In addition, we solicit cash and in-kind donations from local golf courses, parents of our junior golfers, and the general public.

The Colorado-Wyoming District Optimist Junior Golf Program website is <https://sites.google.com/site/cowyoptimistgolf/>.

The Colorado-Wyoming District Optimist Junior Golf Program is recognized as the best Junior Golf Program in all of Optimist International and serves about 400 junior golfers each year. The best of these golfers will qualify for **THE 2023 OPTIMIST**.

Please continue to help support the Colorado-Wyoming District Optimist Junior Golf Program to “Bring Out the Best in Kids”.

For further information, please contact:

Joe Marci, Junior Golf Co-Chairman, jmarci899@gmail.com; 303-847-7844

Bob Meyer, Junior Golf Co-Chairman, meyerrob@comcast.net, 303-919-4532



**COLORADO-WYOMING DISTRICT
OPTIMIST GOLF SCRAMBLE**

COLORADO-WYOMING
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**FUNDRAISER FOR COLORADO-WYOMING DISTRICT
OPTIMIST JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM**

**HELP US SEND 70 JUNIOR GOLFERS TO THE
2023 OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR GOLF**

WHERE: Meadow Hills Golf Course, 3609 Dawson St, Aurora CO
WHEN: Thursday, May 25th – tee times starting at 7:30 am
PRICE: \$150 per player

Includes:

- Green Fee and Cart**
- Lunch**
- Team Prizes**
- Closest to the pin on all par 3's**
- Longest drives (men's and women's)**
- Longest putt**
- Donation to CO-WY District Junior Golf**

If you have a foursome, you can enter as a team, or we will establish teams based on individual entries.

Please make your \$150 checks payable to "Optimist Junior Golf" or to "Optimist International Foundation" if you would like a tax deduction from a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization and mail the checks and this entry form to:

Joe Marci
4173 S Rosemary Way
Denver CO 80237

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

ZIP: _____

Optimist Club: _____

Other Team Members:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

We need the support of all Optimists and their friends to make this a successful tournament. There will be a silent auction during lunch for some valuable items donated to Optimist Junior Golf.

If you have any questions, please call Joe Marci at 303-847-7844 or Bob Meyer at 303-919-4532.

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

3 Member Award: Will be calculated for an end of year award of a \$50.00 Amazon gift card. If a member brings in 6 new members (2) gift cards will be presented. This award is to be handed out at the Optimist Convention.

Optimist of the Quarter: Nominated by a Club President, Lt. Gov. or a member for recognition of outstanding service they provided to their community and their club. Winner will receive a \$50.00 Amazon Gift Card

Optimist Project of the Quarter: Nominated by a Club President, Lt. Gov. or a member for recognition of a project that the club did for their community or organization that benefited those they serve. Club will receive a \$50.00 check

3rd Qtr Gathering: Apr 29, 2023 Deadline: Apr 17, 2023

Convention: Aug 18/19,2023 Deadline: Aug 7, 2023

Send your nomination to:

Email: neumann-charlie@comcast.net P: 303 766-9649

Include Name of person,

Club Name, nominated by:

Date of Project:

Who benefited:

Reason for Optimist of the Quarter Recognition: (Free-Form)

Reason for Project of the Quarter Recognition: (Free-Form)

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

