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## Agenda

- CO/WY Optimist District Ambassadors to Int'l Convention
- 105<sup>th</sup> Optimist International Convention Recap
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## **CO/WY Optimist District Ambassadors to Int'l Convention & Members of OI Int'l Convention Committee**



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# 105<sup>th</sup> Optimist International Convention



02-05 JUL 2023



Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan National Airport  
Arlington, VA

## RECAP

# **Optimist International**

## **2023 Convention**

### **Registrants as of 21 JUL 2023**

Total Registrants: 585 \*\* (481 in 2022)

CO/WY Optimist District Registrants: 7 \*\*\* (16 in 2022)

\*\* ~1.2% of OI Membership (50,314)

\*\*\* ~0.7% of CO/WY District Membership (995)



## **Schedule Highlights**

- Keynote Speakers
- General / Business Sessions
- Workshops
- Entertainment
- Fellowship / Social Events
- Service Projects
- Town Hall with Int'l Board of Directors
- Opportunity to explore historical sites, museums, and other amenities of Arlington, Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.

# 2023 Optimist Int'l Convention

## 2023-2024 Scholarship Topics (posted to OI Website)

- Oratorical Contest / CCDHH\*:  
“How to Change the World with Optimism”



\*CCDHH = Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

- Essay Contest:  
“Optimism: How It Connects Us?”



# 2023 Optimist Int'l Convention

## Introduction of 2024-2025 OI Leadership Team

Int'l President Jan Oord Graves



The Southwest Region



Vice President Tony Carpenter



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## Introduction of 2023-2024 OI Leadership Team

Int'l President Tracy Huxley



The Southwest Region



Vice-President Kevin Ailara

Colorado / Wyoming District



Governor Mary Grace Wake

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23-26 JUN 2024

Sheraton Fallsview Hotel (a Marriott Property)  
5875 Falls Ave., Niagara Falls, Ontario L2G 3K7  
Canada

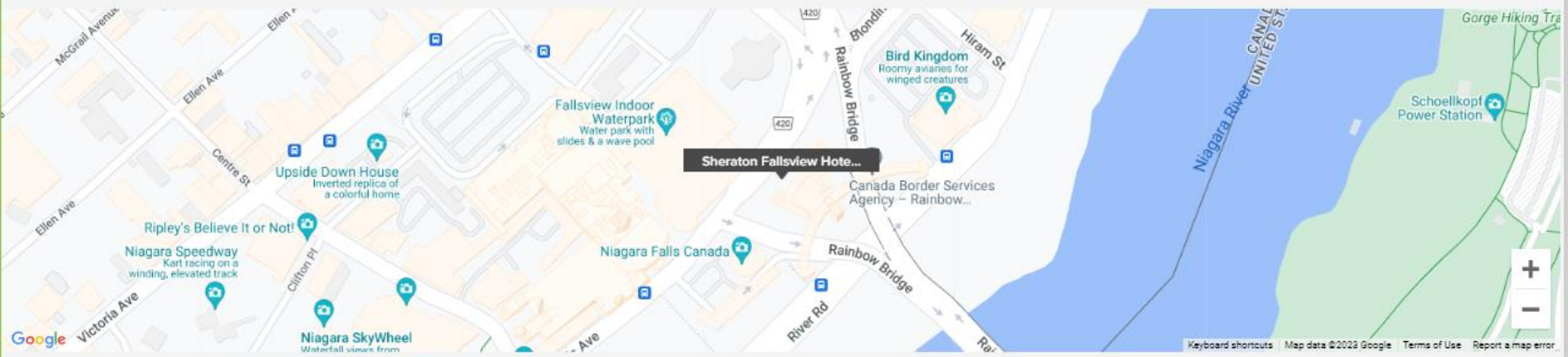
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## Optimist International 2024 Convention June 23-26

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### Sheraton Fallsview Hotel

5875 Falls Avenue Niagara Falls, Ontario L2G 3K7

16.8 Miles to BUF airport 3.6 6381 Reviews

Airport shuttle  
EV Charging  
Free high-speed internet

Business center  
Family travel  
Full service spa

Casino  
Fitness center

Book by: 05/20/24Rate available: 06/16/2024 to 06/30/2024

Dates

Sun, Jun 16, 2024 - Sun, Jun 30, 2024

Rooms & Guests

1 Room : 1 Adult

From 179 to 219 CAD/night  
(~\$136 to ~\$166)

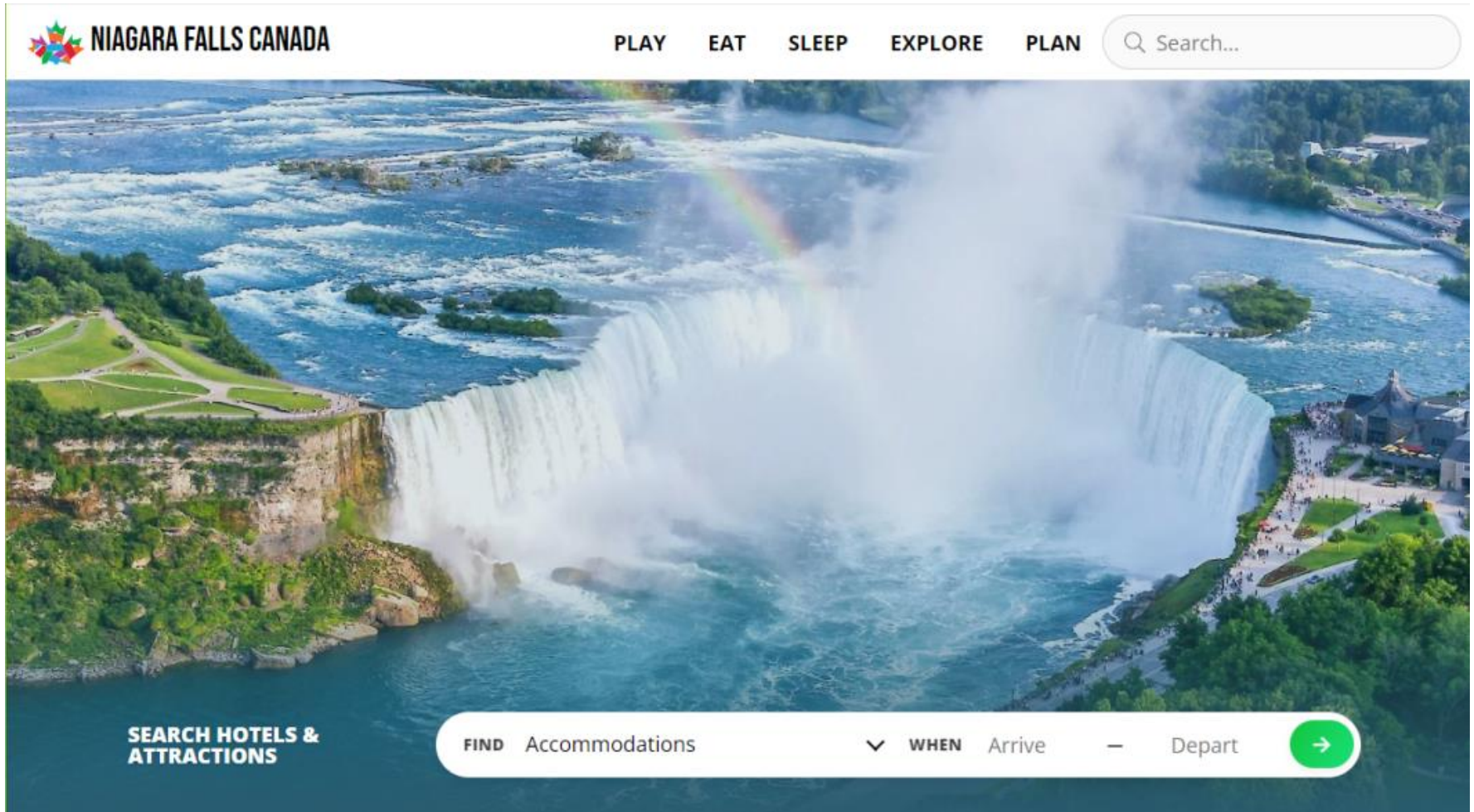
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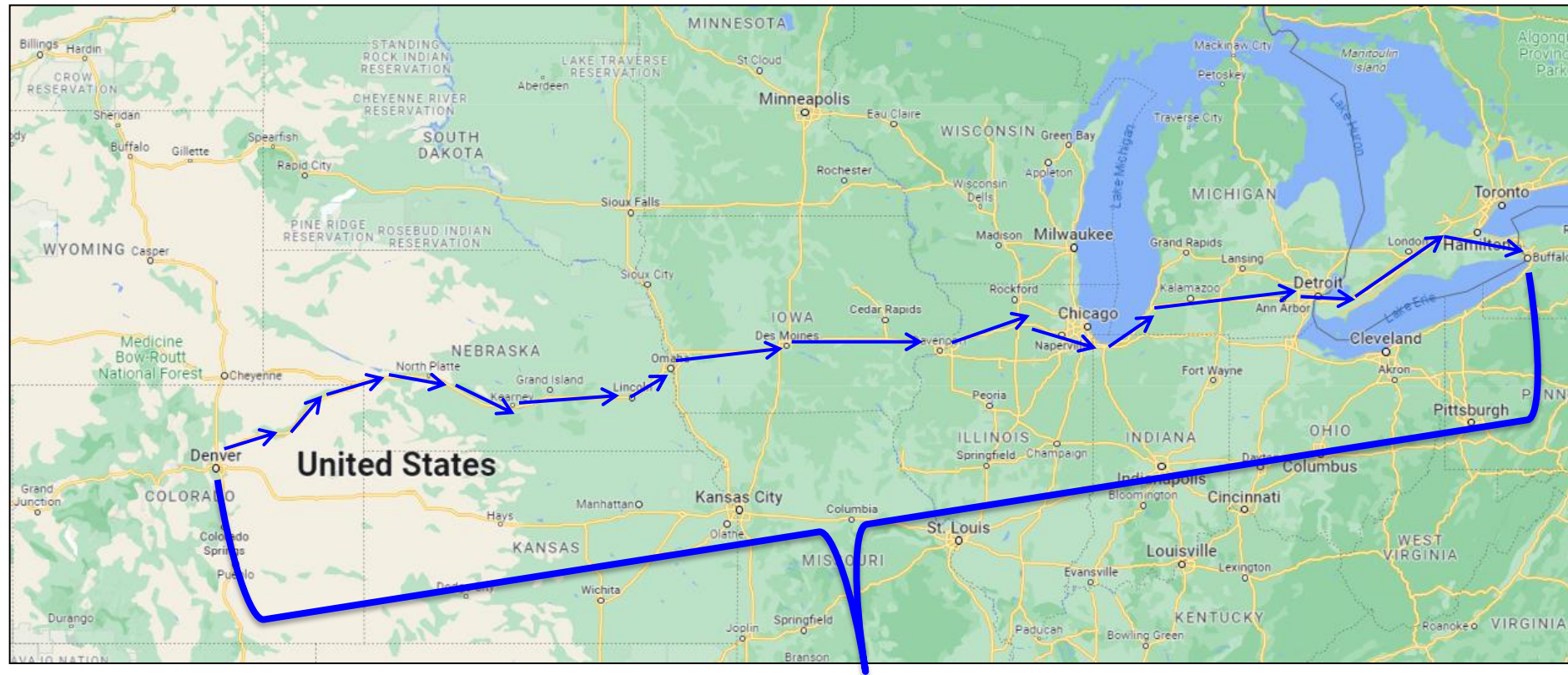


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<https://www.niagarafallstourism.com/>



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**Niagara Falls, Canada is ~1510 miles ENE of Denver via  
I-76/I-80/I-94/ON-401/ON-403/ON-420  
(~22¼ hr drive)**

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**Niagara Falls, Canada**

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## Sample Airline Routings (AUG 2023)

Denver – Buffalo/Niagara – Denver → **Nonstops** offered by:

Frontier

Southwest

(American → Via connections in Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas, or Philadelphia)

(Delta → Via connections in Atlanta, Detroit, or New York)

(United → Via connections Chicago, Newark, or Washington)

### Other Options:

- Car

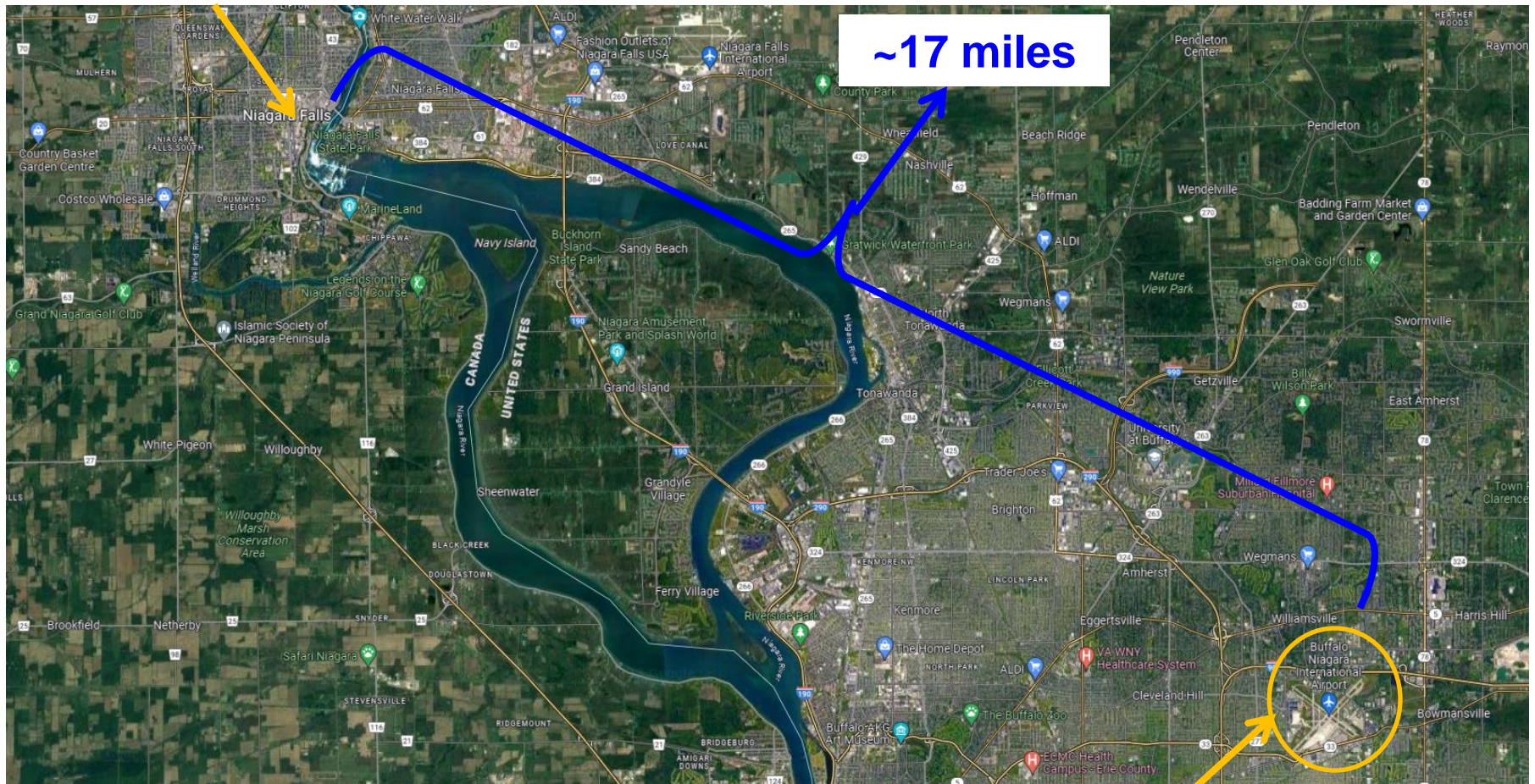
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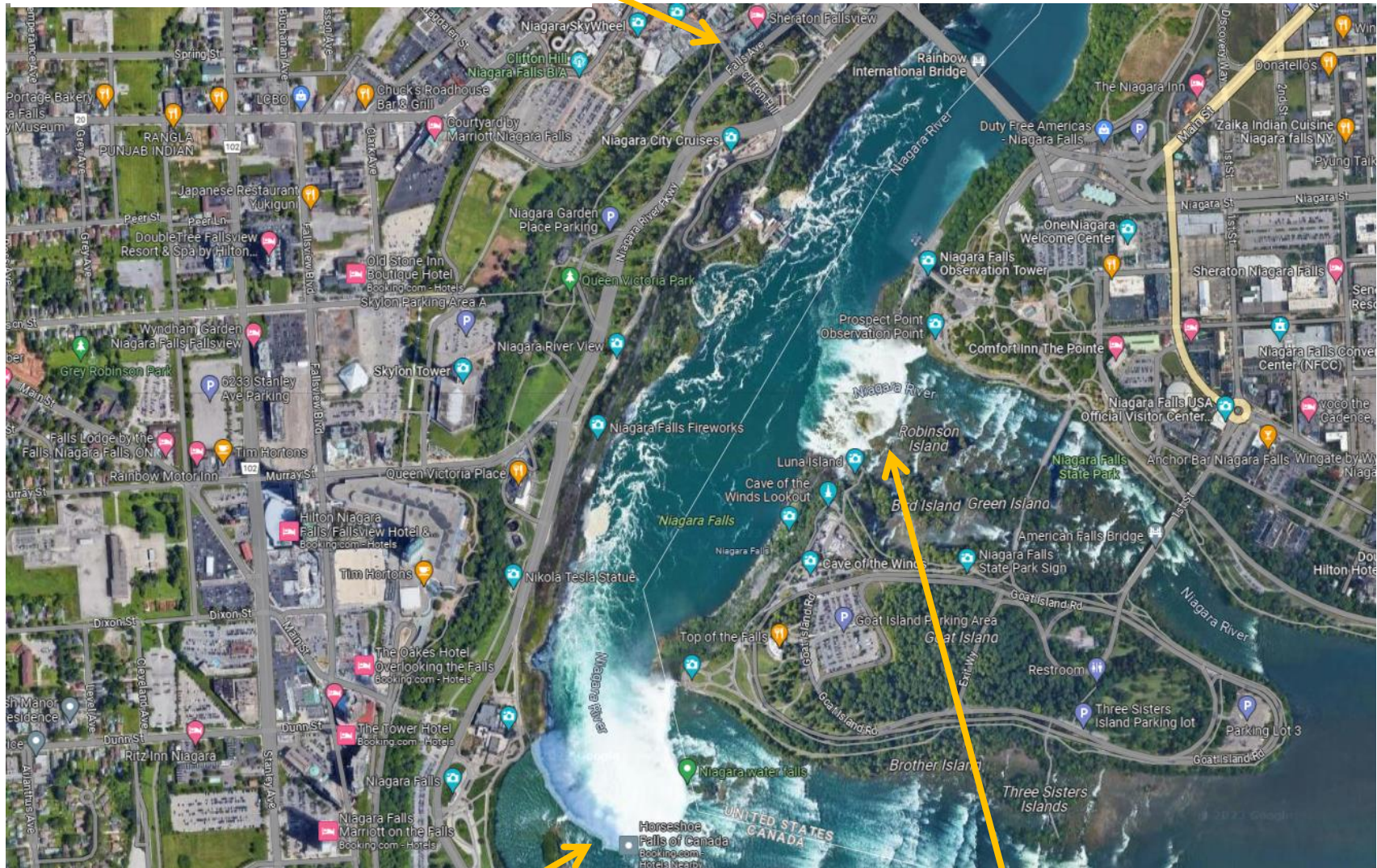


**Buffalo Niagara  
Int'l Airport**



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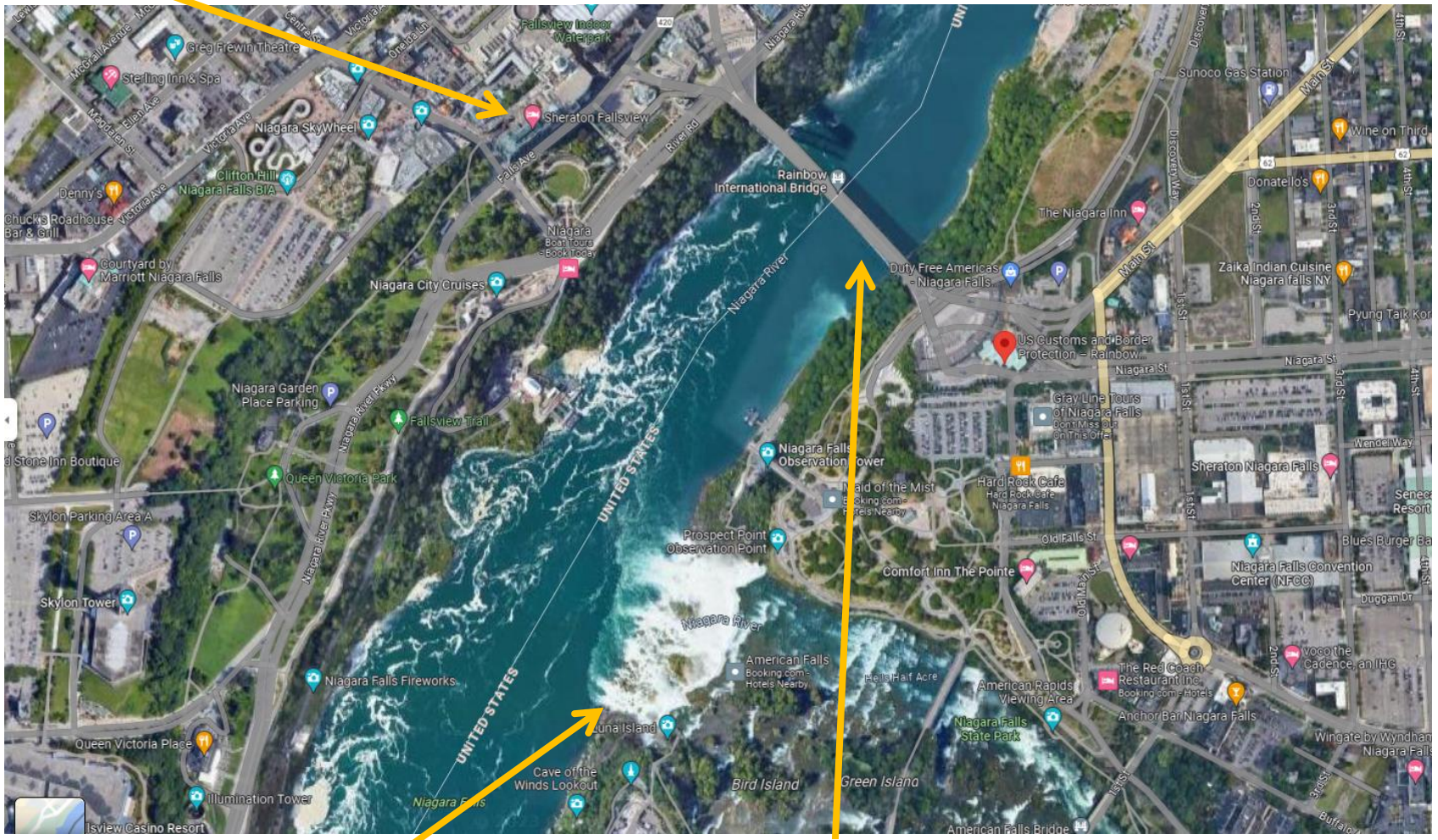
Horseshoe Falls

American Falls



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## Sheraton Fallsview Hotel



**American Falls**

**Rainbow International Bridge**

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# Start with Optimist International (OI) Web Site

<https://optimist.org>

The screenshot shows the Optimist International website. At the top, the navigation bar includes links for 'WHO WE ARE', 'HOT TOPICS', 'MEMBER RESOURCES' (circled in red), 'JOIN US', 'CONTACT US', and 'FOUNDATIONS'. Below the navigation bar is a large banner for the 'RACE To The FINISH 4TH QUARTER MEMBERSHIP CONTEST' with an 'ENROLL NOW' button and a cartoon illustration of two men celebrating. The main content area features six blue square icons with white symbols and text: 'WHO WE ARE' (three people), 'KEY RESOURCES' (a box), 'MEMBER RESOURCES' (a right arrow), 'JOIN US' (a handshake), 'CONTACT US' (a phone and envelope), and 'FOUNDATIONS' (a plant). A red arrow originates from the 'MEMBER RESOURCES' icon in the main content area and points to the 'MEMBER RESOURCES' link in the navigation bar. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the Optimist International logo, copyright information, a privacy policy link, and social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn.

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Optimist Leaders - Login

WHO WE ARE • HOT TOPICS **MEMBER RESOURCES** JOIN US CONTACT US FOUNDATIONS •

**RACE To The FINISH**  
4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

ENROLL NOW

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FOUNDATIONS

Select “MEMBER RESOURCES” to get to International Convention website

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# Optimist International (OI) Web Site

<https://optimist.org/member/membersmenu.cfm>

## Member Resources


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# RACE To The FINISH

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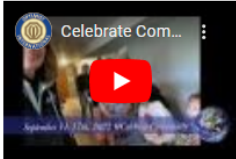
### About


- Mission, Vision & Purpose
- Optimist Creed
- History of Optimist International
- International Headquarters Staff Directory
- International Leaders
- 2023 Officer and Board Directors Election
- History: Of Dreams and Deeds 
- 2022-23 International Bylaws
- Funding For The Future
- International Board Policies



### Administration & Tax Information

- ACH Debit
- Background Checks 
- 2022-23 Dues and Fees
- Online Payment Instructions
- National Association of Parliamentarians
- Insurance
- New Abuse & Molestation Coverage for US Clubs
- Reinstatement of Tax-Exempt Status
- Tax Exempt Letter

### Latest News



Updated as of October 01, 2021  
**COVID-19 Letter to Clubs and Districts** 

- Service Organizations Joint Statement
- Summary of Board Actions
- Leadership Hotline 
- Optimist Calendar 

### Club Directory

- by Country/State/Province
- by District
- by Region


### Reports


- Scoreboard
- Leaderboard

### District Information

- District Domain Directory 2021 - 2022

### Club Resources

- Benchmark Club Projects
- Club Resource Videos
- Member Recruitment & Retention Tools
- Optimist Leadership Orientation To Optimism Series
- Youth Sports Coaches & Parent Training
- ClubUX: Approved Website Vendor 

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**Member Services**

- Projects
- Kids
- New Club Building
- Welcome New Clubs
- Member Recruitment & Retention Tools
- Sponsor a Member
- Types of Membership
- International Development News
- Recognition and Awards (ICD-135) (effective 10/1/2020)
- Tracking Forms for Club Presidents & Governors

**Meetings & Convention**

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- International Convention
- Junior Optimist International Summit
- Optimist Leadership Academy
- Workshop/Faculty Evaluations
- Workshop Handouts

**Marketing**

- Mission, Vision & Purpose
- Choose Optimism Podcast
- Club Marketing/IPR Kit
- Branding Guidelines
- International Committee Request Form
- Gift of Branding Presentation
- Logos
- Social Networking
- Optimist Day


**Leadership Development**

- Leadership Information
- Optimist Institute
- Optimist Coffee Cafe
- Optimist Leadership Academy
- Optimist Leadership Orientation To Optimism Series

**Programs**

- Childhood Health and Wellness
- Community Activities
- Junior Optimist International Clubs
- Junior Golf
- Scholarship Contests
- Optimists in Action
- Optimist International Regional/World Championship Oratorical Contest

**Program Resources**

- Endorsed Organizations
- Package Programs
- Programs Brochure 
- Sponsorships

**Forms, Documents & Publications**

- Forms (applications, certificates, reports)
- Documents (bylaws, Club administration, officer duties)
- Hotline (Leadership newsletter)

**The Optimist Magazine**

- Read current and past issues
- How to submit a story

**Suppliers**

- Official Suppliers
- Authorized Distributors of Personalized and Promotional Products.

Select "International Convention" \*

\*2024 Convention Information will be posted there

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**Further information will be made available via:**

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