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**From the desk of Governor**

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Happy Holidays One and All,

Thanksgiving is now past and it is time to prepare for Christmas, Hanukah, New Year's Day or whatever tradition you may follow. While the holidays may bring us great joy, others may experience loneliness and depression; those who have lost loved ones, seniors in nursing homes, children born in poverty, members among us who have recently lost a job or home due to foreclosure. As I think about how fortunate I am, I realize the gift that Optimism brings. Think of all the service projects our 84 clubs are currently doing to make the lives of children and families more enjoyable not only during the holidays but every day. Think of the events that we sponsor to bring a smile to the face of a child or a senior.

I am especially proud that the Ohio District was second in the nation in contributions to the Childhood Cancer Campaign in Governor Denny's year. Congratulations, Sharon O'Neil and all who gave!

Let's work hard to ensure these opportunities and programs can and will continue in the future. Remember the difference Optimism made in your life and how honored you were to be asked to join your club. Share that experience with someone who can benefit from it. Give the gift of Optimism this season. Sponsor a new member or a Friend of Optimist (FOO). Don't know about the FOO? Check the OI website for details.

Congratulations to the following clubs that are plus in membership as of November 29. Strongsville, Columbus-South, Lima-Shawnee, Wapakoneta-Bft, Troy, Vandalia-Butler, Kettering-Dorwood, Kettering-Noon, Centerville Noon, Fairfield, Miami University (if I missed a club, my apologies)

Thanks to everyone who brought in a member. We have 84 new members so far this Optimist year.

No new clubs have chartered yet this year but I hope to bring one in December. Stay tuned! If you are planning to build a club, please let me and Bill Hamer know.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Second District Conference February 12 and 13. Come celebrate all the successes achieved in Governor Denny's year.

Promise Yourself for the Kids and join me in Helping Kids Soar,

Judy Martinson, Governor  
The Great Ohio District Optimists

**Mission Statement**

By providing hope and a positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in children

**Vision Statement**

Optimist International will be recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps them develop to their full potential.

## OHIO DISTRICT DATES 2009-10

October 16 & 17, 2009— Ohio District Conference

February 12 & 13, 2010—Ohio District Conference

May 14 & 15, 2010 —Ohio District Conference

July 7-10, 2010 —Optimist International Convention in Denver, CO

August 19, 20 & 21, 2010 - 62nd Ohio District Convention, in Dayton, Ohio

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## ESSAY CONTEST INFORMATION—Jerry Gracy

Just a reminder that the club essay winner must be submitted to me by **February 28, 2010**. There have been a number of students that have contacted me and I have sent them information on the clubs nearest to where they live. If your club was not going to do an essay contest but is contacted by a student looking for a sponsoring club how about saying yes! A club can declare a single entry the club winner and forward it to me. If you have any questions call me at (937) 882-6644 or (937) 845-4181. My E-mail is **Gracyfamily@aol.com** and I my contacts are listed in the district handbook.



**Topic—The Internet:  
Today's Evolution  
Or  
Tomorrow's Menace**

## ORATORICAL CONTEST INFORMATION—Jerry Stahley

### **Topic— Cyber Communication: Progress or Problem?**

**Club Contests** must be completed on or before March 13, 2010

**Zone Contests** must be completed on or before April 3, 2010

**Regional Contests** must be completed on or before April 24, 2010

**District Finals** will be held at the 3rd District Conference on May 15, 2010



### **Zone 3, Region 1, Oratorical Contests**

Both the Zone 3 and the Region 1 Oratorical contests will be held at the Brunswick Municipal Building on Rt. 303 in Brunswick.

The Zone 3 contest will be Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 7 pm. Contestants should be there at 6 pm.

The Region 1 contest will be Saturday, April 17, 2010, at 1 pm. Contestants should be there at noon.



## CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN

### Childhood Cancer Campaign

Each year, more than 12,000 children and teenagers are diagnosed with cancer. One in every 330 Americans develop cancer before the age of 20. It's because of these statistics that Optimist Clubs are encouraged to participate in the CCC Program. You can provide support to children diagnosed and receiving treatment for cancer, as well as their parents, families, care givers, and research.

Please remember that Optimist International made a commitment to Johns Hopkins, which ends December 31st, 2009. There is still time to send in your club donations to help them make their goal - make checks payable to OIF-CCC.

Thank you and congratulations to all who donated to CCC for the year 2008-2009. The Ohio District placed second in donations to OI Foundation for the Cancer Campaign! I'm optimistic that you will want to continue a Childhood Cancer Campaign within your Club. A donation may still be made to the Foundation throughout the year, or a local family may need your help. Keep the good works going in your own community!

**Sally Schmidt**  
**CCC Chair - Ohio District**

Dear Members:

Thank you....thank you....thank you!!

I just received the final report on the CCC (Childhood Cancer Campaign) for the 2008-2009 year. 1st place was from Quebec Center with \$80,641.53 donated.

**The Ohio District was # 2 with \$14,522.98 donated.**

This is fantastic! Congratulations Ohio District! Below is the complete list!

| District     | District Chair       | Total Gift Amount  | District    | District Chair          | Total Gift Amount |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 ANE        | Carolyn Stutz        | \$ 476.26          | 25 COWY     | Charlie Neumann         | \$4,322.50        |
| 2 AC         | Frank Dalotto        |                    | 29 AL-LA-MS | Tom Howell              | \$11,703.00       |
|              | Susan Kichline       | \$1,820.95         | 30 EMO      | Jody Simmons            | \$11,734.35       |
| 3 KYWV       | Howard Williams      | \$4,599.99         | 31 AZ       | Nancy Higley            | \$3,410.00        |
| 4 INDN       | Lu Whitaker          | \$2,606.55         | 32 PNW      | Marlean Stevens         | \$ 220.00         |
| 5 INDS       | Bethe Arisman        | \$ 328.50          | 33 MDSO     | TBD                     | \$8,943.04        |
| 6 STX        | Mike Edwards         | \$ 893.50          | 34 AR       | Ben Thompson            | \$1,398.95        |
| 7 OK         | TBD                  | \$ 492.00          | 35 DMM      | John Dyvig              | \$9,339.58        |
| 9 SWIS       | John Lister          | \$9,034.50         | 36 WMO      | Janet Price             |                   |
|              | DeWayne Day          | \$4,646.00         |             |                         |                   |
| 10 NE        | Elaine Hawco         |                    | 37 KS       | Jim Smith               | \$9,943.81        |
|              | Mechele Grimes       |                    | 38 NTX      | Brenda Jenkins          | \$1,150.00        |
|              | Bruce Greenwood      | \$3,130.81         | 40 IA       | TBD                     | \$7,421.70        |
| 11 TN        | Diane Frank          | \$1,608.93         | 41 CALSO    | Mary Conkwright         | \$6,001.00        |
| 12 IL        | Chris Smith          | \$2,080.06         | 43 NCE      | Trish Verne             | \$6,129.00        |
| 13 AMS&NW    | Bert Hancock         | \$2,930.69         | 44 NCW      | Mary Ellen Bosch        | \$5,519.54        |
| 14 PSW       | Adelaide Moniz       | \$1,159.08         | 45 SWONT    | Ron Huxley              | \$3,229.00        |
| 15 PSE       | Beth Mills           | \$ 0.00            | 46 MWONT    | Jackie Kinder           | \$8,463.65        |
| 16 CAPVA     | Kathy Georgen        | \$13,196.51        | 47 CENON    | Michael Sossin          | \$1,876.69        |
| 17 MI        | James Walker         | \$13,143.46        | 49 EONT     | Yolande et Paul Lalonde | \$700.85          |
| 19 NMWTX     | Sandi Burris         | \$5,550.24         | 50 QC       | Claire Labrèche         | \$80,641.53       |
| 20 PC        | Patricia Vernon      | \$1,810.00         | 52 QS       | TBD                     | \$0.00            |
| 21 GA        | Jason Blakey         | \$1,007.15         | 53 QW       | TBD                     | \$0.00            |
| 22 SC        | Edward Russell       | \$2,448.35         | 54 QENS     | M. Roger Caron          | \$1,786.02        |
| 23 WINUM     | Mary Beth Pritchard  | \$1,102.01         | 55 QEA      | TBD                     | \$ 380.00         |
| <b>24 OH</b> | <b>Sharon O'Neil</b> | <b>\$14,522.98</b> | 60 NFL      | Lisa Danielson          | \$4,478.50        |
|              |                      |                    | 61 SFL      | Beth Norris             | \$3,143.10        |
|              |                      |                    | 78 CAR      | Heather Ambersley       | \$ 350.00         |

Non Members \$6,517.35

**TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$287,391.68**

Thank you for all you have done and will do for the youth of the communities!

**Sharon O'Neil, District CCC Chair, 2008-2009**

## OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

We have finished the second month of the new Optimist year already. Governor Judy has set a goal of \$16,000 for the Ohio District to raise for the Optimist International Foundation. To date we have collected 8.278% of our goal. You can follow the Ohio District goals by clicking on Car #24 on the link at [www.oifoundation.org/home.htm](http://www.oifoundation.org/home.htm).

Any club that gives an unrestricted gift of at least \$365 to the Foundation this Optimist year will receive a special patch for their awards banner.

If you have not already done so, please turn in your Club Foundation Representative form to Optimist International. It is so important that we have this information in order to communicate with all clubs. There are currently only 16 clubs in the Ohio District that have submitted their Club Foundation Representative form to OIF. This form is also available for download at the OIF website.

There are 5 levels of giving to the Optimist Foundation and they are: Dime-A-Day \$36.50, Century Circle \$100+, Presidents Club \$250; Friends of Today \$500, and Christian D. Larson Partners \$1,000. Donors' gifts accumulate during the Optimist Year and are eligible to receive all benefits for lower levels of giving. Please concentrate on the Dime-A-Day program for your club members. If 450 club members in the Ohio District gave \$36.50, we would be over our goal of \$16,000!

I look forward to serving you as your District Foundation Representative this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (419) 738-8087.

Thank you in advance for all your efforts in making this the best year for Optimist Foundation giving!

Ellen S. Brautigam

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