

THE OHIO JOOI *NEWSLETTER*



Ohio JOOI members at the 2010 International Convention in Denver, CO



The District Convention Is Here!!!

See the registration
packet for details!!

Optimist Club of the Month

Alter Optimist Club

The Alter Optimist Club is one of the youngest clubs in the district. Formed in 2007, we are in our fourth year of existence but have been already involved in a lot of things.

The majority of our work is through fundraising, with a penny war each spring being our strongest, bringing in several hundred dollars each year. For those who don't know how a penny war works, come to the District Convention and find out!

Speaking of the district, Alter's Optimist Club is one of the most active on the district level. We always send several representatives to each convention and in the past two years we have had three Alter Optimists serve as district officers. Those who have gone to these events and participated in the district always come back excited about the work we are doing.

Any questions, ask an Alter member at the convention this weekend, we'll be there!



2010 Ohio JOOI Officer's Training

Brian Clark

Brian Clark is set to be this year's district convention key note speaker for the Optimist Club. Brian's amazing story is one of hope, courage, and survival. Mr. Clark was one of the few people to survive above where the plane hit on the South tower. He descended over 80 floors to get to the ground level and saved a man's life on the way. He may be one of the most inspirational speakers that the optimist club has ever had the privilege is story will be one of the most amazing stories ever told so make sure to come and listen.

-Bryan Von Der Vellen, Ohio District Secretary

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Financial Report

Our convention is up coming and soon after we will be looking to plan towards the international convention in Baltimore, Maryland in July. Because we are one of the only districts that actually pay our representatives to go we need to raise a lot of money. We are looking at roughly \$14,500 - \$15,000 and as of right now we are about 1/14 the way there. We are hoping to raise a good amount of money from our dodge ball tournament at the district convention but we know that it will not be able to cover the total cost. Remember all donations count no matter how much and are exceedingly generous! Thanks for all the help and support so far!

-Daniel Von Der Vellen
Ohio District Treasurer

Governor's Corner

Dear Junior Optimists

Holiday traditions are a huge part of every family's holidays. So this year start a new tradition get involved in your local food pantry or giving tree. Then ask whoever you're helping to pass it on to someone else. Helping people is one of the most rewarding things you can do this holiday season.

During this time of year everyone is more optimistic and just happy. As optimists it's up to us to spread this cheer all year long. I think that the feeling of helping people and being with friends and family is the best feeling in the world. Thank You for being a part of the optimist district with me. Enjoy your holiday!

Coming up this year is our district convention on Feb. 25 and 26 look to the next newsletter for more information and the international convention in July

Thanks for a wonderful year looking forward to next year!

Yours in Optimism,
Leslie Mamula

Note From the Editor

Hello, my name is Peter Von Der Vellen. I am a past Ohio JOOI District Governor, a Past International Board member and now I am in charge of the Newsletter for this year. I hope you enjoy these each month and all of the clubs get a chance to participate in it. I just wanted to let you know that if you have any comments or suggestions on the Newsletter or anything going on in the Ohio JOOI District, please feel free to email me. My email is pfvdv8@woh.rr.com and I hope to hear from you.

-Peter Von Der Vellen

