

THE OHIO JOOI *NEWSLETTER*



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

Optimist Club of the Month

Fairmont Octagon Club

HOLA! From the Fairmont Octagon Club,

Our club is always finding new ways to have fun! Many students are able to join and can help whenever. Our club has different gathering with the middle school to help them have a smooth entrance into high school. For thanksgiving we sold thank you grams these turkeys were sold at 50 cents each and were pure profit for our club and helped spread optimism at Fairmont.

Another one of our cool projects was Read across Fairmont. This project was used to help promote the JOOI of reading. So maybe your club should come up with a different project to report on at the district convention

I hope hearing about our club has inspired yours have a very optimistic new year.



2010 Ohio JOOI Officer's Training

This year, at the District Optimist Convention, there will be some big names in optimism, and just some plain big names. One of these names is Denis Desmond, the immediate past Vice President of Optimist International. Also attending is Danny Rodgers, the current International President, and Mark Shriver, the Past International President. And then there is Brian Clark. Brian is a nationally known public speaker due to his amazing story as a survivor of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. More amazing is that he is a rare survivor from above where the plane hit. For more on his amazing story of survival, love, and determination, come to the District Convention.

-Bryan Von Der Vellen, Ohio District Secretary



Financial Report

We are done transferring banks and we have exactly \$973.21. We used a little bit of our money to buy a lieutenant governor's pin, some items for a raffle in February at the adult convention, and a plaque for Margaret Barclay for the Margaret Barclay award. We are expecting a total of around \$14,000.00 to take roughly 25 people to Baltimore, Maryland this year for the international convention. We need a lot more money and we are working on fundraisers to help us reach our goal.

-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!

As always, if you're interested in getting more involved in the district you can email me at leslie.mamula@gmail.com.

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

