

# Nebraska District Optimists

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AUGUST 2023

## Midwest Hospitality at the Graduate Hotel

Nebraska Optimists from across the state will meet once again to share ideas, camaraderie, honors, and support. This **Fourth Quarter Conference** will be held at the **Graduate Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska**. The conference will be Fri., August 18, Sat., August 19, and Sun. morning, August 20.

This refurbished hotel is a gem with guest rooms showing off midwestern themes, such as cowboys, the Old West, and even corn! Each room has a theme and style of it's own! There is a hospitality suite with access to an outdoor area with games and a magnificent view from the deck area. Rent a bicycle and tour the old Haymarket area or ride a bike built for 16 riders! There is much to see and do.

Conference registration information can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. We hope to see you there!

District 10  
Upcoming  
Dates



**August 18, 19, 20** Fourth Quarter Nebraska District Conference in Lincoln – more info on page 2. Registration deadline is August 11th.

**Sunday, Sept. 17 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM** WINE EVENT & fundraiser for MAYF at Belle Terre Vineyards in Glenwood, Iowa.



***Not your “typical” conference...but a weekend experience!***  
***Explore! Share! Learn! Grow! Enjoy!***

## **Fourth Quarter Optimist Festival and District Convention**

Graduate Hotel – Lincoln -- August 18-19-20

141 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street – Lincoln NE 68508 – Phone: 402-475-4011

**Festival Registration is due August 11, 2023** - online at: [NebraskaOptimists.org](https://NebraskaOptimists.org)

### **Friday - (\$30)**

- Interactive workshops to help ANY Optimist improve, grow, learn and explore!
- Food and beverages served during break
- “Happy Hour” Activities games and activities
- “World Tour” exploration of the Haymarket! Prizes and rewards!
- Hospitality Suite – Unique Suite with outdoor balcony

### **Saturday – (\$90)**

- Cornhole Tournament Continues!
- Raffle baskets for charity
- Scavenger hunts
- Local connections and experiences
- Teamwork, Planning and Exploration
- Workshops, Programs, Information
- Elections for 2023-24 Lt Governors and Governor-Elect
- Snacks and activities for break time
- Luncheon and Banquet prepared and served from the Single Barrel – one of Lincoln’s finest!
- “Group Therapy” – a unique group bicycle ride for sixteen members at a time!

### **Sunday – (\$40)**

- Memorial tribute to those Optimists who have passed from us during the past year
- Breakfast
- “Standing Ovation” Breakfast – a round of applause, please!
- Recognition of District Clubs
- Closing and Creed

**Total Conference Package Price: \$143**

***And SO Much More!***

***Guaranteed to be the best Optimist experience you can remember!***

## A Spark in the Park . . . So Much Fun!

For the second year in a row, the Miracle Hills Optimist Club of Omaha hosted a neighborhood event for National Night Out on August first. The Event was billed “Spark Some Fun in the Park” and all Sunnyslope neighborhood residents were welcome to come by.

MHOC members offered games, freeze pops, ice cream, and bottled water to their guests! It was estimated that nearly 100 guests took part in the fun. Omaha Police Officer Sherry King was there to visit and she handed out some cool prizes, as did the Captain from the Omaha Fire Dept. Soon a fire truck pulled up and the kids were eager to see it up close and visit with the firefighters.



The children present enjoyed their ice cream & freeze pops on a warm summer evening! Then the games began and Tug of War was a favorite with kids, both big and small.

Even the Mayor of Omaha, Jean Stothert, stopped by with her inflatable friend! She visited with guests there and listened to their concerns. Safe to say, a pleasant evening was had by all who stopped by!

