

Nebraska District Optimists

Carla Gries, District Governor



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District 10
Upcoming
Dates



The District 2nd Quarter Conference, to be held in Grand Island at the Borders Inn and Suites, is coming up soon, and it promises to be motivational fun for attendees. The theme this time around is “Second Quarter Festival”.

A block of rooms at the Borders Inn & Suites is being held. Room rates for these are \$110, but must be reserved by Friday, Feb. 10th. Call 308-384-5150. Ask for the Optimist block of rooms.

For conference registration, go to

Your registration includes lunch, dinner, & refreshments during the conference. Conference events include round table discussions, special presenters, awards, fun & games, a hospitality room, and more. Please plan to join us in Grand Island for this conference.

February 17 & 18 – Bellevue University – Academic Decathlon Finals – Optimist volunteers are needed to support this event.

February 24 & 25 – Grand Island Nebraska District 2nd Quarter Conference – Think about attending! Registration info on page 3 of this newsletter.

Helping at the Holidays Gives a Great Feeling!

Every year, the Miracle Hills Optimist Club helps out others in the community before Christmas time by ringing bells for the Salvation Army. (It always seems to fall on an exceptionally cold or blustery night!) What a feeling of joy it brings to see people giving what change & cash they have in their pockets to help others - especially the children! We want to give a special thanks to Karen Keller, our bell-ringing coordinator this year.





Academic Decathlon Celebrates 40 Years of Competition

The Nebraska Academic Decathlon is conducting its 40th year of competitions in the state, and its recent Trivia Night fundraiser on January 7 was a great success! Well over \$5000 dollars was raised that night to help support scholarships students earn in Regionals and at State Finals, to be held February 17-18 at Bellevue University.

All Optimist Clubs in the state are the major sponsor of Nebraska Academic Decathlon, and there was a round of questions recognizing their important role. Several Optimists enjoyed the event in person, including Carla Gries, Optimists of Nebraska Governor. The annual Trivia Night not only helps fund the Academic Decathlon, it is a fun night. Participants put together a team of up to 8 people, who then bring their own food & beverage to share at their table during the competition. The questions are not so difficult you wouldn't know the answers to any – in fact, you might be surprised what you DO know! Think about possibly sponsoring a team from your Optimist Club next year. The event is held in early January.

Trivia Night supporters included the 72 people entering the Trivia Night contest and individuals and companies that donated silent auction and raffle prizes. Contributors include: Omaha Steaks, Hollywood Candy, Hardy Coffee, Outback Steakhouse, Upstream Brewing Company, Aksarben Cinema, Dante Restaurante & Pizzeria, Jackson Street Booksellers, Le Bouillon Restaurant, Film Streams, RGR Gallery, and Omaha artist Kent Behrens and Illinois artist Michael Johnson.



A Sandwich Without Meat!

Area clubs, please send in items for our district newsletter! A newsletter without news is like a sandwich without meat!

This is your golden opportunity to brag a bit about things your club has done, to share ideas with other groups, to promote your fundraisers! We want this newsletter to be ABOUT the optimistic things happening in THIS DISTRICT! Did a group from your club (no matter how small a group) attend an event together? Are you looking for ideas related to an upcoming project or fundraiser? Let us know!



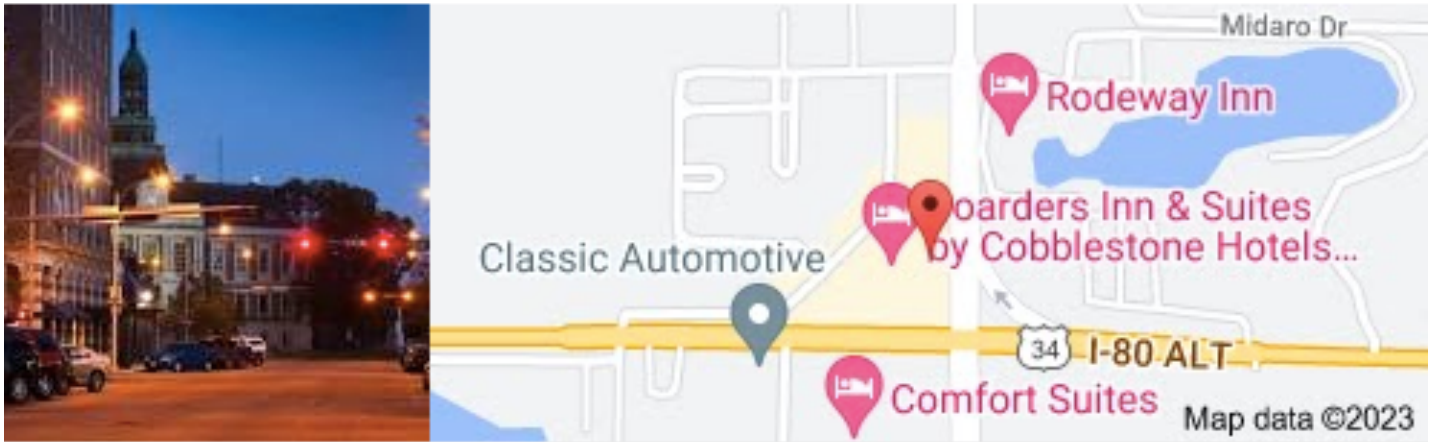
Type "newsletter" in the subject line and send news, queries & photos to: sharonomaha66@gmail.com

Thanks!

**Join us at the Nebraska Optimists 2nd Quarter
Conference in Grand Island.
Use the link below ...**

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**2nd Quarter Conference – Optimist
International Nebraska District**



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Fri, Feb 24, 5:30 PM – Sat, Feb 25, 5:30 PM
In 29 Days



Full Circle Venue
3333 Ramada Rd, Grand Island, NE

Conference Registration:

[CLICK HERE](#)