



NEBRASKA DISTRICT OPTIMIST DIRECTORY

SANDRA ALLEN
GOVERNOR
2020-2021



Mission Statement

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.

Vision Statement

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

Purposes of Optimist International

1. To develop optimism as a philosophy of life utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed;
2. To promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs;
3. To inspire respect for the law;
4. To promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people;
5. To aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world.

Optimist Creed

Promise yourself . . .

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

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2020-21 CALENDAR OF EVENTS & REPORT DUE DATES

(Due to the Covid Pandemic, some dates and venues may change)

2020

October 1	District Leadership Retreat, Zoom	Sandra Allen
October 1	First Day of 2020-2021 Administrative Year	
October TBA	District Tri Star PP&K Contest TBA	Bob Grundman
October 10	A & A Reports Due	Judith Winkler
November 14	First Quarter Conference, Zoom	Sandra Allen

2021

January 1	First Day Second Quarter	
January 10	A & A Reports Due	Judith Winkler
January 9	Academic Decathlon On-Line Regional Competition	John Anstey
February 15	File IRS Form 990-N	IRS
February 19	State Academic Decathlon Speech and Interview Competition On Line	John Anstey
February 20	State Academic Decathlon Objective Finals On Line	John Anstey
February 26-27	Second Quarter Conference, Zoom	Sandra Allen
February 28	District Essay Contest Deadline "Reaching Your Dreams by Choosing Optimism"	Lana Urban
April 1	First Day Third Quarter	
April 10	A & A Reports Due	Judith Winkler
April 15	District Oratorical Deadline "Healing the World With Optimism"	Gloria Epps
April 24	Nebraska District CCDHH Contest "Healing the World With Optimism"	Mark Claussen
April 30-May 1	Camp Solaris, Firth	
April 30-May 1	Third Quarter Conference, Columbus	Ardis Moody
April-May TBA	Siouxland Summit, Sioux City, IA	Mark Claussen
May 1	Respect for Law Day	
May 2	District Oratorical Competition	Gloria Epps
May TBA	District Tri-Star PHR Contest	Bob Grundman
May 20	Club Officer Election Report Due to OI	OI Office
May TBA	Registration Deadline Jr., Golf Qualifier	Dick Raasch
June TBA	OI Junior Golf State Competition at 9:00 am York Country Club, York (tentative)	Dick Raasch
June 10	A & A Reports Due	Judith Winkler
June 30, July 1,2,3	Optimist International Convention, Atlanta	Linda Wheeler
July 1	First Day 4th & Last Quarter	
July 10	A & A Reports Due	Judith Winkler
July 14-29	OI Jr. Golf Finals Doral Resort & Spa, Miami	Dick Raasch
August 21-22	Nebraska District Convention, Omaha	Ardis Moody
August TBA	Summer Bash CCC Fundraiser LaVista Conference Center	(tentative)MAYF
September 30	Optimist of the Year Due	TBA
September 30	Optimist Club of the Year Due	
September 30	Last Day of 2020-2021 Administrative Year	



Welcome to the Choose Optimism Year...

I thank you for the commitment you have made to take a leadership role for your Club in the 2020-2021 year. I believe we are the greatest service organization in the world, yet we find our membership numbers have not reflected the important role we can play in every community. In the coming year, I urge you to focus on making your Club a source of optimism in your community. We are leaders for positive change in our communities, and this is what people are looking for in these uncertain times.

I have heard many Club leaders tell me people don't join service organizations any more, and that young people have abandoned the service Club model that Optimist Clubs have offered for many years. Here is my answer to this belief: If people no longer want to join service Clubs, then why are you talking about your Club as a service Club? I am not recommending your Club abandon community service. Community service is what gives meaning and purpose to our membership. I am recommending your Club provide something of value to your members in addition to the fulfillment we receive from community service.

We have something to offer that no other service organization has...OPTIMISM! Optimism is attractive to all people of all ages. That is why the theme for the 2020-2021 year is Choose Optimism. If you choose optimism in your Club gatherings, your members will spread that optimism in your community.

My goal is to transform our organization from a service organization to an optimistic organization. Please join me in this effort by transforming your Club from an optimist Club to an optimistic Club. What do I mean by that? I mean we need to bring optimism into every Club gathering. We should not just rely on recitation of the Optimist Creed at the end of our meeting for a dose of optimism. Include optimistic activities in every Club gathering in addition to the Creed. Offer optimistic activities in the community such as participating in the International Day of Happiness on March 20, 2021. Our Activities and Club Fitness Committees will be in providing information to your Clubs with recommendations for increasing optimistic activities in your Club and the community.

In addition, I am willing to visit any Club meetings by Zoom to share my vision with your Club. Invite me at your convenience to discuss how your Club can share the five scientifically proven components of well-being (Optimism, Purpose, Engagement, Positive Relationships and Accomplishment) with your membership.

Thank you again for your commitment to your Club success. I look forward to Choosing Optimism with you during the 2020-2021 year.

Sincerely,

Mark Weinsoff
2020-2021 President
Optimist International



INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST OFFICERS



President

Mark Weinsoff
Clubs of Santa Barbara, Northside
and UC, Santa Barbara, California



President-Elect

Patsy Garner
Breakfast Club of East Arlington
Arlington Community Optimist Club
Fort Worth, Texas



Great Plains Regional Vice President

Terry Gorman
Optimist Club of St. Paul
St. Paul, Minnesota



JOI Club President

Sophie-Chanel Bourré

GREAT PLAINS DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Alberta-Montana-Saskatchewan & Northern Wyoming: Marilyn Bushnell

Dakotas-Manitoba-Minnesota: Carmen Bakken

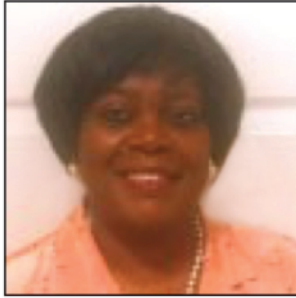
Iowa: Sharon Nakato

Nebraska: Sandra Allen

Southern Wisconsin: Maxine Lane

Wisconsin North-Upper Michigan: Ann Sheahan

2020-2021 NEBRASKA DISTRICT OPTIMIST OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & DIRECTORS



Governor
Sandra Allen



Secretary
Linda Leatherman



Treasurer
Curtis Huston



Governor-Elect
Cindy Von Fange



Immediate Past Governor
Linda Wheeler



Past Governor
Beryle Lantz



Lucas Ransen
Nebraska JOI Governor



**Governor's Assistant
Administrative**
Carla Gries



**Governor's Assistant
Strategic Planning**
Paul Keller

*The Board of Directors consists of the District Officers,
Lieutenant Governors, and the Presidents of each member club.*

2020-2021 NEBRASKA DISTRICT JOI OFFICERS



Governor
Lucas Ransen



Secretary-Treasurer
Pareena Ponniah

Nebraska District JOI Chairman

Mark Claussen

JOI CLUBS

- Dakota City JOI Club
- Norfolk Panther Jr. Optimist Club (Norfolk Jr. High)
- Norfolk Panther Octagon Club (Norfolk Sr. High)
- Plattsmouth Helping Hands JOI Club
- ROAK Jr. Optimist Club (Norfolk Middle)

NEBRASKA DISTRICT OPTIMIST COMMITTEES

CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION

Governor Sandra Allen,

Convention Coordinator

Ardis Moody,

Registrar

TBA

Assistant Registrar

Deb Reding,

Hospitality and Supplies

TBA

Technical Coordinator

Lee Kilgas

Candidate Qualifications

Linda Wheeler, Chair,

Chaplain

Rev. Kenneth Allen,

Credentials

Chair TBA

OI Convention Ambassador

Linda Wheeler,

Sergeant-At-Arms

Jessica Von Fange,

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Leadership Development

TBA

PGI (Personal Growth & Involvement) and PDP (Professional Development Program)

Tamara Bailey,

ADMINISTRATIVE

Achievements and Awards

Judith Winkler,

Childhood Health and Wellness

David Catalan,

Finance

TBA

OI Foundation Representative

Beryle Lantz,

Policy Review

Al Penner,

Zone Alignment

Cynthia Von Fange, Chair,

Growth Team

Marvin Wastell, Chair,

Membership

New Club Building

Club Fitness- Linda Wheeler,

Marketing and Communications

Diane Siefkes, Chair,

Directory—Carla Gries,

Newsletter Editor—Betty Totten,

Social Media-- Diane Siefkes,

Webmaster—Nels Sorensen,

Zoom Coordinator-- Jessica Von Fange,

DISTRICT YOUTH PROGRAMS

CCDHH (Communication Contest

For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

Mark Claussen

OI Essay Contest

Lana Urban, Chair

OI Oratorical Contest

Gloria Epps, Chair,

OI Junior Golf Championships

Dick Raasch, Chair,

Tri-Star Sports

Bob Grundman, Chair,

JOI (Junior Optimist)

Mark Claussen,

Academic Decathlon

John Anstey,

NEBRASKA DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUBS

ZONE 1



Zone 1
Lieutenant Governor
Wendy Townley

BLAIR - 10014

Blair Area Chamber of Commerce
1646 Washington St., Blair
2nd and 4th Wednesday at Noon

President

Jay Wolfe

Secretary

Jordan Rischel

Treasurer

Katie Henn

Foundation Representative

Linda Wheeler

BREAKFAST - 10015

Thursday at 7:15 am
Stories Coffee
10426 Davenport St.

President

Robert Karcher

Secretary

Vernon Dolleck

Treasurer

Shari Dolleck

Foundation Representative

Ron Rosberg

MIRACLE HILLS-10064

1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Noon
3rd Wednesday at 6:00 pm
Pizza West 12301 West Maple Rd.,
Omaha

President

Robert Labeledz

Secretary

Gwendolyn Foxall

Treasurer

Curtis W. Huston

OMAHA - 1085

Wednesday at Noon
12325 Golfing Green Dr., Omaha
Oak Hills Country Club

President

Andrew Galvin

Secretary

Andrew Galvin

Secretary

Wendy Townley

NEBRASKA DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUBS

Treasurer

Merwyn C. Pearson

Secretary

Felicia Carroll

OMAHA WEST -10151

Meetings as called

President

Chris Walker

NORTH OMAHA – 10143

3rd Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Zion Baptist Church

2215 Grant St., Omaha

Treasurer

Shirley Finch-Willis

Secretary

Holly Meyer

President

William G. Graves

Foundation Representative

Patricia Patterson

Treasurer

Alan Gilmore

Foundation Representative

Mark Scheetz



Optimist
INTERNATIONAL
Nebraska District

NEBRASKA DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUBS

ZONE 2



Zone 2
Lieutenant Governor
Carla Gries

SOUTHWEST OMAHA – 10011

Sean O'Casey's Pub
2nd and 4th Mondays at 5:30 pm
2523 S 140th Ave.

President

Michelene Nissen

Secretary/Treasurer

Carla Gries

Foundation Representative

Corinne N. Wastell

ELKHORN - 10013

Does not meet regularly

President

Andrea Abrahamson

Secretary

Jason Gustafson

Treasurer

Andrea Abrahamson

Foundation Representative

Jason Gustafson

FREMONT - 10035

Pizza Hut, 1781 E 23rd St..
4th Tuesday of the month

President/ Foundation Representative

Stanford Darling

Secretary

Darci Morgan

NORTH BEND - 10067

1st Sunday of the Month at 7:30 pm
1421 Main St.

President

Thomas Mullally

Secretary

Andrea Halladay

Treasurer

Brent Karnatz

WEST POINT - 10116

3rd Wednesday at Noon
Pizza Ranch, 245 S. Main

President

JoAnn C Lewis

Secretary

Ann Beckenhauer

Treasurer

JoAnn C Lewis

Foundation Representative

Ann Beckenhauer

NEBRASKA DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUBS

ZONE 3



Zone 3
Lieutenant Governor
Bob Karcher

GRETNA - 10041

Thursday at 7:00 am
Billy's Café, 20596 NE Hwy 370
Gretna

President

Julie Hayes

Secretary

Helen Ortlieb

Treasurer

Michael Jensen

Secretary

Denise Hancock

Treasurer

Melissa Jabens

PLATTSMOUTH - 10088

Saturdays at 8:00 am
Mom's Café, 422 Main St.
Plattsmouth

President

Michael Tabler

RALSTON - 10023

Last Tuesday of month at 5:30 pm
Elks Lodge, 6410 S 96th St., Omaha

President

Mark Krzemien

Foundation Representative

Michael Evans

Secretary

Daniel Wehrbein

Secretary

Andy M. Dubbs

PAPILLION-LA VISTA - 10087

1st Thursday at 11:45 am Jersey's
Sports Bar, 501 Olson Dr.
3rd Thursday at 11:45 am Ollie and
Hobbes Craft Kitchen, 310 E. Gold
Coast Rd.

President

Fred Uhe

Foundation Representative

Daniel Wehrbein

Foundation Representative

Mark Krzemien



NEBRASKA DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUBS

ZONE 4



Zone 4
Lieutenant Governor
Diana Rizzo

NORFOLK – 10065
Wednesdays at 7 a.m.
First Choice Catering, 1110 S 9th St.

President
Daniel K Sturgis

Secretary
Mark D. Nelson

Treasurer
Mary Busse

Foundation Representative
Dale Beckman

NORFOLK NOON - 10077
Norfolk Country Club, 1700 N
Riverside Blvd.
1st and 3rd Fridays

**President/ Foundation
Representative**
Mark R. Claussen

Secretary/Treasurer
Deanne L. Vornhagen

**SOUTH SIOUX CITY MORNING -
10100**
Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.
South Sioux City Legion Hall
109 E 19th St.

President
Diana L. Kincaid

Secretary
Ardel Ann Bengston

Treasurer
Mark Gehring

Foundation Representative
Lora L. Kander

WAYNE - 10128
Virtual Meetings to be Announced

President
Jessica Von Fange

Secretary
Kim Dunklau

Treasurer
Scot Saul

Foundation Representative
Cynthia R. Von Fange

O'NEILL - 10151
3rd Thursday at 5:30 p.m.
Chesterfields West
305 E Douglas St.

President
Bill Price

Secretary
Lacie Miller

Treasurer
Morgan Childers

NEBRASKA DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUBS

ZONE 5



Zone 5
Lieutenant Governor
Marvin Shimmel

AUBURN –10002

1st, 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 7:00 am
Café Metro, 901 Central Ave.

President

Daryl J. Obermeyer

Secretary

Jacqueline R. Obermeyer

Foundation Representative

Marvin F. Shimmel

Foundation Representative

Jake Hightshoe

NEBRASKA CITY – 10147

1st Thursday at 6:00 Social Meeting,
place TBD

3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm. General
Meeting

American National Bank
920 Central Ave

President

Leslie Deremer

Secretary

Katie Mocnik

BEATRICE – 10000

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at noon
Country Cookin, 111 S 8th St.

President

Eric Klassen

Secretary

Colt Feighner

Foundation Representative

Burt Foreman

FAIRBURY - 10030

2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Bonham Theatre
519 E St., Fairbury

President

Diane Schutt

Secretary

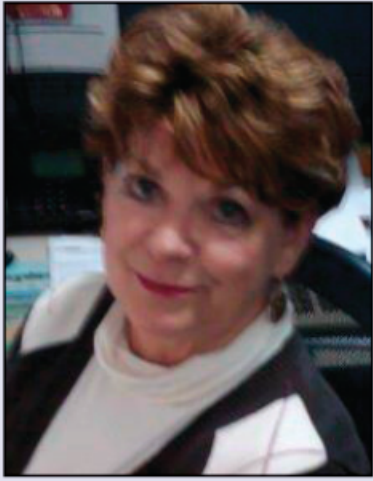
Nels Sorensen, Jr.

Foundation Representative

Diane Siefkes

NEBRASKA DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUBS

ZONE 6



Zone 6
Lieutenant Governor
Margaret Reynolds

LINCOLN EVENING - 10025
2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Taylor Meadows Office Building,
1001 S 70th

President
Pat Driver

Secretary
Kirsten Minert

Treasurer
Dorothy I Williams

LINCOLN - 10055
3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm
The Eatery, 2548 S 48th St.

President
Mary L. Andersen

Secretary
Sue Petracek

Treasurer
Jerry J Salber

Foundation Representative
Kailen J. Kluge

LINCOLN WEST - 10056
3rd Wednesday at 6:30 pm
Dick Van Horn Lodge,
Branched Oak Lake
Or at a local restaurant

President
Mary E. Sanders

Secretary
Judith Winkler

Treasurer
Charlene Mills

Foundation Representative
Ashlee Cooney

LINCOLN SUNRISE
Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.
Good Evens Restaurant, 6891 A St.

President
Sean Erickson

Secretary
Robert Grundman

Foundation Representative
LeRoy Sievers

NEBRASKA DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUBS

LINCOLN FRIENDS - 10153

Looking for new meeting location

President

Elissa Fuelberth

Treasurer

Angela Tintori

President

Linda Leatherman

Foundation Representative

Diane Siefkes

Secretary

Jacilyn Bruns

Secretary

Loree Woods

HICKMAN—10154

3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm
Hickman Community Center

Foundation Representative

Judith Kluge



“The moment you doubt whether you can fly,
you cease for ever to be able to do it.”

J. M. Barrie, Peter Pan

NEBRASKA DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUBS

ZONE 7



Zone 7
Lieutenant Governor
Judith Kluge

COLUMBUS—10020
Fridays at Noon
HyVee Meeting Room
3010 23rd St.

President
Dale Rosendahl

Secretary
Katie Loveless

Treasurer
Linda K. Price

Secretary
Lana Urban

Treasurer
Marc Guthrie

Foundation Representative
Joan Reeves

AURORA - 10004
Fridays at Noon
Hamilton County Senior Center
1205 11th St.

President
Jesse R. Dubas

Secretary
Deborah L. Quick

Foundation Representative
Ronald Paidier

Foundation Representative
James J Holmberg III

SEWARD-10097
1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
Seward Bowl, 123 S 4th St.

President
Morgan Kozisek

YORK- 10122
Mondays at Noon
Chances R , 124 W 5th St.
(plated dinner, contact president
before attending)

President
Alex Hildebrand

Secretary
Ben Garrett

NEBRASKA DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUBS

Treasurer

Daryl L. Wilton

DAVID CITY—10138

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at Noon
1152 N 8th St., David City

Treasurer

Deb Dinkleman

President

Judith Kluge

Foundation Representative

Richard Kant

Foundation Representative

Judith Kluge

Secretary

Linda A. Wheeler



“Let’s promise ourselves to use the storms of life to soar to greater heights.

Why?

Because we are Optimists!”

-Governor Sandra,
Nebraska Optimists District Convention (August 2020)

NEBRASKA DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUBS

ZONE 8

*THIS COULD
BE YOU!*

*ASK HOW TO
HELP TODAY!*

Zone 9
Lieutenant Governor

Secretary
Jeff C. Knapp

Treasurer
Andrew Hanson

Foundation Representative
Jeff C. Knapp

MINDEN - 10058
Thursdays at Noon
ElGave Mexican Restaurant
548 North Minden Ave.

President
Todd Rehtus

Secretary
Rebecca Rehtus

Foundation Representative
Terry A. Christensen

HOLDREGE - 10047
Does not Meet on a Regular Basis

President
Janelle Pfeifer

Secretary
Marge A. Melroy

Foundation Representative
Marge A. Melroy

KEARNEY—10050
2nd and 4th Wednesday at Noon
Perkins Restaurant
609 South 2nd Ave.

President
Justin Smallfoot

LEXINGTON—10053
1st Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m.
Kirk's Nebraskaland
3002 Plum Creek Parkway

President
Kip Schneider

Secretary
Dustin Davis

Treasurer
Carl Hays

Foundation Representative
Ken Graus

McCOOK - 10059
Mondays at Noon
Fullers, 110 Norris Ave.

President
Charlie McPherson

Secretary
Aaron Broz

Treasurer
Mark Graff

Foundation Representative
Matthew J. Tiller

NEBRASKA DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUBS

ZONE 9



Zone 9
Lieutenant Governor
David Thelen

Foundation Representative
Jeffrey M. Oeltjen

Secretary
Shelly Witt

NORTH PLATTE—10075
2nd Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.
Perkins, 2302 S Jeffers St.

Foundation Representative
Brian Wilson

President
David L. Thelen

PAXTON - 10086
2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:00 am
Swede's Café, 117 N Oak St.

Secretary
Christopher Bruns

President
Kenneth C. Lierley

BROKEN BOW—10017
3rd Thursdays at 5:15 pm
Legends, 845 S "D" St.

President
Maureen Hunsberger

Foundation Representative
David L. Thelen

Secretary
Calvin Schultz

Secretary
Breanna Kaup

OGALLALA—10082
Fridays at Noon
Valentino's, 55 River Rd.

Treasurer
Del Dack

Treasurer
Rebeka Anderson

President
Brian Wilson

Foundation Representative
Jon Holzfaster



Nebraska Optimist District Goals and Plans

1. To develop a culture of empowerment and engagement, as evidenced by sharing of ideas, delegation of responsibilities and the development of new leaders.
2. To develop a District succession plan for potential Governors-Elect and Lieutenant Governors.
3. To establish a 1, 3 and 5-year strategic plan.
4. To retain at least 80% of individuals who are members on October 1, 2020.
5. To add 250 *new* club members to the Nebraska District.
6. To build at least 3 new clubs within the District and at least two international clubs.
7. To have a Club Foundation Representative for each club and each club to make a financial contribution to the Optimist International Foundation during the 2020-21 Optimist year.
8. To have *active* committees that collaborate with each other and serve as useful resources to our local clubs.
9. To have at least 50% of club presidents, 50% of club secretaries and treasurers, and 50% of club foundation reps complete the OI Learning Management System online training module for his/her respective office.
10. To bring *fun* back!

Sandra Allen, 2020-2021 Nebraska District Governor



**NEBRASKA DISTRICT OPTIMISTS
2020-2021
CONFERENCES AND CONVENTION**

First Quarter Conference

November 14, 2020

Zoom Conference

Second Quarter Conference

February 26-27, 2021

Zoom Conference

Third Quarter Conference

April 30 – May 1, 2021

Columbus

2020-2021 Annual District Conference

August 21-22, 2021

Omaha

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!



Optimist International 103rd Annual Convention
Wed., June 30 - Sat., July 3, 2021

THE HYATT REGENCY & CITY OF ATLANTA

Welcomes Optimist International in 2021!

From attractions to shopping to sports and outdoors, you'll find so many activities and things to do in Atlanta that you might have to spend an extra night or two!

Make sure your trip is as affordable as it is memorable; grab an **Atlanta CityPASS** and save on tickets to top attractions.

To make your hotel reservation, type the following into your browser:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/ATLRA/G-OPTI>

FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION

Join the Optimist International event on the Optimist Facebook page and tag all your convention posts with #OICON2021.



HISTORY: NEBRASKA DISTRICT GOVERNORS AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

Nebraska Members who served as Governor in Former District 10:

1927-28	+Dan H. Hayes	(Lincoln)
1929-39	+ J. Lloyd McMasters	(Lincoln)
1934-35	+ Kenneth B. Cary	(Lincoln)
1940-41	+ Charles "Bud" Sharrick	(Lincoln)
1941-42	+Donald H. Knott	(Omaha)
1945-46	+Clyde O. Darner	(Omaha)
1949-50	+W. Harry Bruner	(Omaha)
1951-52	+Paul Haberman	(Lincoln)
1956-57	+Alden O. Holm	(Omaha)

NEBRASKA DISTRICT

1961-62 John Day +R.R. Bricker	+Richard W. Vincent (Omaha) +Ed Mitchell^	S/T Max Zentz +E.V. (Vic Nielsen)^
1962-63 +J.J. Exon Victor Jacobson^	(1) +E.V. (Vic) Nielsen (Fremont) Werner Wittges Leslie H. Goodman	S/T +Arnold Wittman Joseph L. Jones
1963-64 +Ernest J. Jenny* +Nick Noel^	(2) +E.L. "Ed" Mitchell (Omaha-South) Howard E. Brown+	S/T Steve Tomasek +Leonard S. Schaefer^
1964-65 +Claude O'Connor Dr. Gale Oleson	(2)+Victor Jacobson (Norfolk) & (same)+ James L. Henderson (Omaha) Herbert G. Harris Steve Tomasek	S/T +Ernest J. Jenny James L. Henderson^
1965-66 +Ernest J. Jenny-2 Leo F. McKean	(2)+Leonard S. Schaefer (Omaha-Benson) S/T Nick J. Schaefer Dr. R.H. Rasgorsek^	E.C. "Sam" Beights
1966-67 James R. Hanson +William Draper	(3) +Ernest J. Jenny (Norfolk) +James M. Westphal	S/T+Rolla R. Bricker +Jack D. Webster
1967-68 Robert R. Camp +Russell Hassmann^	(2)+Dr. Robert H. Rasgorshek (Omaha) +Alan W. Fries^ Gerald H. Loveland	S/T Dr. Harry J. Baker John W. McDonald
1968-69 John A. Eilers Robert Gibson	(1) +Alan W. Fries (Omaha) +William Timmons^	S/T John W. McDonald Jerome J. Korisko
1969-70 Richard E. Erickson James J. Holmberg	(2)+Russell Hassmann (Omaha) Marvin C. Kelly Larry E. Hanks	S/T John W. McDonald +Richard L. Stoehr^ Wayne D. Fickes
1970-71 Lyle Raasch Rex A. Thompson	(2)+William Timmons (North Bend) +John G. Denkinger +Milford Krajewski^	S/T +Lyle Renne +Edward H. "Ed" Kujath^ Jerome J. Kneifel

1971-72 Herb C. G Gullotta Delmont R. Schultz	(2)+Richard L. Stoehr (Lincoln) Robert M. Carter Radean G. Block	S/T Thomas D. Schaefer Donald E. Nelson Bob Nightingale
1972-73 Richard J. Kaplan John C. Whitehead	(2)+Milford E. Krajewski (Ogallala) +Lyle Renne William C. Sale	S/T Firmin Q. Feltz +Kenneth O. Weakland^ +Lester Sautter
1973-74 Dale J. Andersen Kenneth McLaughlin Wilfred Meyer	(3)+Edward H. Kujath (Fairbury) +Fred R. Apadoca^ Paul Plummer	S/T +Paul Bierbaum Thomas D. Schaefer^ Delmer Lonowski
1974-75 +Joseph J. Kish Lawrence E. Murphy Jerry Nelson	(2) +Kenneth O. Weakland (Lincoln) Eugene Farley Charles J. Liese	S/T +S.S. Seidel, Sr. Richard L. Files Ralph F. Dalstedt^
1975-76 Frank E. Howland +S.S. Seidel, Sr. Thomas D. Schaefer-2	() +Robert L. Billings (Omaha) E. Keith Childress^ Dale Ames	S/T +Fred Apocada Doug Teaford Bob Lange
1976-77 Norman W. Clark Bruce Smith +Bernell C. Shum^	() Donald R. Ray (Grand Island) Harry R. Dinnel, Jr. James C. Bishop Houston R. Kerr	S/T+Milo Stites +Paul Bierbaum Edwin P Linnenbrink
1977-78 Gene Herbert Dale E. Chestnut +James D. McGinness	(2) E. Keith Childress (Omaha-Cornhusker Pk) James R. Hanson-2^ +Milo Stites Donald Steele	S/T Norman W. Clark +PG Edward H. "Ed"Kujath-2 Del Lonowski-2
1978-79 Leo Jorgenson Jerry L. Puls Kent Felzien	(5) +Fred R. Apodaca (Omaha Breakfast) Ralph V. Palmer James M. Kruger Earl O. Schenck	S/T +Bob Billings William M. Saunders Billie J. Gangwish
1979-1980 C. Edward Force Burt C. Foreman Bob Ferguson	(13) James R. Hanson (Omaha Mid City) S.T. Ralph V. Palmer Donald W. Johnson C. David Heffelbower Kenneth Stute	Mark H. Thompkins +Newell E. "Newt" Kollath Marion Walburn
1980-81 John R. "Bud" Lavigne Robert "Fritz" Kluge^ Leroy Erpelding	(7) Thomas D. Schaefer (Lincoln) S/T Jerry L. Puls David Mohler^ +J.L. McMaster Robert J. Ballweg	Skeet Mahler +Bernell C. Shum-2 Jerry A. Nuss
1981-82 Ronald Schilling Richard Timmerman Dan Stump	(7) Ralph F. Dalstedt (McCook) Emil R. Janky Jerome J. Jochum^ Vern Bollish	S/T Kenneth Stute E. Terry Ausenbaugh James W. Wilcox
1982-83 Allan Woods +Donald E. Seger Ronald L. Adams	(2) David M.Mohler (Omaha West) +Sebastian J. "Subby" Caniglia + Thomas R. Spahn Gary F. Roubicek	S/T John J. Batiato Kent Stover +Donald H. Steele James Thalken, Jr.

1983-84 Harvey Hughbanks +Richard I. Shuman J. Michael Allen^	(2) Jerome J. Jochum (Lincoln Eve) Daniel A. James Paul G. Hartz Lamoine Meester	S/T Dale Chesnut John J. Battiato^ Steve Bell James Armagost
1984-85 Willis J. Caster +PG Edward H. Kujath-3 Richard Davis Boyd D. Stark^	(8) +Bernell Shum (Grand Island) +Richard V. Showers^ Lynn E. Zabel^ Richard Schwenka Leo Ruhlman	S/T Milo Stites William Calta +Eugene C. Hart Charles Baue
1985-86 Lowell Wilhite Frank E. Hehn David Chohon Boyd D. Stark-2	(2)+Richards I. Shuman (Lincoln-Southwest) John Anstey^ Ernest L. Weyeneth Ronald Gregory Thomas A. Poltack	S/T Lynn Zabel B. Dean Ellis Robert Ballweg-2 Marvin L. Smith
1986-87 Neil Smith Claude Harder Delaine Wendt Terry R. Johnson	(3) John J. Battiato (Elkhorn-Waterloo) E.L. "Mac" McCallum Larry McPhillips Russel Ropte Garnold G. Kreft	S/T +Richard V. Showers David E. Wilken Robert A. Grundman^
1987-88 R. W. "Dick" Raasch Rodney L. Oberle C. E. Haley William J. Hall	(3) Lynn E. Zabel (Lincoln) Richard E. Jensen, Jr. Dennis Parrott Ronald A. Meyers Richard Labrayere	S/T Gale E. Dunbar +Harlon Hain^ Charles F. Wilson Lyle Raasch-2
1988-89 Donald M. Beales +Robert T. Bruner Edwin P. Linnenbrink-2 Elliott T. Sagehorn	(4)+Richard V. Showers *(Omaha) (3) John R. Anstey *(Omaha-Mid City) Jerry Hofman Richard Dirks Gary G. Smith Marvin Smkith-2	S/T John R. Anstey S/T +Harlon Hain Lee A. Buist James Knebel Kent Whitacre
1989-90 Elo E. Limas Jim Zahourek Doug Palank Gary L. Bergmeier	(6) J. Michael Allen (Aurora) Karen S. Curry*^ Donald Meints Steven R. Leach John Knapple	S/T +Jay B. Nylander Chester A. Arnett^ Roger T. Simmons^ Charlie S. Reeser
1990-91 W.F. "Nick" Nickelson +Forrest Kramer^ Rodney Gustafson Lyle J. Fondness	(3)+Harlon A. Hain (Bellevue) +Gordon Gagini +PG Edward H. Kujath-4 Kurt L. Blazek Charles R. Baue-2	S/T John R. Anstey John M. Lang James "J.J." Johnson Kenneth J. Muchmore Allen E. Jones^
1991-92 Martin C. Stolinski Norman A. Jorgensen John R. Carrigan James A. Lockman	(2) +Chester a. "Chet" Arnett (Omaha Metro-West) Donald R. Stover Ronald Jay C. William Sherman^ James Bonesteel	S/T Allen E. Jones Lee A. Buist-2 Thomas J. Bauman Robert A. Garrett Judith L. Andresen

1992-93
Billie S. Rice
Charles S. Ives, Sr.
Terry W. Koebernick
Wayne Hahn

(8) Boyd D. Stark (Alliance)
Douglas E. Hale
Fred R. Bischoff
Ronald V. Pavletich
David L. Thelen^

S/T Lyle Fondness
Cathi L. Tighe
Del W. Salmen^
Wes W. Lampher
Betty Totten

1993-94
James R. Thele
Forrest M. Kramer-2
Kurt I. Blazek-2
Daryl A. Cisney

(2) C. William Sherman (Columbus)
Karen S.H. Fogle*-2
Robert "Fritz" Kluge-2
+Jay Nylander
Steven McCoy

S/T Larry Andresen
Steffi Swanson
Dennis R. Kumm
John "Jack" Yant
Dr. Robert G. Diekmann

1994-95
Carol-Ann Price
Robert E. Bendig
+Eugene C. Hart-2
Mark A. Baldwin^

(4) Allen E. Jones (Omaha West)
Marguerite A. Hansen
Marvin Shimmel
+Jay B. Nylander-2
Layne D. Knoedler

S/T Judith L. Andresen
Charles D. Mansfield^
Mark A. Mandelko
Richard L. Alexander
Diane P. Harrison

1995-96
+Betty J. Nelum
Steven Settles
Dale L. Beckmann
Laura L. Marshall

(6) Karen S. H. Curry Fogel ()
+Chester A. Arnett-2
George Shada
Leslie "Lynne" Nylander
Thomas G. Didier

S/T Steffi Swanson
Richard J. Quinlan^
George Ferrell
Terry A. Christiansen
+Gale Totten

1996-97
+Betty J. Nelum-2
Mark D. Pettit
Dale L. Beckmann
Charles P. Wortman

(7) Roger T. Simmons (Lincoln-South)
Bradley D. Kuiper
Dennis R. Kumm-2
Ronald L. Schilling-2
John Hawley

S/T Thomas D. Schaefer
+Rhonda J. Wiebers
Carol S. Thompson
Douglas White

1997-98
Thomas J. Price
Gerald L. Holmberg
Barbara J. Smith
Christine Rusk

(7) +Forrest M. Kramer (Blair)
Paul Zamiska
+PG Edward H. Kujath-5
Jeffrey L. Garnand^

S/T Diane P. Harrison
+Vicki L. Haecke
Del W. Salmen-2 ^
Ralph F. Dalstedt-2

1998-99
Billie S. Rice-2
+Nowell "Newt" Kollath-2
Gaylea G. Sturgis^
Calvin L. Schultz

(12) Robert A. Grundman (Lincoln Sunrise)
John Rice
PG Roger T. Simmons-2
Charles F. Reeser-2

S/T Del W. Salmen
Donald Woodhull
Jeanne L. Cuda
Ronald L. Olds

1999-2000
Richard D. Weithoner
+Robert F. Wriedt*^
+Naomi E. Sherman
John L. Montgomery

(2) Jeffrey L. Garnand (Hastings)
+Gordon F. Gagini-2
Harold Chase
Jay Nichol

S/T Gaylea G. Sturgis
Donald Woodhull-2
Dennis R. Kumm-3
Randy Schneider

2000-01
Marguerite Hansen-2
Lora I. Kander
Ronald Schilling-3
Daryl A. Cisney-2

(5) Richard Quinlan (Bellevue)
Charles D. Mansfield-2 ^
Donald Wurm
Sabrina D. Garmand

S/T +Rhonda J. Wiebers
Richard J. Felt
Doris J. Doane
Ronald I. Olds-2

2001-02 Deborah K. Cammarata Mechele Grimes Ronald Schilling-4 Kathy Breece	(7) Mark A. Baldwin (Ogallala) PG E. Keith Childress-2 Dianne M. Nolde* Sabrina D. Garnand-2	S/T Daryl A. Cisney Linda A. Wheeler^ DeAnna A. Jurgens Rod Reynolds
2002-03 Jonathon Rich Mechele Grimes-2 Dale Rosendahl Kathy Breece-2	(8) Charles "Chuck" Mansfield (Bellevue) Bruce Jordan David McMaster Brent Lewis	S/T Steffi Swanson Georgia Felt Helen Griffin Charles F. Reeser-3
2003-04 William "Bill" Hutto Cynthia Von Fange +PG William "Bill" Sherman-2 Charles "Chuck" Baue-3	(11) David Thelen (North Platte) Steffi Swanson-2 +PG Edward H. Kujath-6 Jeff Miller	S/T Louise Hoffman Russ Lang DeAnna Jurgens-2 Gary Wieners
2004-05 Tanya Shaul Ann Beckenhauer Thomas Kell	(6) Gaylea G. Sturgis (Lincoln Evening) Connie Mansfield PG Jerry Jochum-2 Arlen Osterbuhr	S/T Robert "Bob" Wriedt Emil Beyer Thomas-Bauman-2 A.W. "Butch Loring
2005-06 Michael T. Avery John Grimes Marge Melroy^	(13) Delno Salmen (Lincoln Evening) Larry Rippe Burt Foreman-2 A.W. "Butch" Loring-2	S/T Robert "Bob" Wriedt Jerry Schultz Glenna Showalter
2006-07 Billie S. Rice-3 Gloria Oorlog Margaret A. Simmons Marge Melroy-2	(7) Robert "Bob" Wriedt* (Wayne) Fred B. Uhe Marvin Shimmel-2 Ardis Moody^ Jeff Oeltjen	S/T Dale L. Beckmann Kathy Vomaka Burt Foreman-3 Ronald Schilling-5 Daryl Cisney-3
2007-08 Marvin Wastell^ Mark Claussen^ Betty Totten-2 +NancyAnn Matzner	(27) Robert "Fritz" Kluge (Fairbury) Melissa Vanek Marvin Shimmel-3 Margaret A. Simmons-2 PG David Thelen-3	S/T Cynthia Von Fange +Vicki Haeke-2(2) Ronald Schilling-6 Kathleen Mueller Herb Johnson
2008-09 Jerry Bexton Dan Busse Tina Oswald	(2) Ardis Moody (Lincoln West) Russell Zeeb^ +PG Edward H. Kujath-7 Ed Sheen	S/T Gaylea G. Stugis Cynthia Von Fange-2 Kathleen Mueller-2 David Lawler
2009-10 R.W. "Dick" Raasch-2 Dale L. Beckmann-3 Tina Oswald-2	(2) Mark Claussen (Norfolk Noon) Melissa Vanek-2 Marvin Shimmel-4 Ed Sheen	S/T Gaylea G. Sturgis Gary Nissen +Mary Bisbee Herb Johnson-2
2010-11 Al Penner^ Lesley Hanson Michele Malcom	(2) Russell Zeeb (Gretna) Curtis Range Judith Conway Kluge^	S/T Gaylea G. Sturgis +PG Robert "Bob" Wriedt*-2 Kellie Price

2011-12
Shellie Zeeb
Lora Kander-2
Harry Eckerson

(24) R.W. "Dick" Raasch * (Omaha-Breakfast)
Corinne Wastell
Judith Conway Kluge-2^
Marge Melroy-3^

S/T Sue Penner
Lori Blum
Diane Siefkes^
Daryl Cisney-4

2012-13
Shellie Zeeb-2
Lora Kander-3
Harry Eckerson-2

(2) Al Penner (Omaha Miracle Hills)
Corinne Wastell-2
Nels Sorensen, Jr.
Marge Melroy-4^

S/T Sue Penner
Lori Blum-2
Mary Lou Anderson
Daryl Cisney-5

2013-14
Les Dome^
Dale L. Beckmann-4
Harry Eckerson-3

(3) Diane Siefkes (Lincoln Sunrise)
Linda Wheeler-2^
Marvin Shimmel-5
Jeffrey Knapp

S/T Steffi Swanson
Curtis Rainge-2
Thomas Morrissey
Steven Marlow

2014-15
Les Dome-2^
Kathy Klabunde
Merna Yoder

Marge Melroy (Holdrege)
Linda Wheeler-3
PG Robert "Fritz" Kluge-3

S/T Nels Sorensen, Jr.
Doug Palank-2
Jennifer Kimmons
Steven Marlow-2

2015-16
Linda Wheeler-4^
Herman Klabunde
Diane Perry-2*

(8) Marvin Wastell * (Omaha Miracle Hills)
Beryle Lantz^
Kerianne S. Kluge
Becky Rehtus

Sec. Sandra Allen
Treasurer Curtis Huston
Robert Hahn
Jeremy Williams
PG David Thelen-4^

2016-17
Sandra Allen
Hailey Mills
Dianne Ladely-3*

(6) Judith Conway Kluge (Nebraska City)
Ron Neiderhaus
Dr. Jacob May
Rod Reynolds-2

Sec. Mary Lou Anderson
Treas. Curtis Houston
Beryle Lantz-2^
Doug Andersen
Michael "Lefty" Loeffler

2017-18
Cheri Duryea
Jessica Von Fange
PG Gaylea Sturgis-2^

(4) Les Dome (Omaha)
Marguerite Hanson-3
Dr. Jacob May-2

Sec. Mary Lou Andersen
Treas. Ardis Moody
Charlene Boyd
Angela Tintori
Maureen "Mo" Hunsberger

2018-19
Kay Kriss-Weinstein
Michael Kritikos

(3) Beryle Lantz (Omaha Southwest)
Ronald Nelson
Neal Deremer

Sec. Rochelle Eigsti
Treas. Ardis Moody
Melissa Masters
PG David Thelen-5^

2019-20
Kay Kriss-Weinstein-2
Mark Claussen-2^
Chyrel Kritikos

(6) Linda Wheeler (Blair)
Wendy Townsend
Marvin Shimmel-6
PG Dave Thelen-5^

S/T Dale Beckmann
Ron Nelson-2
Betty Totten-2

2020-2021
Wendy Townley-2
Diana Rizzo
Judith Kluge-7^

(1) Sandra Allen (Omaha North)
Carla Gries
Marvin Shimmel-7
David Thelen-6^

Sec. Linda Leatherman
Treas. Curtis Huston
Robert Karcher
Margaret Reynolds

+ Deceased

-3 Times served as Lt. Governor

^ Became Governor

Number of years between first term Lt. Governor and Governor

• Distinguished Governor or Lieutenant Governor

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OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM FOR CLUBS AND DISTRICTS

CLUBS

Honor Club

- Service: Complete three or more service projects during the Optimist year
- Community: Recognize a club member or local community individual
Grow Club by Net of +3 in membership
Conduct a Membership Recruitment/Drive (i.e.NOW) Program
- Charitable: Appoint a Club Foundation Representative
Make a non-restricted contribution to the OIF of at least \$100
- Education: Club President, Club President-Elect (or two Designees) attend District Convention (or two other District meetings/conferences)
Club Foundation Representative completes the CFR training on the Optimist International Learning System
Club President Completes the Club President training on the Optimist International Learning System
Club Secretary/Treasurer completes the Club SIT training on the Optimist International Learning Management System
- Administrative: Complete the Club Pride Report and Club Officer Elect Form
Be current on District and OI Dues and Fees
Club Bylaws to be in compliance with Standard Club Bylaws

Distinguished Club

Meet Honor Club Criteria plus one of the following:

- Community: Add Net+15* in membership OR Charter one or more new Clubs
OR
Increase by Net +8 and charter two or more JOI Clubs (the +3 required for Honor Club is included in the +15 or the +8 required for Distinguished Club)

HONOR DISTRICT (Governor)

- Community: Grow District by Net +10 in membership
° Charter one or more new adult Clubs (JOI Clubs do not fulfill this requirement)
- Charitable: 75% of Clubs appoint a Club Foundation Representative
° \$7500 or more raised in Unrestricted Funds on behalf of the District
- Education: 50% of Club Presidents take Club Presidents Training on the Optimist International Learning Management System in/for Optimist year
50% of Club Secretary/Treasurers take CST Training on the Optimist International Learning Management System in/for Optimist year
50% of Club Foundation Reps take CFR Training on the Optimist International Learning Management System in/for Optimist year
- Administrative: All reports filed with Optimist International as required
All clubs current on District and OI Dues by September 30