

JULY 2024



Join Us For The Kansas District Optimist Annual Convention

KANSAS DISTRICT OPTIMIST
FOURTH QUARTER MEETING
AND ANNUAL CONVENTION
August 16-18, 2024

Meeting Place:
Holiday Inn East
549 South Rock Road
Wichita, KS
Rooms-1-316-686-7131
Ext. 0

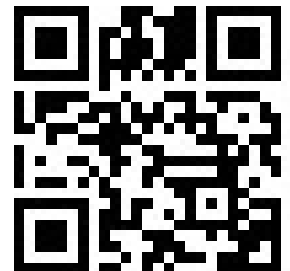
Friday Night Picnic and
Ruth Nelson Cancer Walk
Warren Riverview Park
321 W. Market St.
Derby, KS



District Governor Judy Morris wishes to invite you to JOIN YOUR FELLOW OPTIMISTS at the Annual District Convention. Learn about other clubs and their activities and projects. Get current details about new Optimist programs and opportunities. Receive training for club and district positions. Enjoy the Saturday night banquet and the Sunday breakfast and Memorial Service with your Optimist friends.

You can use the registration form at the end of this newsletter, register at ksoptimist.org, or use this QR code and the Form Filler app to register on your phone.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 8TH



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MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR JUDY MORRIS

Governor Judy Morris
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Our 2024 Kansas District Convention is fast-approaching, and we are so excited to see all our enthusiastic Kansas Optimists. Come and join the Celebration! August 16-18 in Derby & Wichita!

We'll kick off the convention with our Friday night picnic at the beautiful Warren Riverview Park in Derby, where we'll also hold our annual Ruth Nelson Cancer Walk. It will be followed by games as part of our Health & Wellness fund-raiser. Saturday's activities will include outstanding guest speakers, recognition of our clubs who are celebrating "milestone" years, training and updates for everybody, and fellowship with Optimist friends from around the state. Share stories and tips about some of your club's best projects and fund-raisers, and how you make club members feel appreciated. On Sunday morning we will hold our traditional Memorial Service for Kansas Optimists who have passed away since our last Convention. Please let us know in advance the names of any Optimists to be remembered. Register online at ksoptimist.org or mail in the form included with this newsletter

You are encouraged to bring school supplies to be donated to Derby's USD 260. They will be greatly appreciated.

We can't wait to see you August 16-18!!

Judy

Governor Judy would like to remind clubs that club officers for 2024-2025 are due at Optimist International. You can submit your officers by logging in to the OI website, then enter your club number in the correct space. You can then add your new officers. If you need additional help, a detailed graphic on Adding Club Officers will be e-mailed to each club soon. Remember, even if your current officers will continue in their same positions, you still need to report those officers. Also, be sure to check that the contact information, including email address, is correct for all your officers so they can receive necessary information from the District and OI.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 106th Annual Optimist International Convention was held June 22nd-26th in Niagra Falls, Canada. The Optimist Club of Toronto was the first club to be chartered outside of the United States in 1924. Since then over 500 clubs have been chartered across Canada. This year's convention celebrated those 100 years of Optimism in Canada. With beautiful views of the Falls, nightly fireworks shows and opportunities for fellowship, delicious food, and learning it was a wonderful convention.

The South Carolina District created an excellent synopsis of the business conducted at the convention. For those of you unable to attend the convention here are some highlights from their report. Dave Bruns, Kansas District International Convention Ambassador, has provided this information from the South Carolina District and shared some of his photos from the convention.

OI Executive Director Cheryl Brenn outlined a strategic plan focused on these five key areas to ensure the organization's growth and sustainability.

- 1) Engaging More People in Service by finding ways to subsidize the club model and provide alternative avenues for people to get involved
- 2) Impactful Programs for Youth
- 3) Being the Voice of Optimism
- 4) Effective Operational Processes created by enhancing efficiency through automation
- 5) Sustainable Revenue Growth by diversifying revenue streams

The OI Convention Town Hall meeting brought forth several significant updates and initiatives aimed at strengthening the organization's core values, operational efficiency, and member engagement.

Optimist International's commitment to bringing out the best in youth is guided by four core values to inspire and drive their mission. The core values are: Optimism, Respect, Integrity, and a Global Community. These values will be prominently featured on the OI website in the next few weeks, reflecting the organization's renewed commitment to these principles.

Optimist International has formed three new Ad Hoc Committees:

- 1) Readminister Districts: This committee will evaluate the role and structure of districts, focusing on what they offer to members and how they should function.
- 2) Vision Statement Alignment: Tasked with revisiting and possibly revising the Vision statement to ensure it aligns with the new values statement.

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3) ICD 135: Awards and Recognition Redevelopment: This committee aims to better align awards and recognition programs with the priorities of clubs.

Updates and Discussion Highlights:

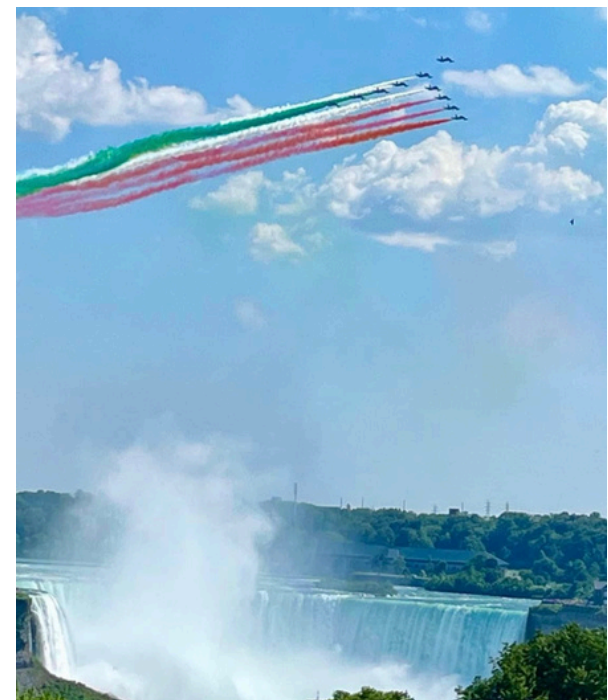
ByLaws Cleanup: Efforts have been made to improve the consistency, grammar, and organizations of the bylaws. These updates were voted on during the business session and passed with 897 votes cast and 869 in favor.

CARE Program: Feedback from this program will be reviewed to make improvements, with potential expansion into districts.

OWLS Program: Still in the pilot phase with materials in development.

Optimist Brand Recognition: Concerns were raised about the relevance of the Essay program in the age of AI. While it remains the #1 program for clubs, its impact and participation will be reviewed to ensure resources are well-spent.

A new member promise and club officer promise were introduced, allowing for online participation, making it more accessible. These promises will replace the induction and installation scripts currently used by clubs.



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Junior Golf Qualifying Championship

The Kansas District Optimist International Jr. Golf Qualifying Tournament was held on Friday, June 7th at the Emporia Golf Course in Emporia. The tournament is open to girls and boys 10-18 years of age. The 1st place winner in Girls 13-14 and 15-18; and the Boys 14-15 and 16-18 Divisions were sponsored by the Kansas District to compete in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship Tournament in Miami in mid-July. Members from several Kansas District Optimist clubs volunteered at the event. Kit Kelley from the Topeka Sunrise Club is the District Junior Golf Chairperson.



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

The Ninth Annual Optimist International Oratorical Contest was held in St. Louis, Missouri on June 18th-19th. Students from all across the United States and around the world competed during the two-day event. Ultimately, Calleigh Neal from the Indiana South District was named the World Champion winning a total of \$22,500 in scholarship money. Addison Journey of the Atlantic Central District took second place (\$16,500 in total scholarships), and Sana Beldjilali of Optimiste Francophone Canadian took third place (\$12,500 in total scholarships).

Other Regional Winners receiving a total of \$7,500 in scholarships were: West Coast--Chloe Gunter (Pacific Southeast), Great Plains--Vienna Daugela (AMS&NW), Southwest--Hana Ahmednur (CO-WY), Southeast--Janessa Montilla (South Florida), NE & Great Lakes--Emma Petter (SW Ontario) and Global--Jermain Rovensky (Haiti)

Dave Bruns, Optimist International Oratorical Contest Committee



ZONE 4 REPORT

Hello Zone 4!! Governor Judy and I attended the International Convention in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. If you've never been, please see those falls! I attended four workshops while at the convention: "What are the Signs of a Strong Club", "Grants and Foundations", "Building Stronger Teams", and "Risk Management". I'd like to use this space to caution clubs, especially those with sports activities, to review their certificates of liability coverage! You may not have as much coverage as you think. For example, volunteer adults working with kids and physically participating in the activity, might cause a liability issue. The contact person in this area is Erin Reese (Erin.reese@getamba.com) and is the risk manager for OI. One other thing: if alcohol is served at an event, you probably need to purchase supplementary insurance-don't assume you're covered!

Jim Morris, Zone 4 Lt. Governor

DISTRICT FOUNDATION NEWS

As the Optimist year comes nearer to a close, I have lots of work to do. For example: I have yet to remind members of the Presidents Club who haven't renewed, that their giving is very important to the success of our Foundation. The Foundation funds essay and oratorical scholarships, Jr Optimist programs, and Junior Golf. Last year, the Kansas District was in, or near the top ten, in several categories of giving. We are lagging this year, finding ourselves in the middle of the pack. Please join other Optimists in contributing a "Dime a Day", if you can!

Jim Morris

District Foundation Rep

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CHILDHOOD HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The children who normally would attend Camp Quality in Wichita this summer will be attending camp in Excelsior Springs, MO. The facility that Camp Quality was utilizing in the Wichita area has been sold since last summer. The Excelsior Springs facility is the same camp that the children in the greater Kansas City area have been attending. In order to accommodate the children that would have attended camp in the Wichita area, these campers will go to Excelsior Springs during a separate week. The Excelsior Springs facility will have two weeks of Camp Quality, one of the Wichita campers and another for the campers from the greater Kansas City area. Camp Kymel in Great Bend will continue to have campers again this summer.

The Kansas District Optimist Clubs have always been very generous in their financial support of Childhood Cancer fundraising efforts. Again, this year the Kansas District will be sponsoring the 16th Annual Childhood Cancer Golf Tournament to be held at Prairie Highlands Golf Course in Olathe on Monday, August 5th. Attached to this newsletter is a Sponsorship form outlining ways that clubs and individuals can support this major fundraising event. The Tournament organizing committee would like to encourage Optimist Clubs throughout the District to consider sponsoring a hole on the golf.

Sponsorship Opportunities still available include:

- Hole Sponsor - \$250
- Individual Sponsor - \$100

New this year is the Individual Sponsor. This sponsorship is intended for anyone who would like to donate funds to this fundraising tournament and not participate as a golfer in the event. Your name will be recognized in the tournament program.

Thank you for everything that the clubs do to support the efforts for Childhood Health and Wellness throughout the district.

Marlene Natoli, Chairperson
Childhood Health and Wellness
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GROUPER DEAL

Positivity and connection are considered to be part of a healthy lifestyle. Research has shown that participating in an organization such as Optimists Clubs improves people's mental, physical, and social health. It's called "Social Fitness," and is improved when individuals connect with others while embodying positivity, hope, and a commitment to community service. Of course, Optimist Clubs are a perfect place to find those qualities!

Grouper works with Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplemental plans to help pay up to \$100 of your Optimist membership dues. The benefit is not included in all insurance plans, but it is in many. Why not check to see if your Advantage or Supplemental insurance may help pay your dues?

To find out if your plan covers the Grouper social fitness benefit, visit hellogrouper.com/Optimist.



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Email optimist@hellogrouper.com
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ROBERT G. "BOB" CUTTER 'FRIEND OF YOUTH' AWARD

The "Bob" Cutter award recognizes a young person from Kansas who performs outstanding service as a member of a Youth Club or on Optimist projects. The award will be given to a young person who has shown outstanding leadership and/or made a significant contribution to the development of youth and/or their community. A plaque will be presented to the recipient at the Kansas District Convention in Wichita.

Students are eligible if they are seniors in high school or younger at the time their nomination is submitted. Any Optimist club or member in the Kansas District may nominate a young person for the award. All nominations should be submitted in letter form, along with the application and supporting documents to Kansas District Governor Judy Morris no later than September 15th, 2024.

More information and an application for the award can be found on the Kansas District Optimist web site ksoptimist.org. An application can also be found at the end of this newsletter.

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OLATHE NOON CLUB NEWS

This spring the Olathe Noon Optimists Club awarded their first OATC (Olathe Advanced Technical Center) Vocational Scholarship. The scholarship is for up to \$4000 to be used towards the completion of a technical degree or certification at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park. Last September the club held a Steak Fry Fundraiser to raise money for the scholarship and also solicited donors from the community to contribute to the scholarship fund. This year's recipient was Scarlet Shade, a 2024 graduate of Olathe North High School, who plans to be an EMT and then continue her studies to become a paramedic. Scarlet is already a CNA and works with memory care patients. The club also awarded one of their \$1000 High School Senior Scholarships to Areli Gonzalez, a welding student, at OATC. Olathe Noon gives up to six of these \$1000 scholarships a year, one to a senior at each of the five Olathe high schools and one to an OATC student.



Members of the Olathe Noon Optimist Club volunteered in June at the annual City of Olathe Fishing Derby. They helped with registration, gave out bait, and handled the concession stand. It was a beautiful summer morning for the event, and 135 youngsters had lots of fun fishing, some catching their first fish ever!



FRANKLIN COUNTY CLUB NEWS

The Franklin County Optimists held their annual Boat/Duck Races on June 1st at City Park in Ottawa. For the Boat Race youngsters 18 and younger made and decorated their own boats which were then raced. Prizes were awarded for the best decorated boat and the fastest boat. Participants in the popular Duck Race fundraiser purchase ducks that are raced in the water the day of the event with the proceeds from the event used to fund the club's programs for youth.

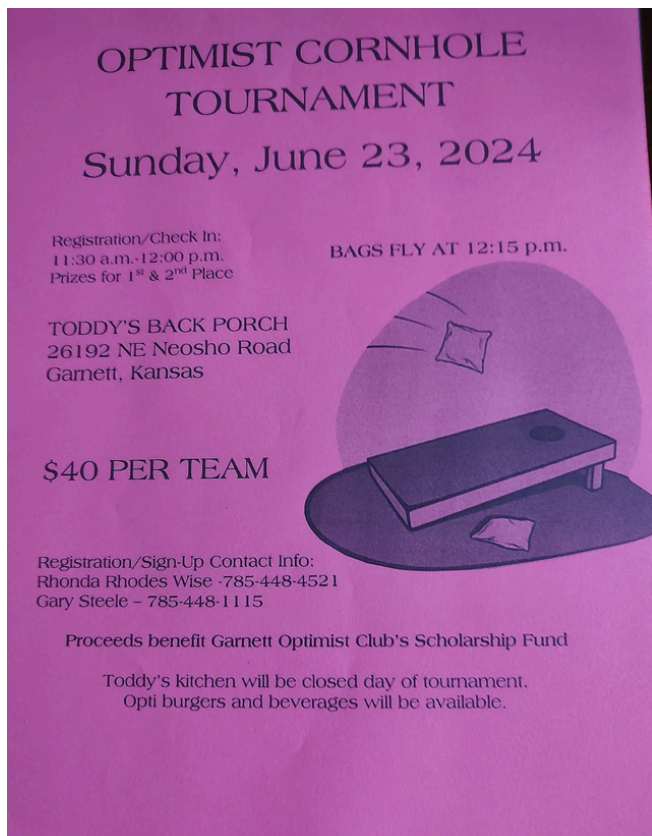


Members of the Franklin County Club also held their 2024 Junior Golf Program In June. With the support of the community and volunteers the young people had a wonderful time!



GARNETT CLUB NEWS

The Garnett Optimist Club held a Cornhole Tournament on June 23rd. It was a very hot day, and club members were pleased to have ten teams brave the heat and play in the tournament. Seven of the teams had played in previous club tournaments, and three were new teams. The club used the Scoreholio App for cornhole tournaments this time to spread the word about the tournament, and they also used the app to keep score. To promote the event they contacted former players by cell phone, sent save the date and tournament reminders, and placed flyers in local businesses. During the tournament the club also sold their Opti burgers and hot dogs to raise additional funds.



Members of the Garnett Club were also at Farm Bureau Day at the Farm on April 24th. The club has participated in this event for many years and provided burgers and hot dogs for the approximately 100 elementary students who attended Farm Bureau Day

Rhonda Rhodes Wise, Garnett Optimist Club

MANHATTAN CLUB RECOGNITION

Every year the Manhattan Mercury, the local Manhattan newspaper, along with their radio partner, Manhattan Broadcasting, search for The Flint Hills Finest. For the third time in the last four years The Manhattan Optimist Club was voted by media readers and listeners as The Flint Hills Finest Civic Service Organization. A picture of the certificate the club won is shown below. Congratulations to all the members of the Manhattan Optimist Club!



Bill Wisdom, Manhattan Optimist Club

DERBY CLUB AT GREAT PLAINS NATURE CENTER

The Derby Optimist Club provided sno-cones at Wichita's Great Plains Nature Center's "Walk with Wildlife" event for children and families on June 1st. Over 800 people attended and were able to view up close and learn about Kansas wildlife. By volunteering the club also honored the late Dr. Bruce Quantic, a member of the Derby Optimist Club for many years. He had represented the club at "Walk with Wildlife" event annually, and his wife Diane is a longtime volunteer at the Great Plains Nature Center.



GREAT BEND CLUB NEWS

In May the Great Bend Club recognized seventeen graduating seniors from the Great Bend High School. The students had excelled in school and community activities in addition to being good students. Each teenager was given a framed certificate and a gift card from the club in acknowledgement of their leadership abilities and community involvement.



Each year the Great Bend Club sponsors a Great Bend High School student to attend HOBY, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference. This year's participant was MacKenzie Lindberg who spoke to the club after attending the conference and shared her experiences.



GREAT BEND CLUB NEWS

On June 15th the Great Bend Club fed the staff at the Camp Hope Childhood Cancer Camp which is located just outside Great Bend at Camp Aldrich. With the help of A&G Catering club members served dinner to the camp staff the evening before the young people arrived. The Optimist Club also makes an annual cash donation to Camp Hope.



Then on July 3rd the Great Bend Optimist Club hosted the local MLB Pitch, Hit and Run competition. The event allows boys and girls to show their baseball/softball skills and compete for a chance to attend the regional contest at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City.

Randy Goering, Great Bend Optimists



JUNCTION CITY CLUB NEWS

The Junction City Breakfast Club responded to a single mother without transportation and limited resources by serving as a pass-through account with the Kansas Society for Children with Challenges in Wichita. With the club's help the Society was able to purchase a Wonder Wagon for the woman and her children. This wagon provides safety and security for the children with special needs to be transported to the library, park, shopping, and other activities. The cost of the Wonder Wagon was \$900 plus shipping. The Junction City club paid the amount, the family received their wagon, and the Optimists have been reimbursed for the expense. This was a very gratifying project for the club



The Junction City Club along with the St. Xavier's Catholic Schools Junior Optimist International Club and the Junction City High School JROTC Color Guard all participated in the Junction City 4th of July Parade.

Ferrell Miller, Junction City Breakfast Club



TOPEKA CLUBS NEWS

Several members of the **Topeka Optimist Club** visited the Topeka Shawnee County Library in June to help with “Explore Science”. At the event children in grades K-5 had the opportunity to do activities such as examine tiny objects with handheld microscopes, erupt volcanos, and make heat sensitive, color changing slime.



On June 28th the **Topeka Optimist Club** also joined with seven other Topeka service organizations to hold the Celebrate Summer Blood Drive. The event collected 39 units of blood.



The **Topeka Sunrise Optimist Club** reports that baseball, softball, and t-ball are done for the summer with registration now open for volleyball, basketball, and football. Young people already registered for football teams have begun practice for the upcoming season. The club’s Golf Academy is scheduled for July 27th through August 31st.

Also, on July 20th the **Sunrise Optimist Club** held a Summer Cookout so members could enjoy an evening cookout and visiting with friends





Kansas District 37 - Optimist International

4th Quarter District Convention

August 16 -18, 2024

Meeting Place: Holiday Inn East

549 South Rock Road

Wichita, KS 67207



Friday Evening Gathering & Ruth Nelson Childhood Cancer Walk

Warren Riverview Park

321 W. Market St, Derby, KS

CONVENTION FEES	Quantity	Cost	Total
Friday Night Gathering & Ruth Nelson Childhood Cancer Walk		\$0.00	
<i>Please let us know if you are coming!</i>			
Saturday Lunch		\$33.00	
Saturday Night Governor's Banquet		\$43.00	
Sunday Breakfast		\$28.00	
SPECIAL: CONVENTION PACKAGE, (ALL OF THE ABOVE)		\$95.00	
TOTAL Convention Fees:			

Member Name: _____ Club Name: _____

Club Number: _____ Club or District Position: _____

Member Name: _____ Club Name: _____

Club Number: _____ Club or District Position: _____

Spouse/Guest Name(s): _____

Any Children Attending? Name(s) & age(s) _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Please note any special dietary or physical needs: _____

Please check if you will be attending your FIRST District Meeting:

Please return you completed Registration form to:

Kansas District Optimist

3908 SW 39th Terr.

Topeka, Ks. 66610

Please return this form by: AUGUST 8, 2024

Please make your Hotel Reservations directly with:

Holiday Inn East

549 South Rock Road

Wichita, KS 67207

316-686-7131, Ext. 0

Rate: \$114 + taxes

*****IMPORTANT NOTICE***IMPORTANT NOTICE*****

To receive this special rate mention Kansas District Optimist, reservations must be made by:

7/31/2024

ROBERT G. "BOB" CUTTER "FRIEND OF YOUTH" AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

St.

Zip

Contact Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

E-Mail _____

Student

Parent

School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Nominated by: _____

Contact Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

Optimist Club: _____

Criteria: Award to young person who has shown outstanding leadership and/or made a major contribution in the development of youth; in the promotion of good government and civic affairs; in the development of respect for law; in the promotion of patriotism; in the development of international accord; and/or in the development of friendship among all people.

Please attach a letter of stating why this student is being nominated, and attach any supporting documentation (letter(s) of recommendation from school, news coverage, or other) to the Zone Lt. Governor or the Kansas Dist. Governor by July 1 Annually.

YOUR Sponsorship

We are proud to support the **16th Annual** Kansas District 37 Optimists Childhood Cancer Golf Benefit along with Title Sponsor Keen Wealth Advisors, Presenting Sponsor Olathe Health and Event Sponsor Enterprise Bank & Trust. We authorize Kansas District 37 of Optimist International to include our name or logo on all materials printed for the event, consistent with our sponsorship selection as noted below. Your Sponsorships make a difference. Kids get a chance to "just be kids again!"

- Title Sponsor \$3,500
- Presenting Sponsor \$3,000
- Event Sponsor \$2,500
- Lunch Sponsor \$1,500
- Major Sponsor \$850
- Tee-Off Sponsor \$650
- Breakfast Sponsor \$500
- Hole-in-One Sponsor \$400
- Golf Ball Sponsor \$350
- Hole Sponsor \$250
- Individual Supporter \$100
- Other \$_____

Name _____
 Company _____
 Street _____
 City _____ St _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____

Payment Options:

- Check Enclosed** (payable to "Optimist International Foundation", and write "Kansas CC Fund" on the memo line of the check)
- Invoice Me**
- Credit Card** (day of tournament)

Return form to: Ruth Nelson
 By Mail: 15572 South Blackfoot Street
 Olathe, KS 66062
 By E-mail: rnelson1021@sbglobal.net

Childhood Cancer Information

Each year in the U.S. there are an estimated 15,780 children between the ages of birth and 19 years of age who are diagnosed with cancer. Approximately 1 in 285 children in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer before their 20th birthday. Globally there are more than 300,000 children diagnosed with cancer each year.

The Good News!

- Advancement in curing childhood cancer comes through research—and the research is working!
- More than 79.6% of children with cancer are now alive five years after diagnosis.
- The cancer death rate has dropped more dramatically for children than for any other age group.
- More than 400,000 patient years of life are being saved each year using newly developed treatments for children with cancer.

Pediatric cancer research has opened the doors for progress in adult cancer research through:

- Increased overall understanding of the basic biology of cancer.
- Providing principles of therapy and advances for other diseases of adults and children.
- Chemotherapy that was first shown to be effective in curing children with cancer.
- The discovery of the first tumor suppressor gene that occurred in children.
- The principle of multi-modal therapy was pioneered in childhood cancer research studies.



Sponsorship Opportunities

16th Annual Kansas District 37 Optimists Childhood Cancer Golf Benefit

Monday, August 5, 2024

PRAIRIE HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE
 14695 SOUTH IVERNESS STREET
 OLATHE, KS 66061

Phone: (816) 863-6144 or (913) 669-3388

Website: www.ksoptimist.org
 Kansas District 37 Optimists

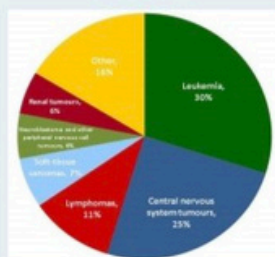


Benefit Tournament for Childhood Cancer Camps for Kansas Kids!

Helping Kansas Kids who
 have been diagnosed with
 cancer just be kids again!

Camp Quality KS/MO United

Camp Quality Kansas has been consolidated with Camp Quality Greater Kansas City to become Camp Quality KS/MO United as a result of changes after COVID. For the Summer of 2024, Kansas Kids will be attending Camp Quality Greater KC Area or Camp Quality North East Missouri at Lake Doniphan or Lake Mauer, where kids can "just be kids again!" Both camps are 501c3 providers.



Childhood Cancer Statistics

Camp Hope Heartland –Kymel,Inc.

Camp Hope in Great Bend, KS, transitioned from American Cancer Society and Kans for Kids support to now having achieved their own 501c3 status under KyMe!, Inc.

Exciting activities are planned at each camp giving parents a much deserved rest. Children are paired with a companion for one-on-one support. Nursing staff is available to provide medical support. Camp Quality camps serve children from 4 to 18.

There is no cost for a child with cancer to attend any of the camps! Staff and Companions volunteer their time!

YOU can be a Sponsor of the 2024 Kansas District 37 Optimists Childhood Cancer Benefit Golf Tournament!

Sponsorship Levels

Title Sponsor: \$3,500

- Company name and logo on banner at the entrance of the course
- Listed as Title Sponsor on cover of tournament brochure and event materials
- Special recognition at tournament and will have a "voice" at the tournament lunch
- Two four-person teams and team's "game improvement packages" included (\$880 value)
- Sponsor signs on all golf carts
- Opportunity to promote your company at the event using brochures, giveaways, etc.

Presenting Sponsor: \$2,500

- Company name and logo on banner at the entrance of the course
- Listed as Presenting Sponsor on cover of tournament brochure and event materials
- Recognition at tournament and will have a "voice" at the tournament lunch
- One four-person team and team's "game improvement package" included (\$440 value)
- Sponsor sign on all golf carts
- Opportunity to promote your company at the event using brochures, giveaways, etc.

Event Sponsor: \$2,000

- Company name and logo on banner at the event
- Listed as Event Sponsor on cover of tournament brochure and event materials
- One four-person team and team's "game improvement package" included (\$440)
- Named presenter of special tournament awards: Longest Pin, Closest to Hole, Putting Contest
- Opportunity to promote your company at the event using brochures, giveaways, etc.

Lunch Sponsor: \$1,500

- Company name and logo on banner at the event
- Sponsor name and/or logo on tournament brochure and event materials
- One four-person team and team's "game improvement package" included (\$440 value)
- Opportunity to promote your company at the event using brochures, giveaways, etc.

Major Sponsor: \$850

- Company name and logo on banner at the event
- Sponsor name and/or logo on tournament brochure and event materials
- One four-person team and team's "game improvement package" included (\$440 value)

Tee-Off Sponsor: \$650

- Company name and logo on banner at the event
- Sponsor name and/or logo on tournament brochure and event materials
- One four-person team and team's "game improvement package" included (\$440 value)

Breakfast Sponsor: \$500

- Company name and logo on banner at the event
- Sponsor name and/or logo on Tournament Brochure.

Hole-in-One Sponsor: \$400

- Logo Advertising in Program
- Hole sign on course

Golf Ball Sponsor: \$350

- Logo Advertising on balls & in program

Hole Sponsor: \$250

- Sponsor name and/or logo on tournament brochure and event materials.
- Hole sign on course

Individual Supporter: \$100

- Name in program

Other Sponsorship Opportunities

- Recognition is available for major donors of goods and services

All Sponsors:

- Receive recognition in the Tournament Program and event materials
- Recognized on social media:
www.ksoptimist.org
www.olathemooptimist.com
 Facebook: Kansas District 37 Optimists

*Sponsorships will be designated on behalf of one of the children who are Childhood Cancer Camp Kids! 501c3 deductible. All proceeds go to support the Childhood Cancer Camps.

Game Improvement Package:

One raffle ticket, Putting Contest, and a variety of gift items. We will also be offering a "50/50" Drawing opportunity.

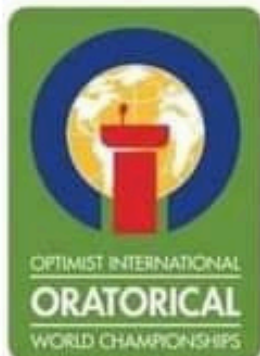
Additional Tournament Amenities:

Coffee, variety of breakfast items, lunch and complimentary beverages

THANK YOU!

The 2024-2025 topics have been released!!

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONTESTS 2024-2025



ORATORICAL CONTEST

Beginning in 1928, the Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program of Optimist International. The contest is designed for young people to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with an opportunity to compete for multiple college scholarships with a pre-assigned topic.

District Scholarships:
First Place: \$2,500 • Second Place: \$1,500 • Third Place: \$1,000
with a chance to win up to \$22,500 at the World Championships level

ESSAY CONTEST

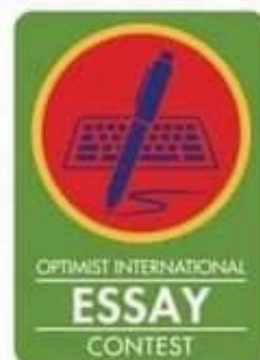
The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live.

The approach can encompass a young person's personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective. In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship!

One District Scholarship of \$2,500



Topic
"How Optimism Has Paved My Road to Success"



COMMUNICATION CONTEST FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

This contest offers an opportunity for students who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing to present their thoughts in the community, gaining skills, which can only come from signing or speaking to a large audience. Patterned after the Optimist Oratorical Contest, the contest offers youth the chance to compete in speech or sign language with the chance to win a college scholarship.

One District Scholarship of \$2,500

KIDS SPEAK OUT! SPEECH CONTEST

All young people can compete in the Optimist Oratorical Contest. The "Kids Speak Out" contest is a "pre-Oratorical" program that provides a more equitable competition for younger speakers.



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