



Choose Optimism.... and Reach for the Stars



Dear Friends,

Please join me in Osage Beach, MO for the 3rd Quarter Conference of West Missouri District Optimists.

2nd Quarter Conference will be **May 13-14, 2022** at: **INN AT GRAND GLAZE** 573-348-4731
5142 Osage Beach Parkway Osage Beach, MO 65065

Cut-off for room reservations is May 7, 2022. Room rate is \$79.00. The registration form is attached, with **registration cut-off also on May 7.** Registration is \$65.00; late registration is \$80.00. Please share with your club membership electronically if you are not currently meeting in person.

The agenda for activities is included with this letter. This is the conference where we have the Final Oratorical Contest with winners of our regionals competing. This year we also have contestants for a Communications Contest for Deaf and Hard of Hearing so we will devote all of the morning after our General Session to those contests. We hope you can come and show your support for these hard-working students! You will hear from the Oratorical winners again at lunch and from our Essay Contest winner. We'll also find out more about the upcoming International Convention in Reno June 30-July 3. Note that the early registration deadline is 12AM Monday May 2 and advanced registration ends 12AM Monday June 20.

May is Optimist in Action month so we hope you have time chat with others at the conference about what your club is doing to celebrate this. Don't forget to hold your Club Officer Elections and submit your new club officers online or mail in by May 20. We also have zones elect their Lieutenant Governors for 2022-23 at this conference so please come with ideas for candidates.

In one of the afternoon training sessions, you will learn how to access and complete the on-line Leadership Management System for your President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Club Foundation Rep so have someone from your club bring a laptop or tablet since the LMS system does not work on Smartphones. Remember, that training for each of these officers needs to be completed ASAP to qualify for Honor Club this year.

As always, we expect to have lots of fun. You can visit different Optimist programs in the Hall of Optimism. Please join us for the Preliminary Cornhole Tournament and the "Tower Tumble" Friday night and the Cornhole Tournament elimination rounds Saturday night. **We are short some cornhole boards and bags. If anyone has any they can bring Friday night or knows anyone who we can borrow from, please contact Governor Eric ASAP.**

Our charitable program for 3rd Quarter is Kids Harbor Child Advocacy Center (kidsharbormo.org), located in Osage Beach! Their wish list includes: Kool-Aid Jammers, Capri Suns, SMALL bottles of water, fidget toys, tissues, disinfectant wipes, postage stamps, sticky notes, copy paper, card stock, and \$10 gas cards. Please bring something to help this organization whose mission is to provide coordinate response healing and prevention of child abuse.

Eric Brockus
Governor, 21-22
West Missouri District

FRI May 13, 2022

- 7:00-9:00 pm Registration (Foyer outside Hospitality Room)
- 7:00-midnight Hospitality (Linn Creek/Horseshoe Bend)
- 8:00-9:00 pm Executive Committee Mtg (approve minutes & Lt Gov Reports (Glaize/Osage))
- 9:05-?? WEMO Fun:
 - Preliminary Round of Cornhole Tournament
 - FOLLOWED BY:
 - Tower Tumble (fundraiser for RENO Hospitality) \$10 a team (Grand Foyer)

SAT May 14, 2022

- 8:00-11:45 am Registration (Hospitality Room)
- 8:am-4 pm Hall of Optimism (Grand Foyer)
- 7:00-8:00 am Past Governor's Meeting (Upper Terrace)
- 8:00-8:30 am Board Meeting (Glaize/Osage)
- 8:00-8:30 am First Timers (Hospitality Room) AND Visit the Hall of Optimism
- 8:30-9:30 am General Session & Lt Governor elections (Glaize/Osage)
- 9:30-11:45 am Oratorical Contests (Glaize/Osage)
- 12:00-1:30 pm Lunch (Ballroom)
- 2:00-3:00 pm New Club Building & Membership - Keith Fattig, Mary Ann Gilpin, Kelly Chism (Glaize/Osage)
- 3:15-4:15 pm LMS – bring laptops (Glaize/Osage)
- 4:30-5:00 pm WEMO Team Meeting (Glaize/Osage)
- 5:00-6:00 pm Hospitality
- 6:00-8:00 pm Dinner (Ballroom)
- TBA (8:30?) WEMO Fun: Cornhole Single elimination tournament (\$10/team for OIF fundraiser)
- ??-midnight Hospitality Room (Linn Creek/Horseshoe Bend)

