



Choose Optimism.... and Reach for the Stars



Dear Friends,

Our District Convention is **August 11-13, 2022** at: **OASIS HOTEL & CONVENTION CTR** 417-866-5253
2546 N Glenstone Ave Springfield, MO 65803

Cut-off for room reservations is July 21! Room rate is \$90.00. The convention registration form is attached, with **registration cut-off August 5**. Registration is \$80.00 (4 meals-usually 2); late registration is \$100.00. **NOTE:** Please make your hotel reservation ASAP (before the cutoff if possible) since the National Route 66 Rally the same weekend will probably fill all hotels in Springfield very quickly. Breakfast Friday, Saturday & Sunday are included with your hotel room reservation. Your convention registration includes Friday lunch and Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner but **DOES NOT** include Thursday night or Friday night dinner. We are thrilled to have the Osceola FFA 2021 award-winning student BBQ team cooking pulled pork, barbecue beans, potato salad & cole slaw Friday night so please bring \$10 to pay for that.

We have an exciting Convention planned for you with lots of training, sharing of ideas, and fun. Since it is a District Convention, we will meet **two FULL days and 3 nights in Springfield**. The Friday training is for any & all members, potential Club Presidents, potential Secretary/Treasurers, President-Elects, and Secretary/Treasurer Elects. (2022-23 Lt. Governor training will be on a Saturday in September to be announced later.) Assisting with the training and several other meetings will be Optimist International Leadership Development Chair Deanna Morrow. If you will be a secretary, treasurer, president, or Foundation Rep for 2022-23 please bring a laptop to help you with Friday's training since LMS (Leadership Management System) will not work on a smartphone. We'll also have breakout sessions to share ideas for fundraisers & increasing membership.

Turn in your club scrapbooks and bulletins for judging **NO LATER THAN 9 am Saturday** at Registration.

There is only one policy change (see attached) to vote on and we will be voting on 2022-23 Governor-Elect. Your club's official voting delegate(s) must be identified when you check in at Registration.

We are excited to meet incoming Governor Keith Fattig's team for the 2022-23 Optimist year – their photos will be taken Friday and Saturday to add to the 2022-23 District Directory.

Please bring school supply items to donate to the local Boys & Girls Club (see attached for ideas).

As always, we expect to have lots of fun. You can learn about and support different Optimist programs in the Hall of Optimism and we will have games each evening after dinner, along with a silent auction of Hospitality Room and Sergeant-at-Arms supplies to raise money to buy a desperately needed new WEMO Sergeant-at-Arms trailer. Charlu Hill is looking for 6-7 people to help with games Saturday night and 6-7 others to donate gift baskets for game prizes. **Contact Charlu at 414-570-2189 or charlu.hill@gmail.com**

Eric Brockus, West Missouri District Governor, 21-22

FINAL WEMO Convention Agenda August 11-13, 2022

Oasis Hotel & Convention Center in Springfield

GUEST: Deanna Morrow, OI Leadership Development Chair

Thursday August 11

7 pm–midnight	Hospitality	Sahara Room
6:00 pm	V.I.P. Dinner (by invitation only) Dinner on your own	
8-10 pm	Registration	Sahara Room
8pm - ?	Convention Fun: Table Games	Sahara Room

Friday August 12

9 am-midnight	Hospitality (except during meals)	Sahara
7:00-8:00 am	Past Governor's Meeting	TBA
7:30-8:00 am	First Timers' Orientation	Maui
9 am-4:30pm	Registration and Club Voting Delegates Registration	Paradise Hallway or Hospitality
8 am-4:30 pm	School Supply drop-off for Boys & Girls Club	Paradise Hallway
8am-4:30 pm	House of Optimism	Paradise Hallway
8:00–8:45 am	First General Session	Maui
9:00–11:30 am	President and Secretary/Treasurer Elect Training	Fiji & Kalahari
9:00-11:30 am	WEMO Community Event	TBA
12:00–1:30 pm	Lunch	Grand Ballroom
2:00–4:30 pm	2022-23 Team Member Photos for Directory	Paradise Hallway
2:00–4:00 pm	President & Secretary-Treasurer Elect Training Continues	Fiji & Kalahari
2:00-2:45 pm	Fundraisers Open Forum	Maui
3:00-4:00 pm	Team Building Fun	Maui
5:00-8:15 pm	Silent Auction (items from Hospitality & Sgt at Arms) To raise money for new WEMO Sgt-at-Arms trailer	Grand Ballroom
6:00-7:00 pm	BBQ by the Osceola FFA BBQ team (\$10) 2021 FFA World Champion BBQ winners	Grand Ballroom
7:15-8:15 pm	Whiffle Ball after the BBQ	outside TBA
8:30–9:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Maui

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Saturday August 13

7:00–8:00 am	Rise and Shine Breakfast (all Optimists invited!)	Grand Ballroom
8:30–11:00 am	Registration & Club Voting Delegates Registration	Paradise Hallway
7:30-11:00 am	School Supply drop-off for Boys & Girls Club	Paradise Hallway
9:00 am-noon	Hospitality Open	Sahara
9:00 am–4:00 pm	House of Optimism	Paradise Hallway
by 9:00 am	Club Scrapbook and Bulletin entries to Registration Table	Paradise Hallway
8:30–9:00 am	Board Meeting	Maui
9:00 am–noon	2022-23 Team Member Photos for Directory	Paradise Hallway
9:15–10:45 am	Communications that Connects (Brian Mills)	Maui
11:00 am	Silent Auction bidding ends	Grand Ballroom
11:00–11:45 am	Spreading Optimism to Others with Deanna Morrow	Maui
12:00–1:45 pm	Lunch	Grand Ballroom
2:00–2:30 pm	Memorial Service	Maui
2:45-4:30 pm	Second General Session (Policy, Elect Gov-Elect, Installation)	Maui
5:00-5:30 pm	Governor’s Reception (by Invitation) HOSPITALITY CLOSED	Sahara
6:00–6:30 pm	Governor’s receiving Line	Grand Ballroom
6:30–8:00 pm	Dinner	Grand Ballroom
8:30 pm - ???	Carnival Game Night (\$5 to play – OIF Fundraiser)	Sahara
8:30-midnight	Hospitality open	Sahara

**WEST MISSOURI DISTRICT
CONVENTION REGISTRATION**

Aug 11, 12, 13 - 2022

OASIS HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER

2546 N. Glenstone, Springfield, MO

417.866.5253

Hotel Room Reservation Cut-Off Date is July 21, 2022

Advance Registration is **\$80.00** per person and due by **August 6, 2022**.

Late & Onsite registration is **\$100.00**. Make checks payable to **WEMO Convention**

CLUB _____ **CLUB NUMBER** _____

MAIL REGISTRATION TO:

Charlie Jerman

7509 Tara Lane

Rogersville, MO. 65742

MARK ONLY ONE

NAME PLEASE PRINT	MEMBER	PRESIDENT	PRES-ELECT	SEC/TREAS	SEC/TRES - ELECT	1ST TIMER	LT-GOV	LT. GOV - ELECT	PASTGOV	GUEST	FRI. Lunch	SAT. Breakfast	SAT. Lunch	SAT. Dinner

The Friday Night Host Dinner is being prepared by the Osceola FFA. You will pay upon arrival so please advise if you plan to attend. **Total people attending host night:** _____

[cost expected to be \$10.00]

Special Dietary needs must be ordered in advance: Name: _____

Needs: _____

Refunds will be issued according to the West Missouri District policy published in the district directory. Registration may not be refunded if the meal is guaranteed.

We will be voting on this **POLICY CHANGE** in the Second General Session on Saturday afternoon:

10. DUTIES OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

1.

B. Secretary-Treasurer.

1. It shall be the responsibility of the District Secretary-Treasurer to keep true and correct minutes of all meetings of the District Executive Committee, the district Board of Directors, and the annual District Convention, and to provide a copy of such minutes to members of the District Board of Directors, Optimist International and such others as the Board of Directors may indicate, not later than thirty days after the adjournment of each such meeting or Convention (OI Bylaws VII, 3)
2. **The District Secretary-Treasurer appointment is for one year ending September 30. (OI Bylaws, VII, 5, d)**

Explanation:

Insertion is mandated by Optimist International Bylaws regarding Districts.

DISTRICT CONVENTION CHARITABLE PROJECT



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OUR MISSION: We're committed to enabling all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

**Fellow Optimists, please bring one or more of these SCHOOL SUPPLY items to the WEMO District Convention Aug 11-13
Cash or Checks also gladly accepted**

Binder (clear front pocket, ½" & 1")

Clorox Wipes

Colored Pencils (box)

Composition Notebooks

Crayola Crayons (Pack of 24)

Crayola Markers (box of 10)

Erasers (pencil top and pink)

Expo Dry Erase Markers (not fine line)

Glue (Sticks or Elmer's bottle)

Hand Sanitizer (pump)

Headphones (not earbuds)

Kleenex (box)

Notebook paper (loose leaf wide-ruled)

Pencil Box/Pouch

Scissors

Spiral Notebook

Ticonderoga Pencils (pre-sharpened box)

Wet Wipes

Wooden Ruler

Ziploc bags (sandwich, quart, and gallon)

