HelllIlooooo WEST MISSOURI!!!

To say I am excited about this 26-27 new Optimist year is an understatement! I am truly excited about the opportunities ahead of us and all that we can accomplish together. I believe this is going to be a year filled with energy, encouragement, and, most importantly, kindness and optimism.

I invite you to attend our 1st Quarter Conference in Jefferson City - a joint conference with East Missouri District - so you'll get to share ideas with a lot more Optimists. You'll also get to meet and hear from the 26.27 International President Michael Goldman and learn more about an exciting new International and District Recognition program – Club Health Awards Program (C.H.A.P.) Come ready to brag about and explain your club's projects in Governor Robyn's afternoon breakout session.

As always we'll have the Hall of Optimism and your chance to win prizes by buying raffle tickets to support our OI programs. We'll have the famous Airplane Flight in the lobby at 4:30 so bring $1 for the Foundation to get your airplane. It's double the fun with EMO & WEMO hospitality rooms. Don't miss the OIF Fun with Friday night BINGO and Saturday night Karaoke for a $5 donation each night. Governor Mary has asked her Optimists to bring a can of vegetables for a food pantry so let's join in and support the cause,

Hotel rooms are $109/night for us – please reserve your room with Capitol Plaza as soon as possible by calling the front desk at 573-635-1234 and mentioning West Missouri Optimists or use the link below – Make sure you reserve by Oct 7.
https://reservations.travelclick.com/13414?groupID=5267305 Mail your registration form and payment of $85 each to Charlie Jerman for the conference itself also by Oct 7.

My motto for this year is "Helping Kids, Inspiring Tomorrow." Those four words represent what I hope we will carry with us throughout the year. When we help a child today, we are helping shape the leaders of tomorrow. When we inspire a child, we create possibilities that can reach far beyond what we may ever see.

So, let's make this a year where we show up, lift each other up, celebrate successes, encourage our kids, and spread kindness wherever we go. Let's bring energy and enthusiasm to our Clubs & our District, strengthen our communities, and remind everyone we meet what it means to be an Optimist.

I am ready. I hope you are ready. Together, there is so much we can accomplish!
So let's get out there, make a difference, have a little fun along the way, and most importantly… LIVE the Optimist Creed

In Optimism,

Robyn Leimkuehler

Robyn Leimkuehler, Governor

Helping Kids,
Inspiring Tomorrow
Robyn Leimkuehler - Governor 2026-27

1st Quarter – Joint Conference EMO/WEMO

Friday October 23, 2026

5:00pm	Registration open for EMO
5:30-7:30pm	VIP Dinner (Off Site)
7:45pm	Registration open for WEMO
7:45-8:45pm	Executive Committee Meetings – All LGs sit on front row
9pm	Past Governors meeting with OI Pres
9-11pm	Hospitality Room open
	OIF Fun - Bingo in Missouri Room $5/person *

Saturday October 24, 2026

7:00 – 8:00	**Breakfast for ALL Missouri Room**
7:45-8:15am	1st Timers Meeting EMO & WEMO
8:30-9:30am	Board of Directors Meetings – All LGs sit on front row
9:40-10:20am	General Session
10:30-11:30am	Michael Goldman – New Club Building
12-1pm	Lunch – WEMO host
1:30-2:30pm	Breakout Sessions

- Rolla Club – Respect for Law Art Contest – Mary Hatfield
- Small Projects, Big Impact: Easy Ways to Serve Kids – Robyn Leimkuehler

2:45-3:45pm	C.H.A.P. Club Health Awards Program – Michael Boles
4-4:30pm	Governor Team Meetings
4:30-5pm	Airplane Flight – Pay $1 a plane & print your name on it *
6:00-8:15pm	Dinner – EMO Host – w/Keynote by Michael Goldman
8:45-11pm	Hospitality Room open
	OIF Fun Karaoke! in Missouri Room $5/per person *

*All proceeds go to Optimist Foundation

WEST MISSOURI DISTRICT
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
OCTOBER 23-25
CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL

415 West McCarty, JEFFERSON CITY, MO

Use this link to reserve a room: https://reservations.travelclick.com/13414?groupID=5267305

Or call 573-635-1234

Hotel Room Reservation Cut-Off Date is October 7

Advance Registration is **$85.00** per person and due by **October 7th**.
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		1ST TIMER	LT.GOV		PASTGOV	GUEST		I.		SAT. Lunch	SAT. Dinner

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.