



September 10, 2024

Happy New Year Fellow Optimists!

That's Optimist New Year 2024-2025! I would like to invite you to join me at the Capital Plaza Hotel, 415 West McCarty Street, Jefferson City, MO on October 11-12, 2024. **Hotel cutoff will be September 20th** and the room rate is \$105. The registration form and agenda are included with this letter. Advanced registration is \$80 with a **cutoff date of October 1st**. After that date registration is \$100.

Things kick off with the Executive Committee meeting on Friday at 8pm. Registration will open around 8pm and the Hospitality suite hosted by the Jefferson City Optimist Club will be available all evening and throughout the weekend. They will have brats, potato salad & more for dinner on Friday evening and Biscuits & Gravy, pastries, and fruit for Saturday breakfast and lots of other great food and drinks available so please support them. They are asking that each club bring one of their favorite snacks, veggies/dip, OR desserts to share. It takes a lot of planning, manpower and funds to keep hospitality up and running throughout the year so please make a donation when you visit and thank them for hosting this quarter.

This will be a jam-packed conference with **motivational speaker Jerome Sally** (coach, educator, football player), OI VP for Middle America Region Sandi Doyle, OI Foundation Executive Director Craig Boring receiving a "Pie in the Face" because we'll meet our 15% of membership goal of Dime a Day donations by the end of Sept, the Hall of Optimism, & a OI Foundation FUN-raiser each night. Sometime during the day we'll continue our Jeff City tradition of making & flying paper airplanes from upper floors down to the atrium.

We are adding a new feature this conference: a rolling display board where clubs can put announcement flyers for upcoming club events and fundraisers that will occur before 2nd Quarter conference so that all can see them. So, please bring something to publicize from your club.

Our charitable project for 1st quarter will be the Rape & Abuse Crisis Services (RACS). RACS serves nine counties with no cost services to women and children. There is a page attached to the call letter listing what items they need.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone and as an incentive for a "First Timer" (first time ever attending a WEMO Conference/Convention) to attend, I will pick up their registration. Just make sure it is noted on the registration form. Let's make this a great year!!

Don Beaty
Governor 24-25
West Missouri District

WEMO First Quarter Conference Agenda

Oct 11-12, 2024

Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City

SPECIAL MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER at Saturday lunch:
Jerome Sally – Coach, Educator, former football player
(nose tackle for 7 seasons for NY Giants, Indianapolis Colts, and Kansas City Chiefs), University of Missouri Tiger Football player 1978-81 (2006 Hall of Fame)



FRIDAY

Dinner on your own or Hospitality room will have brats, potato salad, snacks, & drinks

7-11pm	Hospitality open	KC-St Louis room 2nd floor
8-10 pm	Registration	Missouri Foyer
8-9 pm	Executive Committee Meeting (2-3 minute Lt Gov reports)	Truman B & C
9pm - ?	OIF Fun – to raise money for Optimist Foundation	KC-St Louis room 2nd floor

SATURDAY

Paper Airplane Contest & Pie in the Face for Craig Boring times & locations TBA

7-8am	Past Governor's meeting	Carnegie
7:30-8am	First timers meet with Gina Whitlock	Truman B & C
8-11am	Registration	Missouri Foyer
8am-4pm	Hall of Optimism open	Atrium
8am-11pm	Hospitality open (except during meals)	KC-St. Louis room 2nd floor
8:15-8:45 am	Board of Directors Meeting	Truman B & C
9-10:30am	General Session – announcement from chairs, A & A winners, pass the banners, pass on District Officer pins	Truman B & C
10:45-11:45am	Town Hall: OI VP Middle America Region Sandi Doyle	Truman B & C
12-1:30pm	LUNCH – Jerome Sally -Motivational Speaker	Capitol Room
1:45-2:30pm	Membership & Growth with Bob Floyd & Sandi Cox	Truman B & C
2:30-3:15pm	Eric Brockus – How to get a Club Grant	Truman B & C
3:30-4:30pm	Townhall: Club Contests - Chairs of Oratorical, CCDH, Essay, Substance Abuse Prevention Posters, A & A, Bulletin, Scrapbook/Video will answer questions about contests	Truman B & C
4:45 – 5:15	Governor's Team Meeting	Truman B & C
6-7:30pm	Dinner - OIF awards, special message from Sandi Doyle	Capitol Room
8pm - ?	1st Quarter Fun - Halloween Friendly Feud (OIF fundraiser)	Truman B & C

**WEST MISSOURI DISTRICT
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
OCTOBER 11-12**

CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL
415 West McCarty, JEFFERSON CITY, MO

Use this link to reserve a room <https://reservations.travelclick.com/13414?groupID=4458150>

Or call 573-638-2309

Hotel Room Reservation Cut-Off Date is SEPTEMBER 20

Advance Registration is **\$80.00** per person and due by **OCTOBER 1ST**.

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

***Mark 1st Timer for a person that has never attended a WEMO Conference/Convention before but DO NOT send payment for them since their registration will be paid this time by Governor Donnie.**

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		1STTIMER	LT.GOV		PAST GOV	GUEST			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.



RACS provides services at no cost to survivors in nine counties: Cole, Gasconade, Maries, Miller, Morgan, Moniteau, Osage, Southern Boone, and Southern Callaway. An emergency 24-hour hotline, advocacy services, outreach, case management, counseling, and a women’s and children’s shelter ensures that supportive, confidential and crisis services are available where and when survivors need them.

Their mission is to support survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking through advocacy, counseling, and shelter services in a space designed for healing and hope.

Please consider bringing any of these items with you to 1st Quarter Conference October 11th-12th in Jefferson City at the Capitol Plaza to donate for this worthwhile charitable organization which provides a vital service for survivors of domestic violence & their children.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<https://racsjc.org> 573-634-8346



- Lysol Disinfectant Spray
- Detergent
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Garbage Bags: small & large
- Fabric Softeners Sheets
- Dish Washer Detergent Pods
- Bleach
- Pine Sol Cleaner
- Adult-Body Wash
- Adult-Lotion
- Deodorant
- Baby Wash
- Baby Lotion
- Bath Towels
- Hand Soap
- Swiffer Wet Pads
- Mopping clothes
- Vinyl Gloves – all size
- Gallons of Distilled White Vinegar
- Adult Socks/underwear/bras (NEW)
- Pillows
- Twin** Sheets
- Ice Melt (salt)