



December 1, 2023

Greetings Fellow Optimists!!

I would like for you to join me in Branson, MO for the West Missouri District Optimists 2nd Quarter Conference. It will be held on February 9 – 10, 2024. Hotel Details:

Thousand Hills Resort Hotel (formerly known as Radisson)
120 S Wildwood Dr
Branson, MO 65616

Room rates are \$99 plus tax and reservations can be made by calling 417-335-5767. Hotel cutoff date is January 9, 2024. The room rate includes a hot breakfast.

The registration form and agenda are included with this letter. Advanced registration is \$85 with **a cutoff date of January 28, 2024**. After that date registration is \$100.

Things kick off with the Executive Committee meeting on Friday at 8 pm. Registration will open around 6pm and the Hospitality suite hosted by the El Dorado Springs Optimist Club and the Nine Wonders Optimist Club will be available all evening and throughout the weekend. The hotel will not allow any appliances to be plugged in (except coffee pot) so we will have lots of cold cuts, fruit 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 or desserts to share (remember, nothing that needs to be heated up). 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.

We are making this conference informative, interesting and fun. We have planned an "offsite" breakout session at a wine/brew tasting location (to be determined) where we can socialize and get information on some OI programs. Everyone is invited but there would be a small fee (\$10 or less) for the tasting or for a drink order. This will be Saturday afternoon and we will carpool over to the site and will be back at the hotel by 5pm. It should be a lot of fun.

Our charitable project for 2nd quarter will be Harmony House which provides shelter, advocacy and education to survivors of domestic violence. There will be a list of items they need included with this call letter.

I have also included with this email the minutes from 1st Quarter Conference as required by our District Policy.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone and again, as an incentive for a "First Timer" 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!!

Dave Gover
Governor 23-24
West Missouri District

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Registration	(Pre Event Hall)	6:00-8:00 pm
Hospitality	(Unity)	6:00 pm-midnight
Executive Committee Meeting (Lt Governors)	(Tablerock B)	8:00-9:00 pm
OIF FUN: Saran Wrap balls game (\$5 donation to OIF)	(Unity)	9:00-10:30 pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Registration & Hospitality opens	(Unity)	Closed during meals
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****Turn in Substance Abuse Prevention winning posters from each club/zone at Registration by 10 am**

Hall of Optimism open	(Pre Event Hall)	8:00-noon; 1:30-6 pm
Past Governor's mtg	(Tablerock A)	7:00 – 8:00 am
First timers	(Tablerock B)	7:30 – 8:00
Board of Directors Meeting	(Tablerock B)	8:00 – 8:30
General Session	(Tablerock B)	8:30 – 9:30
WHAT ROLE CAN I PLAY IN OPTIMISM? (Mike Boles & Don Beaty)	(Tablerock B)	9:45 – 11:45
Lunch	(Tablerock A)	12:00 – 1:00
BREAKOUT: Promote Your Club & Optimism OI and WEMO Contests that promote Optimism and can publicize your club	(Tablerock B)	1:45 – 2:15
OFF SITE BREAKOUT: Share your ideas (includes travel time, beer/wine tasting while sharing ideas with other clubs – small fee (\$10 or less) for sampling or soft drinks)	WINERY/BREWERY Location TBD in January	2:30 - 4:30
Governor's Team Mtg (Feedback)	(Tablerock B)	5:00 - 5:30
Dinner	(Tablerock A)	6:00 – 7:30
OIF Fun: Bring \$ to bet	(Unity/Hospitality)	8:00 - ?
Fun pre-Superbowl event		

WEST MISSOURI DISTRICT 2nd QUARTER CONFERENCE
Thousand Hills, 120 S Wildwood Dr., Branson, MO
(417) 335-5767

February 9 & 10, 2024 REGISTRATION FORM

Registration is **\$85.00** per person and due by 01/28/2024. Late registration is \$100.00. Refunds will be made according to West Missouri District Policy published in the District Directory or on-line. Late registration may not be refunded if meal is guaranteed.

Club Name: _____ **Club Number:** _____ **Zone:** _____

NAME - PLEASE PRINT	MEMBER	PRESIDENT	SEC/TREAS	1 ST TIMER	LT. GOV	GUEST		Saturday Lunch	Saturday Dinner

Total people attending: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

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

Make checks payable to: **West Missouri Optimist.**
 Rod McLaughlin Convention Chair Phone 660-624-0241

Mail registration form and payment to: **Rod McLaughlin**
3217 S Prescott Ave.
Blue Springs, MO 64015

WEST MISSOURI DISTRICT OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – 1st QUARTER CONVENTION

Friday, Oct 13th, 2023

Capital Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City

The following members of the Executive Committee were present:

Dave Gover, Governor Don Beaty, Governor Elect Kelly Chism, Secretary Treasurer
Keith Fattig, Past Governor

Lt. Governors:

Zone 1 - Marlin Kinman Zone 4 - Brian Mills Zone 6 - Dacia Rzchowski Zone 8 - Phyllis Rector
Zone 9 - Pat Nilson Zone 10 - Sandi Cox Zone 11 - Dave Reinke Zone 12 - Don Beaty
Zone 13/14 - Larry Lynch Zone 15 - Judy Eastman Ball

The meeting was called to order by Governor Dave Gover at 8:00pm.

The invocation was given by the District Chaplin Randy Hargis and Lt Gov Larry Lynch led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Governor Dave Gover made the introductions of the head table.

The Executive Committee minutes from the 4th Quarter 2022-2023 were presented by District Secretary Treasurer Brian Mills. Motion to approve made by Lt Gov Marlin Kinman, and seconded by Lt Gov Judy Eastman-Ball. Minutes approved.

The Financial Statement for the 4th Quarter of the 2022-2023 year was presented by District Secretary Treasurer Brian Mills. Motion to approve made by Lt Gov Larry Lynch, and seconded by Lt Gov Sandi Cox. Minutes approved.

The Budget for 2023-2024 was presented by District Secretary Treasurer Kelly Chism. Motion to approve was made by Lt Gov Brian Mills and seconded by Lt Gov Larry Lynch. Budget was approved.

The Lt Governors each provided a report on the activities in their respective zones.

Gov Dave Gover gave closing remarks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59am

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Chism
Secretary Treasurer

WEST MISSOURI DISTRICT OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
BOARD MEETING – 1st QUARTER CONVENTION
Saturday, Oct 14th, 2023
Capital Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City

The following members of the Executive Committee were present:

Dave Gover, Governor Don Beaty, Governor Elect Kelly Chism, Secretary Treasurer
Keith Fattig, Past Governor

The meeting was called to order by Governor Dave Gover at 8:15 am.

The invocation was given by District Chaplin Randy Hargis and Theresa Evans led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Governor Dave Gover made the introductions of the head table. And reminded the group of the voting members. And the officers were installed by Bob Floyd

The Executive Committee minutes from the 4th Quarter 2022-2023 were presented by Past District Secretary Treasurer Brian Mills. Motion to approve made by Lt Gov Larry Lynch, and seconded by Lt Gov Judy Eastman-Ball. Minutes approved.

The Financial Statement for the 4th Quarter of the 2022-2023 year was presented by Past District Secretary Treasurer Brian Mills. Motion to approve made by Lt Gov Sandi Cox and seconded by Lt Gov Larry Lynch. Financials approved.

The Budget for 2023-2024 was presented by District Secretary Treasurer Kelly Chism. Motion to approve was made by Lt Gov Brian Mills and seconded by Lt Gov Larry Lynch. Budget was approved.

District Secretary Treasurer Kelly Chism asked the Board for approval to pay out the 2022-2023 4th Quarter membership incentives totaling \$950; as the Previous Administration budget was for \$800. Motion to approve was made by Lt Gov Brian Mills and seconded by Lt Gov Judy Eastman-Ball.

Gov Dave Gover gave closing remarks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29am

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Chism
Secretary Treasurer

HARMONY HOUSE – 2ND Quarter Charitable Project



[HTTPS://WWW.MYHARMONYHOUSE.ORG](https://www.myharmonyhouse.org)

417-837-7700

Shelter, Advocacy & Education

Started by a concerned group of community members in 1976, Harmony House has been providing shelter and support services to domestic violence survivors ever since and has impacted the lives of over 21,000 women, men and children who have been served to date. The center began as a grassroots all-volunteer organization with the first survivors being sheltered in volunteers' homes and area hotels, then in rented shelter homes. Located in Springfield, it also serves the Branson area and all of Taney County.

Optimists, please bring any of these items with you to our 2nd Quarter Conference at Thousand Hills Resort in Branson, MO. A representative from Harmony House will come to our conference to accept our donations.

Urgent Needs

- Winter Coats (plus sizes 2x, 3x, 4x)
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Hand Soap
- Laundry pods
- Twin Size Blankets and Comforters
- Women's Hipster Style Underwear, all sizes
- 13 Gallon Trash Bags
- Walmart Gift Cards

Ongoing Needs

- **Household:** Crockpots, Coffee Pots, Hand Mixers, Toasters, Bedspreads (gently used or new) in Twin, Full, and Queen
- **Pharmacy:** Adult and Children's Cold and Flu Medicine
- **Shelter Boutique:** *Gift cards (to help us purchase needed items in hard to find sizes and styles), New or gently-used Hoodies for adults and children, Hair Straightener, Adult Coats (plus size), Toddler Size Clothing, Boys Coats, Athletic Wear for teens and children, boys and girls shoes (new or gently used).