



Fellow Optimists:

It is time for the third quarter conference of the West Missouri District Optimists. This event will be at the Inn at Grand Glaze, located at 5142 Osage Beach Pkwy, Osage Beach, MO 65065. Mark your calendars for this event on May 16-17, 2025. The hotel cutoff date is **now May 2** at a rate of \$91.00. Please call 573-348-4731 and get your rooms reserved early. The conference registration is \$75 until May 9 and \$100 after that. It really helps us to mail in your registration as early as possible.

I will be footing the bill for registrations for any first timer who wants to attend the conference. Thanks to all who completed their online officer trainings by March 31. Congratulations to Sandi Cox and Jan Schawo who were drawn as winners of a free conference registration for this at the last conference and Dacia will contact two more winners who will be drawn later this week.

The highlight of this conference will be hearing from some very talented young people at our District Oratorical Contest before lunch on Saturday. The winner will also present their speech at lunch and our Essay Contest winner will read the winning essay. This will be a very inspiring time and well worth the trip to come and witness the youth speak.

We have a Team Building event on Saturday afternoon which will include a Painting Party. Friday and Saturday evening the Leimkuehlers have planned some fun games to help raise money for the OI Foundation. Don't miss visiting the tables in the Hall of Optimism throughout the day Saturday to play games and get raffle tickets to win prizes.

On the business side, we'll begin Friday evening by hearing from our current Lt-Governors with news from their zones. Join us for their reports and you might get some ideas you could use in your own clubs. Saturday morning we will hear from our Governor-Elect Brian and will also elect the Lt-Governors for his term so have someone in mind. A Town Hall in the afternoon will focus on New Club Building, Junior Golf, and Grants. Please remember to hold your 25-26 club officer elections before this conference so you can submit your Officer Elect Report online by May 20.

Charlie and Debbie Jerman will run the hospitality room with snacks and beverages open at different times Friday and Saturday. Please help support them.

Our commitment to serve our communities by donating items will be to Share the Harvest food pantry. We hope you can contribute to this very worthy cause as it does make a very big difference in people's lives that are in need. Attached is the flyer of the items that are needed.

I am sure I have left something out that might be important, but maybe we can figure it out together. Please come and celebrate Optimist in Action month with us at our May conference by sharing what your club has been doing and its upcoming events. Our Optimist year is half over; let's work together to make it a very successful second half and have some fun doing it.

Hope to see you all in Osage Beach, Missouri!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Don Beaty'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'B'.

Don Beaty  
24-25 Governor, West Missouri Optimist District



## 3rd Quarter West Missouri Optimist District Conference

May 16-17, 2025

Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach MO

Hotel Cut-off – **now May 2** Call [573-348-4731](tel:573-348-4731) to reserve **ASAP**

Conference Registration \$75 until May 9, then \$100

### **FRI May 16, 2025**

- 8:00-10:00 pm Registration (Foyer outside Hospitality Room)
- 7:00-midnight ? Hospitality (Linn Creek/Horseshoe Bend) Hosted by Charlie & Debbie Jerman!
- 8:00-9:00 pm Executive Committee Mtg (approve minutes & Lt Gov Reports (Glaize/Osage)
- 9:05-10 pm WEMO Fun: Redneck Bingo - \$10 to play; proceeds to OIF

### **SAT May 11, 2024**

- 7:00-8:00 am Past Governor's Meeting (Upper Terrace)
- 7:30-8:00 am First Timers (Linn Creek/Horseshoe Bend)
- 8:00-11:00 am Registration (Grand Foyer)
- 8 am-4 pm Hall of Optimism (Grand Foyer)
- 8:00-8:20 am Board Meeting (Glaize/Osage)
- 8:20-9:10 am General Session & Lt Governor elections (Glaize/Osage)
- 9:15-10:15 am How WEMO District can be FOR our local clubs by Brian Mills (Glaize/Osage)
- 10:30am-noon Oratorical Contest (Glaize/Osage)
- 12:00-1:15 pm Lunch (Ballroom)
- 1:15-1:40 pm Break – visit the Hall of Optimism
- 1:45-3:00 pm Team Building Activity – Painting Party!
- 3:15-4:15 pm Townhall: Grants (WEMO & OIF), New Club Building, & Jr. Golf (Glaize/Osage)
- 4:30-5:15 pm Governor Don's Leadership Team Meeting (Glaize/Osage)
- 5:00-6:00 pm Hospitality Room open (Linn Creek/Horseshoe Bend)
- 6:00-8:00 pm Dinner (Ballroom)
- TBA (8:30?) WEMO Fun: Jenga tourney with brackets -\$5/person for OIF – Bring Extra for more fun (Linn Creek/Horseshoe Bend)
- ??-midnight Hospitality Room (Linn Creek/Horseshoe Bend)

CHARITABLE PROJECT: Share the Harvest Please drop your donations at the table in the Grand Foyer

**WEST MISSOURI DISTRICT  
THIRD QUARTER REGISTRATION  
MAY 16-18, 2025**

**THE INN AT GRAND GLAIZE**  
5142 OSAGE BEACH PARKWAY, OSAGE BEACH, MO  
**1-800-348-4731**

**Hotel Room Reservation Cut-Off Date is May 2, 2025**

Advance Registration is **\$75.00** per person and due by **May 9, 2025**.

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	1 <sup>ST</sup> TIMER	LT.GOV	LT. GOV - ELECT	PASTGOV	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.



In 2004 a group of volunteers opened a Youth Center in Greenview to serve the West Side of the Lake in Camden County. It quickly became apparent that there was also a big need for food for the youth and their families.

In 2005, Share the Harvest Food Pantry and Thrift Store was established by a community group that recognized a need to provide food to families and was dedicated to addressing the need. In the first month, Share the Harvest Food Pantry served 100 families (Currently they serve over 600 families each month). The food was distributed in two small buildings. Families (clients) had to wait in line outside no matter the weather.

Realizing resources were not sufficient to sustain the pantry, the thrift store was opened in order to provide income to help sustain the pantry. In 2007, Share the Harvest Food Pantry was awarded several private grants and was able to hire a director and purchase property for the facility.

As the organization continued to grow, additional space for the pantry was needed. In 2009, a Neighborhood Assistance Program Grant from the State of Missouri was awarded to construct a new 13,000 square foot building to replace the two small buildings on the property. Construction began in 2010 and was completed with the help of many volunteers in 2011.

In 2013, a grant was received from the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, to construct a 30X75' high tunnel garden. A garden was immediately planted, enabling the pantry to provide fresh produce to many families the same year.

Share the Harvest Food Pantry and Thrift Store is guided by a Board of Directors and managed by dedicated staff, but the many hours of volunteer work is what has kept the pantry open. This year they celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

- Donation Requests include:
- \*Breakfast Cereals
  - \*Oatmeal
  - \*Ramen noodle soup
  - \*Crackers
  - \*Canned vegetables

**Most needed – Personal Hygiene Items** - Shampoos, conditioners, body soap, deodorant

Monetary donations can be given at the conference or online at [sharetheharvestfoodpantry.org](http://sharetheharvestfoodpantry.org)

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