




# Optimist INTERNATIONAL Iowa District



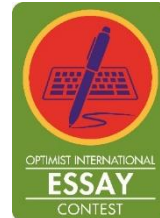
2022 is here!  I know we are all ready to leap into the new year with Optimist Club activities, events, and growth!  
Some things to know.....

**ESSAY CONTEST:** This year's theme is:

**“How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?”**

*Essay Contest Entries* must get turned into:

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(515) 669-4701



[Lcooley1121@gmail.com](mailto:Lcooley1121@gmail.com)

Please mail:



- ✓ Application for 2021-2022 Optimist International Essay Contest Form
  - ✓ District Essay Contest Entry Form
  - ✓ The Type-Written Copy of the Essay
  - ✓ Copy of the Birth Certificate or Passport

Due Date: **February 28, 2022**

**The Musical Happiness Competition:** This exciting program was such a success last year OI is bringing it back for the 2021-2022 Optimist year. Musical Happiness is designed to encourage and celebrate youth Musical and Vocal categories. Scholarships are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place at the OI level for each category. We promoted this as a 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter competition, however, at this time there are NO details about this year's event. WE WILL KEEP CHECKING THE OI WEBSITE!



**ORATORICAL CONTEST:** This year's theme is:

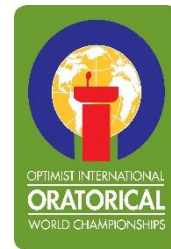
**“Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times”**

Be working out the details for your Club Contest (the **Oratorical Contest Planning Guide** is on the Iowa Optimist website) and check with your Zones' Lt. Governor for when the Zone Competition will take place.

For more information contact:

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**Quarter Conference  
February 11-12, 2022**

**@Best Western Plus Longbranch Hotel in Cedar Rapids, IA**

Keep checking the Iowa District Website for Registration information:

<https://iowaoptimist.org>

Leadership Development would like to highlight

**FUN** and **OUTSTANDING**

Club Youth Activities and Fundraising Ideas  
at the Conference. If your Club has a Project  
that you would like to share please  
contact LD Chair Marge Hopkins.

Marge Hopkins: [mande1732@gmail.com](mailto:mande1732@gmail.com)





This is a good time to look at the **Honor Club Requirements** and to work on this **GOAL** for your Club. Working the Honor Club is a program to help keep your Club healthy and to encourage growth.

The **HONOR CLUB Requirements** are:

- a. Complete three or more service projects this year.
- b. Complete the President's Pride Report and Club Officer-Elect Form.
- c. Recognize a Club Member or local Community individual.
- d. Grow Club by Net of +3 in Membership.
- e. Appoint a Club Foundation Representative & make a non-restricted contribution to the OIF.
- f. Conduct a Membership Recruitment Drive (N.O.W.) Program.
- g. Club President, Club President-Elect (or two Designees) attend District Convention OR two other District Conferences.
- h. Be current on District and OI Dues and Fees.
- i. Club President, Club Secretary-Treasurer and Club Foundation Representative take the Club Officer Training on the Learning Management System.

*A Honor Club Tracking form is enclosed*



- December 31<sup>st</sup>**: Optimist Club of the Year Deadline.
- January 17<sup>th</sup>**: OI Webinar: New Year, New Faces, New Communities to Serve. (7:00pm)
- February 3<sup>rd</sup>**: Optimist Day: Wear your Optimist apparel and show your Club pride.
- February 21<sup>st</sup>**: OI Webinar: Bringing Out the Best in Yourself & Others – Leadership, Mentorship & Relationships. (7:00pm)
- March 20<sup>th</sup>**: Optimist celebrate "International Day of Happiness."
- March 21<sup>st</sup>**: OI Webinar: Optimist Madness – Are We the Big Game? (7:00pm)

Reminder: 

**This year, there will be an Optimist International Cornhole  
Tournament: Prepare your Club Team for the Iowa District Cornhole  
Championship. Details to come!**



*Thank-you to Everyone for all that you do for your  
Optimist Clubs! And remember.....*

**“Today Is The Day When Bold Kites Fly”**

