



Optimist INTERNATIONAL Iowa District



August 15: Optimist Webinar: “Better Together” 7:00-8:00pm

August 26-28: The IOWA District Convention in Davenport.

Note: September 30: The Club’s Pride Report will be due.



Earning the \$25 Casey's card for bringing in 2 new members are:

- Aaron Gunnare - Davenport 40040
- Carrie Dreifurst - Davenport 40040
- Terry Hendershott - Davenport 40040
- Richard Mortensen - Griswold 40070
- John Danielson - Marshalltown 40090
- Fred Wagner - Washington Township 40119

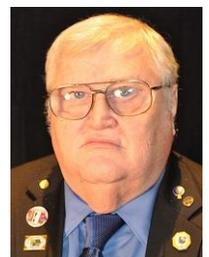
Earning the \$50 Casey's card for bringing in 3-4 new members are:

- Jake Munson - Solon 40103
- Rebecca Butler-Mona - Des Moines Western Noon 40048
- Susan Enewold - Manna Cares - 40203

The 3rd Qtr Grand Prize winners are:

- Receiving a **complimentary registration** to the Iowa District Convention:
 - Richard Mortensen - Griswold – 40070*
 - Fred Wagner - Washington Township – 40119*
- Receiving a **complimentary registration and TWO nights stay** at the Iowa District Convention:
 - John Danielson - Marshalltown – 40090*

**Thank-you to Membership Chair: Denny Phares
for his hard work this Iowa District year!**





N.O.W. / W.O.W EVENT

The Iowa District is providing a \$100 incentive to conduct a Club N.O.W. (New Optimist Wanted) or W.O.W. (Welcome Optimist Worldwide) between July 1st- September 25th. Plan and hold the Event and send your expense report with receipts to District Secretary-Treasurer Cyndi Barber to claim the \$100. (She has a specific form for you to fill out so contact her for it.)

Cyndi Barber clbarbOPT@outlook.com



NEED MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO CONDUCT A N.O.W. / W.O.W EVENT?



OI has program information on their website.

Go to the **OI Website**. Click on the “**Member Resources**” page. Scroll down to “**Club Resources.**” Click on the **W.O.W – Welcome Optimist Worldwide Program** box. Also you can scroll down to “**Member Service.**” Click on the **Recruitment & Retention – W.O.W. Program** box.



Keep in Mind: Any Event can be turned into a N.O.W. Event so as you plan your Club Socials.....add a Membership Drive.

Here are some ideas.....

Club Socials...

-Caddy Shack: Hit the Golf Course with your Club Members. The Golf Course for this Event could be something as easy as the local Miniature Golf Course or a Course Built in Someone's Backyard or City Park or a Professional Golf Course. Members and Guests should be paired into Teams who complete for the lowest score once the course has been finished. Design fun score cards for the Teams, or use score cards from a local Golf Course. Keep it serious or make

it fun with different tasks at each hole (hit with your opposite hand, be blindfold, hit the ball while on one foot, etc.) Go to the “Club House” after the game for refreshments and a N.O.W. Event.

-A Picnic with a Capture the Flag Game: Create your own Capture the Flag course. The goal is to capture the opposing Team’s flag. Use squirt guns filled with colored water to squirt them. Have Teams of about 10-15 per side. Everyone must wear white t-shirts. The two sides get different colored water. Play a certain time, usually a pre-determined 15 minutes with four quarters. As the opposing Team approaches your Headquarters (where your flag is located), you squirt them. If your colored water hits their shirt, they must return to their home base.

-Newlywed Game: Arrange this event just like the Game Show...using your married/dating Members....no matter how long they have been married/dating. Just be sure to tailor the questions to fit your brand of Optimist Club Newlyweds. Participants who are not serving as one of the couples should be the audience/judges. You’ll find that Members of the audience will enjoy watching and listening to the couples argue as much as those couples who are playing the actual game. Think about arranging a nice evening out for the winning couple....possibly a dinner and a movie.

-Inspector Gadget Detectives: A more involved Scavenger Hunt where the Members must solve the case of the...(you fill in the blank). Teams of three or more, using photo snapshots as the indicator of the next site, are led from one site to another to answer riddles, questions, and clues that all fit together to solve the mystery. Teams are assigned as Members and Guests arrive at the Event by drawing playing cards from a hat – all of the fours are a Team, kings are a Team, etc. Teams start at different sites. At each site, the participants will find a snapshot of the location of the next clue; and a numbered clue, riddle, or question that needs to be answered. The Teams will have a pre-printed form that has numbered blank slots (to be filled with the answers to the questions located at each new site). The Teams need to find all the sites and answer all the riddles, questions and clues to solve the mystery. Be sure not to make the mystery too easy to guess!

-Minor League Games: If possible, take advantage of the affordable entertainment offered by your town’s Minor League Teams. Whether its basketball, baseball, or hockey, Minor League tickets are cheaper. Some Community Ball Parks sponsor a Service Organization Night. Make it a party with your Members. All wearing your Club Shirts and bringing a potential Member as a Guest.

...And Fellowship

-Ice Cream Social: Everybody likes Ice Cream. This is a great Event to start off your busy Optimist Summer. Make your way down to the local Ice Cream Parlor or invite Members to your backyard to make Ice Cream Sundaes. Members get Ice Cream and an Update on the Youth Activities you have planned for the Summer (Fishing Derby, Kid’s Parade, etc.) Gives everyone a chance to sign-up and your Guest information about your Club.

-Ice Cream Gutter Party: Similar to an Ice Cream Social but fill a new, clean gutter with all the fixings of an ice cream sundae. Have several gutters, divide people into Teams, and have a contest to see who can finish their sundae the quickest. Add this to your [Club Picnic](#).

-A Progressive Dinner: Is a dinner party with successive courses prepared and eaten at the residences of different hosts. Usually this involves the consumption of one course at each location. Cocktails and appetizers at one house, dinner at another, and dessert down the street-at another home. You can add games, a movie (seen in sections) and lots of fun. (Do a Mexican Theme with different Mexican dishes at several stops and end with a Pinata.)

-10 Dollar Senior Prom: Members and Guests must dress in typical formal attire; the catch is that each person cannot spend more than ten dollars on the outfit. Use your best shopping skills at the Second-Hand Stores to find an outfit that is formal attire. All the traditional promlike activities should still be followed. Dinner and Dance to be part of the Prom Party. Be sure to elect a prom king and queen. You may even choose to elect the best-dressed couple. The next day, all the clothes can be returned to the Thrift Shop where you brought them.

-Halloween/Haunted House: Have a Halloween Theme Party. Decorate the Theme or even create a Haunted House in your facility. Scary food and games, Monster Mash/Thriller music and the ever favorite Costume Contest. Pumpkin Carving Contest. Adults do love this type of Party. Add a.....

-Scarecrow Contest: Ask Members to create Scarecrows in their yards and then drive around to view the Creations....meeting up at a local restaurant for a night of Scarecrow Judging and Awards.

-Hayrack Rides: Have a hayrack ride and campfire. Go to the local County Park or a Member's Farm/Backyard to roast marshmallows, make S'mores, tell stories and sing songs.

-Nature Walks: Offer Guided Tours to natural beauty spots. Maybe a walk through the prairie, the woods at night to hear the owls, bird watching, star glazing, glazer land formations, etc. You can set up different nature walks for every season. Maybe a Garden Tour of the lovely gardens in town. Provide a knowledgeable speaker and refreshments.

-Carnival Night: Set up booths with carnival games—dunk tank, ring toss, darts, other favorites. Rent a cotton candy machine and have popcorn and a bucket of peanuts available. This is a great Family Social for your Club.

THE IOWA CONVENTION

August 26-28, 2022

at The River Center, Davenport

Full Registration Cost is \$140

**There is a Downloadable Registration Form
on the Iowa Optimist Website.**

**Make your hotel reservations @:
The Double Tree by Hilton in Davenport.
Ask for the Optimist Club Convention rates.**



KEEP IN MIND:

**Training will be available for Incoming
Lt. Governors, Club Presidents, and Club Secretary-Treasurers**



The **Learning Management System** has updated their content.
If you have not been on for a while you should check it out.



Note: They have renamed it: **Optimist Institute**.



Today is the day when bold kites fly!