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Meet a DMM Oratorical Committee Member



Sherry Morrow has been a member of Optimists for eight years and has served as President, Secretary, and Board Member. She has also been Optimist of the Year for her club. She is divorced and has raised two children into the adults they are today. Sherry has four grandchildren-two boys and two girls. She has

always wanted to give back to the community for the support she received raising her own children. She loves children and all they have to offer. Sherry says, "We seldom hear about the good things regarding our youth but so often the negative things. Recognizing their accomplishments and their values gives

me a high. The youth are incredible and beyond belief. Some youth have accomplished more in their young life than I have in all of mine. I am proud to be a member of the North Suburban Optimist club and the International Organization."

February-March
2012
Local Contests

By April 21
Zone Contests

By April 23
Zone Winners
Submitted to
District Chair

May 4-5
3rd Quarter
Board Meeting
and District
Oratorical Contests
Best Western
Ramkota
Watertown, SD

August 9-11
District Convention
CanadInn
Destination Centre
Fort Garry
Winnipeg, Canada

District Contest Scheduled

On May 4-5 the DMM 3rd Quarter Meeting will be held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Watertown, South Dakota. This will be a great opportunity to hear some outstanding young speakers who will be vying for a \$2500 scholarship. The contest will begin at 7:00 pm on Friday, May 4 and will be followed by a Pizza Party

for contestants, their family and friends, and Optimist members. The winners will be announced at the Saturday luncheon with the winning speakers giving their speeches. I hope to see all of you in Watertown, and let's support these young orators as they vie for International scholarship money.



Contests Continue



Many fine guesses for the newsletter title have been received, but none were correct. Thus, the contest continues. Guess the title of the newsletter and win a \$25 gift card of your choice or \$25 cash prize. Each blank represents a letter in the title. One letter has been given, and one letter will be added each issue until someone guesses the title. Send entries via e-mail to: Optimistrick@q.com.

The first person to guess the title will be declared the winner.

Every club that holds an Oratorical Contest or sends someone to the Zone or District Contest will be eligible to receive \$100 in a drawing to be held at the 3rd Quarter Board Meeting in Watertown. Your Lieutenant Governor must submit your club's contestant's name/names to me. It will be your responsibility to notify him/her if you had a contest or have a contestant.

Hopefully, you can use the prize to defray some of

the costs involved in holding a contest or having a contestant advance to further competition.

In addition, each Lieutenant Governor who holds a Zone contest or has a contestant representing your Zone in the District Contest will also be eligible to receive \$100 in a drawing to be held at the 3rd Quarter Board Meeting in Watertown.

Certificates to be Presented



At the 3rd Quarter meeting clubs and zones will be presented with attractive, coveted, well-deserved certificates for completing certain requirements relative to the Optimist International Oratorical Contests.

One star clubs will receive a certificate for holding a

local contest and/or sending a contestant to a Zone contest.

Two star clubs will receive a certificate for holding a local contest, and/or having a contestant in the Zone Contest, and/or having a contestant at the District Contest.

One star Zones will receive a certificate for having a contestant from their Zone in the District Contest.

Two star Zones will receive a certificate for holding a Zone Contest and having a contestant in the District Contest.

A New Year's Wish from the Oratorical Chairman

It's hard to believe that almost one-fourth of the Optimist year has gone by. It's my pleasure to serve the clubs in the DMM District, as Oratorical Chairman, and I want to take this time to thank all of you for doing what you do for Optimism. I think of all the young people and citizens of our communities that have been served and will continue to be served because you said, "I would like to become an Optimist."

As you make your New Year's resolutions, keep your Optimist Club in mind. Resolve to attend as many meetings as possible, participate in any projects that you can, and ask someone else to enjoy the experience of becoming an Optimist. Perhaps you and your club will even sponsor an Oratorical contest this year. It's a travesty if a young boy or girl in your community is not offered an opportunity to win a \$2500 scholarship. It won't happen unless your club gives them an opportunity to be in an Oratorical contest or be sent to a Zone or District Contest. Resolve to send someone to the Zone/District Contest next year. Remember, together we will...

Have a happy holiday season and best wishes for the New Year.