

2017 DMM DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTEST INFORMATION
FOR ALL LT GOV AND CLUB CHAIRPERSONS

Club Chairperson or Lt. Gov. is responsible to make hotel room reservations in St Cloud for contestants & parents for Friday night, April 28.

Zone Contest completed and Dead Line to submit entries for District competition:
Saturday, April 22nd, 2017

Date of District Contest: Friday and Saturday, April 28 & 29

Regional & World Competition: Friday and Saturday, June 15-16, 2017

Location of District Contest: 3rd Quarter District Meeting at St Cloud, MN

Combined Gender Contest: This is the same format for Clubs, Zones, District, Regional, and World Competitions as 2016 contests.

There was an error in The Optimist Magazine. The title of the Oratorical talk is: **What the World Gains from Optimism**

For the Club Chairs, you want the Club Planning Guide not the District Planning Guide, and that Guide can be found on the OI Website at:

- a. <http://optimist.org>
- b. Scholarship Contest
- c. Club Planning Guide

District Contest Information:

1. The following items are required to be send by email to Dave Nichols <nicholsedina@aol.com> by Saturday, April 22 (checkoff list page 18). These items can be found in the Club Planning Guide.
 - a. Completed 2016-17 application, with all signatures, (page 5)
 - b. Zone/DistrictRegional/District entry form (page 17)
 - c. Legible copy of birth certificate or passport
 - d. Electronic copy of their speech in word format
 - e. Electronic copy of the completed Student evaluation (page 12)

2. Entry fee check for \$100.00 made out to the DMM. (Additional people attending with each contestant need reservations so we can get a meal count, and payment can be done at check-in time). The contestant entry fee includes:
 - a. Entry Fee
 - b. Pizza Party
 - c. Luncheon Saturday noon
3. Check in for the District Contest is Friday, April 28th between 3:00 and 5:00 PM
4. Friday contest will start at 6:00 PM
5. Pizza Party will be at the completion of the Friday night contest with food arriving around 8:30 PM
6. Friday night contestants moving on to the Saturday contest announced at the Pizza Party Friday night.
7. Saturday District Final Contest Contestant check in time is 9:30 AM.
8. Saturday District Final Contest starts at 10:00 AM.
9. Saturday Luncheon:
 - a. 1st and 2nd place District Final Winners will be announced
 - b. 1st and 2nd place District Winner to receive their plaque, and the 1st place winner will give their talk.
 - c. Note if contestant and parent choose to leave before the luncheon the club is liable for the payment of the luncheon, there is no refund.
10. 1st and 2nd place District Final Winners to each receive a \$2,500 scholarship from Optimist International.
11. District Contest 1st Place winner will move on to the Optimist International Regional Contest. This contest will be held June 15-18, 2017 online at a location close to the contests home, town if possible.

Finally, Please call, text, or email me with your questions and I will help you in any way I can.

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