



**Dakotas Manitoba
Minnesota
DMM Convention 2017
Canad Inn
Destination Centre
Club Regent Casino Hotel
August 10, 11, 12, 2017**



TOGETHER WE CAN

Welcome DMM Optimists,

It's been 5 years since we hosted a DMM convention. Welcome Back!

We extend a warm welcome to our Optimist International Board Member, Mark Weinsoff from the Northside Optimist Club of Santa Barbara, CA and to Rod McKendrick, Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation Board Member from Regina, Saskatchewan.

We hope you enjoy our trivia games at the Defroster, the hilarity of Big Daddy Tazz at the Old Timers Breakfast and a Barbeque sponsored by the Optimist Clubs of Winnipeg at beautiful Kildonan Park. For those of you who purchased Mamma Mia tickets, you will be in for a treat at Rainbow Stage, Canada's largest and longest running outdoor theatre.

A very Special Thanks to the Optimist Clubs and Members who helped us organize this event. We couldn't have done it without you.

It's Canada's 150th birthday, thank-you for celebrating with us.

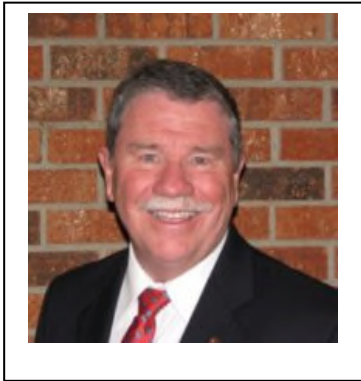
Jo-Anne Pelzer & Barb Sul
Convention Co-Chairs

Welcome to Winnipeg,

We hope you enjoy your visit to Winnipeg during the annual DMM Convention. Winnipeg, the capital of Manitoba. It is the jewel in the Manitoba, Canadian prairie. Its heart is The Forks, a historic site at the intersection of the Red and Assiniboine rivers, with warehouses converted to shops and restaurants, plus ample green space dedicated to festivals, concerts and exhibits.

The Canadian Museum for Human Rights is a national museum in Winnipeg, located adjacent to The Forks and should not be missed on your visit. We'll be meeting and staying at the Canad-Inn. This will be a trip to remember, the clubs of Winnipeg have put together a fantastic agenda and you will not be disappointed in your trip.

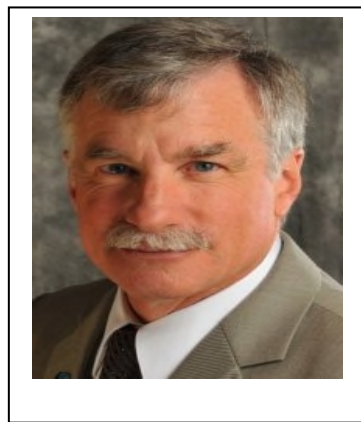
Terry Gorman
DMM Governor



Governor **Terry Gorman** joined the Platteville Wisconsin Optimist Club in 1974. He moved to the St. Paul Club in 1985. He served as Club President, Secretary-Treasurer and chaired numerous committees. In the District he has served as Lt. Governor, Foundation Rep, Essay, CCC and was DMM Governor 2003-04. Terry is also an Optimist International Club Trainer. Terry retired as the Director of Environmental Health, Safety and Security at Macalester College in 2015. After 43 years, Terry retired as Chief Warrant Officer in the US Navy in 2006. Terry and Jeri (the love of his life) have been married for 49 years. They have 2 daughters, Kelsey and Trista, and 2 granddaughters, Teagan and Bridget.



Lori Cook, the DMM Secretary-Treasurer, joined as a charter member of the Central, MN Noon Optimist Club in 1988 and is currently as member of the St. Paul Club. She served as Club President, Lt. Governor and several DMM committees including Foundation Rep, CCDHH, Oratorical, Essay and Leadership Development. Lori was the DMM Governor in 2002-03, our first female Governor, an amazing opportunity that she treasures to this day. She describes her role, District Secretary Treasurer, as another great experience to serve this district! Lori works as a Realtor for RE/MAX Results TC Realty Team in the Twin City area. She and her husband Mile along with two 'fur babies' live in Forest Lake, MN.



Mark Weinsoff joined the Northside Optimist Club of Santa Barbara, CA in 1988. He was a Distinguished and Outstanding Lt. Governor twice, the Distinguished Governor of the Pacific Southwest District and the Vice President of the West Coast Region when it was number 1 in net growth. Mark has served on many Optimist International Committees and is currently serving the first year of a 3 year term on the Optimist International Board of Directors. He has a Masters Degree in Psychology from Pepperdine University and works at the University of California as the Operations Support Manager. He is married with 2 grown children and plays softball 3 days a week.



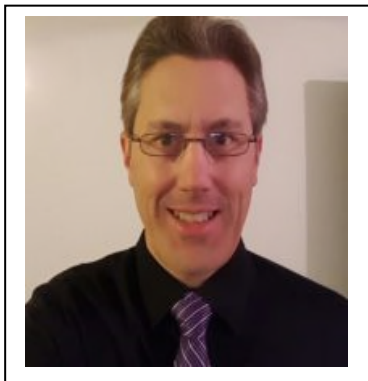
Rod McKendrick joined the Optimist Club of Regina Downtowners in 1986 in the Alberta, Montana, Saskatchewan and Northern Wyoming (AMS&NW) District. At the Club level, he achieved Distinguished President in 1999-2000 and served at the District level on various committees including CCC Chair, Membership, NCB as well as District Foundation Representative. He was the Distinguished Governor of the AMS&NW District in 2005-06. He currently serves as a Board member of the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation. He just completed a successful year as DFR, which would not have been possible without the support of fellow Optimists.



Ken Schulz has been an Optimist member since 1988. Over the years, Ken has held several positions in the Jamestown club and the DMM district, including Club President, Secretary-Treasurer, Club Foundation Rep, Lt Governor and DMM Governor 2015-16. Ken led the district to its third straight year as a Distinguished District.



Don Stover is a member of the Noon Optimist Club of the Black Hills. Having joined in 1990, at the chartering of the Midtown Optimist Club, Omaha Nebraska, Don has gone on to belong to clubs in Rochester, NY and Rapid City, SD. He has held multiple positions in his 27 years including both Distinguished Secretary/Treasurer and most recently Distinguished and Outstanding Governor 2014-2015. Don is also a three time "Builder of Excellence". Don retired from Xerox Corporation in 1997 and is married to Marty Stover. Marty and Don have two grown children, Heather and Chris.



Kevin Hammell joined the Optimist Club of Rochester in 2002. He served as Club President, Lt Governor, and Club & DMM Webmaster. He has a BS in Industrial Technology and an MBA from Winona State University. He and his wife Angie have been married for 28 years and have two daughters, Anna & Abbey. He grew up on a farm in southern Minnesota that raised beef cattle. He also sing in a small band. act in local theaters. builds furniture and performs home remodeling



DMM Secretary Treasurer Designate **Bill Reilly** has been a member of the Rochester, MN Optimist Club since 1983. He has served as the Club President and the Lieutenant Governor for his Zone. Bill is currently the Club Treasurer and like most Club Treasurers, has served since time eternal. Bill has 3 grown children and describes himself as a confirmed bachelor. His 2 favorite activities are fishing and drinking beer (which were not listed in his Bio in that order).



Big Daddy Tazz is often described as “one of the most talented comics in the business”, Big Daddy Tazz has been delighting crowds at fundraisers and on television for more than a decade and a half. Known as the “Bi-Polar Buddha”, Tazz is equal parts comedian and motivational speaker, who likes to enlighten, educate and inspire. As a result, his one-man shows have drawn rave reviews and standing ovations from coast-to-coast.

Tazz’s many national festival appearances have included the prestigious Just for Laughs Festival in Montreal, the Moncton Comedy Festival, and the Winnipeg Comedy Festival. On April 1, 2008, Tazz shattered the standing record for continuous stand-up comedy with his 8.5-hour stand-up comedy show.

Big Daddy Tazz’s performance is sponsored by Dr Shine Auto Spa.



Joy Onyschak believes anyone can access the therapeutic benefits of hatha yoga with the right attitude & a little creativity (and perhaps a wall or chair!). With over 9 years teaching experience, she has guided groups and individuals with a wide range of age, abilities & limitations. She incorporates Bodymind Ballwork (which is ‘mindful myofascial release’ using rubber balls) to recognize and relieve tension patterns in the body. She teaches weekly classes and workshops in her home studio and in the community.

Join Joy on Friday afternoon at 3pm for a Relax, Refresh and Revive session. Everyone is welcome.



VIP PROGRAM – hosted by Judy Nesby

Friday, August 11, 2017 9:30 am – Meet in Lobby & leave the The Forks.

Participants will have the options of the Winnipeg Trolley Bus Tour, Splash Dash Water Bus tour, exploring the unique shops at The Market & Johnson Terminal, and a river walk.

12:15 Lunch at the Beachcomber

2:00 pm Private Group tour of the Canadian Human Rights Museum.

Saturday, August 12th, 2017 9:00 am Meet in the Lobby and depart for the St. Norbert Farmers Market

12:00 pm Awards Lunch for those who purchased tickets

Afternoon - visit St. Vital Mall. Saturday activities can be changed based on the interests of the group and the weather.

YOUTH PROGRAM – hosted by Trudy Lanouette

Thursday, August 10, 2017

6:30 pm –8:30 pm 5-pin Bowling at Coronation Bowling Centre

Friday, August 11, 2017

9:00 am – Depart for Assiniboine Park Zoo

12:30 pm Lunch at Qdobas

2:00 pm Mask Escape Room Return 4:00 pm

5:30 pm – Bus to Kildonan Park for BARBQ & Rainbow Stage (optional)

Saturday, August 12, 2017

9:30 am – Depart for tour of Royal Canadian Mint

11:00 am – Grand Prix Amusements

Lunch at Subway & visit St Vital Mall return to hotel at 4:00 pm

6:00 pm Boston Pizza supper, Movie * Popcorn in Suite 300

Special Thanks to Dottie Seamans for being our extra driver. Optimists are the Best!

SUMMARY AGENDA FOR DMM CONVENTION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017

9am to 3pm	Lt. Gov. Elect Leadership Development	Ambassador F
12 noon to 7:00pm	Registration & Boutique Banner Drop Off, Auction Drop Off	3 rd Floor Pre-Event Area
12:00pm	Golf Outing Tom Nesby	Transcona Golf Course
4:30 to 6:30pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Ambassador CD
7:00 to 10:00pm	Defroster Trivia games Cash Bar Prizes	Ambassador AB
8:30 pm	Manitoba Social Food (Snack - not your supper!) The Social Special - Dill Pickles, Garlic Sausage, Salami, Ham, Rye Bread, White Bread, Cheddar Cheese, Marble Cheese and condiments	
9pm	Hospitality Room - Winnipeg hosts (featuring our famous Caesar beverage)	Suite 300

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017

6:45-9 am	Registration	3 rd floor Pre-Event Area
7am	Old timers Breakfast – featuring Big Daddy Tazz Ambassador Breakfast Buffet – Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Golden Breakfast Potatoes, Ambassador Pastries with a selection of butter and preserves, Oatmeal and Ice Cream.	Ambassador AB
8:15am	First Timers meet with Jeri Gorman	Ambassador CD
8:30 am	Boutique and OIF/CCOF/CCC Fund Raisers Open	Ambassador CD
8:30am	General Session Begins	Ambassador CD
10am	Coffee Break	
10:15am	General Session Resumes	Ambassador CD
12:00 pm	Lunch on your own	
1:00-4:00pm	Leadership Development Coaching for Club President Elect - by Kevin Hammell and Secretary-Treasurer Elect – by Bill Reilly	Ambassador A Ambassador B
1:00-3:00pm	Strategic Plan Subcommittee meetings	Ambassador CD
3-4pm	Refresh, Relax & Revive with Joy Onyschak	Ambassador CD
5:30pm	Bus to Kildonan Park for BarBQ hosted by The Optimist Clubs Foundation of Winnipeg Menu: Johnsville Brat on a Bun, Reser’s Potato Salad and Pasta Salad, Strub’s pickles and non-alcoholic beverages	
7:30 pm	Buses return to hotel	
8:00pm	Mamma Mia at Rainbow Stage for those who purchased tickets	
8:30pm	Hospitality Room – hosted by Optimist Club of Rochester	Suite 300
10:00 pm	Buses return to hotel from Mamma Mia	

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017

7:00am	Past Governor Past Secretary-Treasurer Breakfast (Invitation Only)	Suite 300
7:30-9am	Registration	3 rd floor Pre-Event Area
9:00am	General Session Resumes	Ambassador CD
12:00pm	Awards Luncheon Awards (Membership, PGI, OI Foundation, CCOF) Taste or Asia – Wonton Soup, Tossed Garden Greens with assorted dressings, Oriental Noodle Salad, Fried Rice, Vegetable Stir-Fry, Honey Garlic Chicken Balls topped with Sesame Seeds, Ambassador Baked Bread with butter and Fortune Cookies.	Ambassador AB
2-4pm	Town Hall Meeting –2016-17 and 2017-18 Management Teams, Strategic Planning	Ambassador CD
6pm	Photos for 2017-18 Directory	3 rd floor Pre-Event Area
6:30pm	Governor’s Banquet Introduction and Procession of 2016-17 and 2017-18 District Officers and VIPs Installation of Officers Banquet Cash Bar Traditional Turkey Dinner including Cabbage Rolls and Perogies with Bacon and Onions, Spinach Salad with Strawberries, Garlic Mashed Potato, seasonal Vegetable Medley & Apple Pie served Family Style	Ambassador AB
8:30 pm	Learn to Square Dance with Ernie Hollender	



FRIDAY, AUGUST 11. 2017

8:00am – 5:00 pm	Boutique & OIF/CCOF/CCC Fund Raisers open	Ambassador CD
6:45 am - 9:00 am	Registration/Information open	3 rd floor Pre-Event Area
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Old Timers Breakfast	Ambassador AB
8:15 am – 8:25 am	First Timers Orientation - Jeri Gorman	Ambassador CD

GENERAL SESSION AGENDA

		Ambassador CD
8:30 am	Call to Order	Lt. Gov. Tom Nesby
	Presentation of Colors	Past Governors
	National Anthems	Hoosli Ukranian Men's Chorus
	US Pledge of Allegiance	Past Gov. Don Stover
	Toast to Canada	Jo-Anne Pelzer
	Invocation	Jennie Lightfoot
	Head Table Introductions	Lt. Gov. Tom Nesby
	Turn Gavel over to Governor Terry	Lt. Gov. Tom Nesby
	Welcome to Canada- Video by Astronaut, Commander of International Space Station, Singer, Songwriter	
	Words on last pages of program book	Chris Hadfield
	Introduce Past Governors and Sec/Treasurers	Kevin Hammell
	Introduction of First Timers	Jeri Gorman
	Adoption of convention rules	Parliamentarian Larry Pelzer

CONVENTION RULES

The method and means of voting at convention shall be established by the District Board of Directors. Convention rules shall be adopted by a majority vote during the first business session of each convention; but may be suspended, rescinded or amended after their adoption by a two-thirds vote. A quorum of any District convention shall consist of a majority of the accredited delegates. (OI Bylaws Article VII, Section 4) The convention shall be composed of registered Optimist delegates as set forth in the International Bylaws.

1. To be accredited by the credentials committee and eligible to vote on the convention business, delegates must have registered at the convention, paid the registration fee, and produced such credentials as may be required by the Board of Directors. The number of accredited delegates of a Club shall not exceed the voting strength of the Club.
2. Club voting strength will be based on 1 vote for every 10 Members.
3. Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the convention proceedings in all cases not governed by the Constitution and Bylaws and these convention rules.
4. Voting
 - a. All voting shall be voice, hand or rising vote, at the discretion of the chair, unless a ballot or roll call vote is ordered by a majority vote of the accredited delegates. (In the event a vote by ballot is ordered, the chair shall appoint a committee of tellers and name its chairperson. At the conclusion of the balloting the tellers shall certify the tabulated results in writing, to the chair. If the balloting has been conducted for the purpose of electing an officer, the chair shall announce the name of the winner only, and then entertain a motion to destroy the ballots.) Accredited delegates from each Club shall select a chairperson who shall cast the votes of their delegation on any convention business requiring a vote by written ballot or roll call.

- b. Roll call on any question may be requested in writing by accredited delegates representing not less than 10 per cent of the Clubs represented at the convention.
5. Adoption of convention rules shall be the first business in order. These convention rules shall be adopted by a majority vote, but they may be suspended, rescinded or amended after their adoption by a two-thirds vote.
6. Delegates are encouraged to register promptly upon arrival and attend all sessions of the convention.
7. The credentials committee report to the convention shall include only those clubs with properly accredited delegates. The report of the credentials committee may be amended by the committee before or between convention business sessions.
8. A member holding membership in more than one club may become an accredited delegate for such clubs provided he or she has completed registration and paid a fee as a delegate from each club for which he or she intends to vote.
9. Any registered delegate may speak on any issue. To be entitled to the floor, said delegate must rise, address the presiding officer, give his or her name and club affiliation.
10. Only accredited delegates may make or second motions. Any accredited delegate may cast a voice, standing or hand vote.
11. Main motions shall be put in writing when the chairperson so directs.
12. No motion shall be entertained by the chairperson unless seconded, and shall not be open to debate or amendment before the chairperson has repeated it.
13. Debate shall be limited to five minutes per speaker. A registered delegate shall not speak a second time to the same questions at the same business session if another registered delegate who has not spoken thereon rises and asks for the floor.

DMM Secretary-Treasurer's Report
 Approve Minutes from 3rd Qtr. Meeting
 State of the District
 Memorial Service
 Amazing Grace

S/T Lori Cook
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 Gov. Terry Gorman
 Imm. Past Gov. Ken Schulz

10:00 am-10:15 am Coffee Break

10:15 am	General Session continues Candidate Qualifications Call for nominations for Governor for 2017-2018 Policy Committee Recommendations (Pages 13- 18)	Gov. Terry Gorman Imm. Past Gov. Ken Schulz Parliamentarian Larry Pelzer Policy Chair Jo-Anne Pelzer
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DMM Policy Changes presented to the 2017 DMM Convention

The following recommendations will be voted on individually at the convention in Winnipeg. Words to be deleted have ~~strike through~~ and words to be added are **underlined**. The recommendations are supported unanimously by the members of the Policy Review Committee: Lori Cook, Terry Gorman, Kevin Hammell, Gloria Kloster, Jo-Anne Pelzer and Ken Schulz.

1. MINIMUM RESERVE FUNDS (page 15)

The Policy Review Committee recommends deleting the reference to September 30, 2010 as the timeframe has passed. It should be noted that only the obsolete date is being eliminated and not the minimum reserve requirement.

MINIMUM RESERVE FUNDS

By ~~September 30, 2010,~~† The DMM bank account must maintain a minimum reserve of \$5,000 and these funds may only be accessed in an emergency **with** ~~on~~ the approval of the majority of the Executive Committee.

Recommendation: Concurrence

2. CONVENTION RULES (Page 9)

The convention host committee must provide a report on the properly accredited delegates attending the convention. Host committees often offer partial registrations as well as a full registration for attendees. The current policy is ambiguous and can result in inaccurate and inconsistent reports. In addition to confirming the accuracy of the voting base at convention, this information is also used to forecast the attendance at the next convention. The Policy Review Committee recommends only those members paying the full registration be considered properly accredited delegates.

1. To be accredited by the credentials committee and eligible to vote on the convention business, delegates must have registered at the convention, paid the **full** registration fee, and produced such credentials as may be required by the Board of Directors. The number of accredited delegates of a Club shall not exceed the voting strength of the Club.

Recommendation: Concurrence

3. CONVENTION RULES (Page 9)

The current policy is silent on the issue of clubs being current on their dues to Optimist International and the DMM District in order for their members to be considered as properly accredited delegates at the DMM convention. The current policy requires a definition on what the majority fraction of 1 vote for every 10 Members means. The Policy Review Committee's proposed wording aligns the district policies with the criteria used by Optimist International.

~~2. Club voting strength will be based on 1 vote for every 10 Members.~~

2. **Each club in good standing as of 30 June (good standing being defined as all Club dues having been paid to the DMM and Optimist International) shall be entitled to one vote for each 10 Members or majority fraction thereof (6 or more) based on the numerical membership enrolled by the Club in the office of Optimist International as of 30 June.**

Recommendation: Concurrence

4. CONVENTION RULES (Page 9)

To assist the host committee in providing an accurate credentials or attendance report and accurate information to the Optimist International Representative, the Policy Review Committee recommends an addendum be added to the DMM Policies.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT ATTENDANCE REPORT

DISTRICT NAME: Dakotas Manitoba Minnesota (DMM) No.35

MEETING:

DATE(S) OF MEETING:

CITY & STATE / PROVINCE:

HOTEL / FACILITY:

REPORTED BY:

DATE REPORT FILED:

Attendance:

Governor	YES	NO
Governor-Elect	YES	NO
District S-T	YES	NO
Foundation Rep	YES	NO
Past International President	YES	NO
Past International Vice Presidents	YES	NO
Past Govs (#)	YES	NO
Lieutenant Governors	_____	of _____
Lieutenant Governors-Elect	_____	of _____
Committee Chairs	_____	of _____
Presidents	_____	of _____
Presidents-Elect	_____	of _____
Secretary-Treasurers	_____	of _____
Secretary-Treasurers-Elect	_____	of _____
Clubs Represented	_____	of _____
JOOI Lieutenant Governors	_____	of _____
JOOI Presidents	_____	of _____
JOOI Secretary-Treasurers	_____	of _____

Optimists:

Guests:

Youth:

DMM Conference (Board of Directors) Attendance Report

____ Number of Board Members present (Executive Committee and Club Presidents)

____ Number of Clubs present

____ Total Number of Members present

____ VIPs / Guests

____ Youth

DMM Convention Credential Report

____ Number of Clubs present (dues fully paid)

____ Number of Members paying full registration

____ Number of Members paying partial registration (single meal tickets for example)

____ Total number of voting delegates

____ VIPs / Guests

____ Youth

Recommendation: Concurrence

5. GIFTS TO NEW CLUBS (Page 18)

The gavel set referred to in the current policy is no longer available, therefore recent Governors have been ordering an engraved gavel as a substitution. This change, recommended by the District Policy Review Committee, will align the policies with the current practise.

GIFTS TO NEW CLUBS

The district administration shall provide each new club with a complimentary club banner and gavel set **(with engraving to state the new Club's Name and date of charter)**, purchased from **an** Optimist International approved supplier **whenever possible**.

Recommendation: Concurrence

6. DISTRICT PINS (Page 18)

The DMM District pin features the US and Canadian flags, the buffalo, the Optimist International logo and the administrative year. Very few Districts, if any, have a separate District pin. As District budgets have tightened and members' finances have changed, pins are rarely traded and collected by Optimist members either at the district or international level. At the DMM level, the pins have in the past been used as a thank-you gift for bringing in a new member, but are no longer viewed by current members as an incentive to add new members to a Club. Optimist International no longer requires Governors to bring a collection of pins to Governor Conferences or conventions. The cost of these pins has ranged from \$400 - \$800 in recent years based on the supplier and the number ordered. Most Governors have many pins left over at the end of their year. The Policy Review Committee recommends the elimination of the DMM District pin.

DISTRICT PINS

- ~~a) Complimentary district pins will be supplied for the following purposes: Governors Conference – 75 pins for the Governor, as requested by Optimist International; Optimist International Convention – 25 pins each attendee, (Governor, Governor-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, Secretary-Treasurer Designate.)~~
- ~~b) The District Governor will determine the number of district pins to be purchased.~~

Recommendation: Concurrence



7. CCDHH (Page 13)

The District cannot place any district-mandated financial arrangements or obligations on zones, as they do not have their own source of funds. Therefore, the Policy Review Committee recommends that the reference to zones paying the entry fee be deleted. It should be noted that this change does not prevent clubs from pooling their resources to fund the Zone winner if that is their current practice or future desire. For clarity and continuity within the Policies, phrasing and capitalization have been updated.

COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (CCDHH) (ACCOUNTS 141 & 371)

The district may conduct a CCDHH contest each year during the time of the ~~Third Quarter District Meeting~~. All phases of district contests shall be conducted in strict compliance with the Optimist International contest official rules ~~and the~~ **as well as any** additional requirements and rules ~~to~~ **stated in** the DMM Policies - Scholarship Contest. **Whenever possible,** the ~~Governor~~ shall appoint a ~~Committee Chairperson~~ from a club in the city where the district finals are held. ~~Whenever possible.~~ The ~~Chairperson~~ may select a committee to assist ~~him or her.~~ **with the conduct of the competition.**

All clubs ~~or zones~~ sponsoring an entrant in ~~District Contest Finals~~ shall pay an entry fee. The cost of food, lodging and transportation while en route to the ~~District Contest Finals~~, **and lodging at the Finals,** shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring clubs.

The cost of all district trophies, certificates and frames, and all **other** authorized receipts and expenditures, shall be supervised by the ~~District Contest Chairperson~~. **The chair shall provide all revenue and expense documents** ~~and given to the District Secretary-Treasurer,~~ **who shall be responsible for all reimbursements and payments, and recording of all revenue and expense amounts.** ~~accountable to the district secretary-treasurer for all purchases and expenditures and record all revenue and expenses.~~

It shall be the responsibility of the District CCDHH ~~Contest Chairperson~~ to submit required materials and information on contest winners to the International Office within 30 days following the contest.

If approved, this is how the text will appear without bold, strikethrough, italics and underline.

The District may conduct a CCDHH contest each year during the time of the Third Quarter District Meeting. All phases of district contests shall be conducted in strict compliance with the Optimist International contest official rules as well as any additional requirements and rules stated in the DMM Policies - Scholarship Contest. Whenever possible, the Governor shall appoint a Committee Chairperson from a club in the city where the district finals are held. The Chairperson may select a committee to assist with the conduct of the competition.

All clubs sponsoring an entrant in District Contest Finals shall pay an entry fee. The cost of food, lodging and transportation while en route to the District Contest Finals, and lodging at the Finals, shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring clubs.

The cost of all district trophies, certificates and frames, and all other authorized receipts and expenditures, shall be supervised by the District Contest Chairperson. The chair shall provide all revenue and expense documents to the District Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be responsible for all reimbursements and payments, and recording of all revenue and expense amounts.

It shall be the responsibility of the District CCDHH Contest Chairperson to submit required materials and information on contest winners to the International Office within 30 days following the contest.

Recommendation: Concurrence

8. ORATORICAL (Page 12)

The District cannot place any district-mandated financial arrangements or obligations on zones, as they do not have their own source of funds. Therefore, the Policy Review Committee recommends that the reference to zones paying the entry fee be deleted. It is noted that this change does not prevent clubs from pooling their resources to fund the Zone winner if that is their current practice or future desire. Words have been changed and added to further clarify the role of the District Oratorical Chairperson and the Lieutenant Governor or their designate.

For clarity and continuity within the Policies, phrasing and capitalization have been updated.

DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTESTS (ACCOUNTS 140 & 370)

The District may conduct an Oratorical Contest each year; if conducted, the contest shall be gender neutral. The District Finals will be held at the time of the Third Quarter District Meeting. All phases of District Contests shall be conducted in strict compliance with the Optimist International Contest official rules and as well as any additional requirements and rules as stated in the DMM Policies - Scholarship Contest. Whenever possible, the Governor shall appoint a committee chairperson from a club in the city where the district finals are held, ~~whenever possible~~. The chairperson may select a committee to assist him or her. with the conduct of the competition.

Zone Contests are to be conducted under the supervision of and coordinated by with the District Oratorical Contest Chairperson, with responsibility for the actual organization and conduct of Zone Contests assigned to Lieutenant Governors or their designates.

All clubs or zones sponsoring an entrant in the District Contest finals shall pay an entry fee. The cost of food, lodging and transportation while en route to the District Contest finals, and lodging at the Finals, will be the responsibility of the sponsoring clubs.

The Chair shall provide all revenue and expense documents and given to the District Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be responsible for all reimbursements and payments, and the recording of all revenue and expense amounts. The costs of all District trophies and Zone plaques or certificates, and all other authorized receipts and expenditures shall be supervised by the District Chair, shall be budgeted and audited under Accounts 140 and 370. All such items shall be supervised by the District contest chairperson and accountable to the District Secretary-Treasurer for all purchases and expenditures and record all revenue and expenses.

It shall be the responsibility of the District Oratorical Contest chairperson to submit required materials and information on contest winners to the International Office within 30 days following the District Contest Finals.

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Zone Contests are to be conducted under the supervision of and coordinated with the District Oratorical Contest Chairperson, with responsibility for the actual organization and conduct of Zone Contests assigned to Lieutenant Governors or their designates.

All clubs sponsoring an entrant in the District Contest finals shall pay an entry fee. The cost of food, lodging and transportation while en route to the District Contest Finals, and lodging at the Finals, will be the responsibility of the sponsoring clubs.

The Chair shall provide all revenue and expense documents to the District Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be responsible for all reimbursements and payments, and the recording of all revenue and expense amounts. The costs of all District trophies and Zone plaques or certificates, and all other authorized receipts and expenditures shall be supervised by the District Chair.

It shall be the responsibility of the District Oratorical Contest Chairperson to submit required materials and information on contest winners to the International Office within 30 days following the District Contest Finals.

Recommendation: Concurrence

9. ORATORICAL FUNDING (NEW)

Optimist International holds a Regional and World Oratorical Contest. Normally this is a four day event, with two days of travel and two days of competition. The overall winner of the District Contest is eligible to travel to St. Louis to compete in the Regional and World competitions. The contestant also has the option to compete remotely and deliver their speech live using a special video/audio program. Competing in St. Louis will create travel expenses for the contestant and their family; and competing via the video program may require space and equipment rental, additional travel and fees to hire technicians. The Policy Review Committee is recommending that additional funds be made available to specifically cover these expenses. If approved, a new paragraph will be inserted at the end of the current policy and Account Line 370.1 will be added to the DMM financial statement.

REGIONAL AND WORLD ORATORICAL COMPETITION (ACCOUNT (370.1)

If the DMM budget allows, funds up to a maximum of \$1200.00 may be allocated to assist the Oratorical contestant to attend the St. Louis competition; or the same funds may be used to cover the cost of organizing the special video/audio program for the competition. Only one option is permitted per year, and any funds that may remain following said competition will revert back to the current year's general budget. Funds from this account are for the purpose of assisting the contestant's competition at the Regional and World Competition only and are not part of the Oratorical Budget, which is a separate line item.

If the contestant's family chooses to travel to St Louis, the DMM will cover two (2) round trip airfares or round trip mileage at .25 a mile, one (1) room for a maximum of three (3) nights at the OI designated hotel and \$50 per day per diem for the contestant. Receipts must be provided to the DMM Secretary Treasurer, and reimbursement cannot exceed \$1200.

If the contestant chooses to compete remotely, three (3) nights hotel, round trip mileage at .25 a mile and \$15 per diem per day for the contestant will be paid for travel to the remote competition location determined by the DMM Oratorical Chairperson. If the remote competition site is in the contestant's area, no hotel or mileage fees will be paid. Receipts must be provided to the DMM Secretary Treasurer. The total cost for the contestant's travel expenses and organizing the competition cannot exceed \$1200.

All Regional and World Oratorical Competition expenses shall be recorded on Account Line 370.1

Recommendation: Concurrence

The Committee Moves and Seconds the approval of the document as a whole, to include any re-numbering and re-formatting which may be necessary as a result of the changes.

Recommendation: Concurrence

	OI Convention in Albuquerque Report	Cheryl Bergstrom & Dave Martin
	Convention Credentials Report Announcements	Jo-Anne Pelzer
12:00pm	Lunch on Your Own	
1-4pm	Training for Club President-Elect	Ambassador A
	Training for Secretary-Treasurer Elect	Ambassador B
1:30-2:30pm	Strategic Planning Sub Committee meetings	Ambassador CD & Suite 300
3-4pm	Personal Growth and Development Rest & Refresh your Mind & Body With Joy Onyschak	Ambassador CD
5:30pm	Bus leaves for Kildonan Park and BarBQ	
8:00pm	Mamma Mia at Rainbow Stage	
8:30pm	Hospitality Room – Rochester, MN	Suite 300



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Saturday, August 12

7:30 am – 9:00 am Registration table open

8:30 am – Noon Boutique & OIF/CCOF/CCC Fund Raisers

Note: Bidding will cease at 3 PM for silent auction items

Breakfast on your own

7:00 am	Past Governor Past Secretary-Treasurers – Breakfast (Invitation Only)	Suite 300
8:30 am	Coffee Service	Ambassador CD
9:00 am	Call to Order General Session Growth Update/Challenge Election of Governor - Elect Remarks Oratorical Report Junior Golf Report Presentation by CCOF Board Member CCOF / accepting club donations OI Foundation / accepting club donations Childhood Cancer / accepting club donations	Ambassador CD Gov. Terry Gorman Chair Gita Hendericks Parliamentarian, Larry Pelzer by Governor - Elect 2016-17 Chair Dave Nichols Fred Urso & Rod McKendrick Wes Shewchuk Carmen Bakken Linda Grulke

10:00 am-10:15 am Coffee Break

10:15 am	General Session continues 2017-2018 Meeting schedule 1 st Quarter Meeting in Jamestown, ND 2018 DMM Convention in Rochester Call for 2019 DMM Convention Bid 2018 100 th International Convention in Ottawa Policy Committee (referrals, if any) Optimist International Rep Final Convention Credentials Report Announcements	Gov. Terry Gorman Gov Designate Kevin Hammell Gov Designate Kevin Hammell Keith Davis Terry Gorman Terry Gorman Jo-Anne Pelzer Mark Weinssoff Jo-Anne Pelzer Gov Terry Gorman
12 pm	Awards Luncheon Invocation – Retiring Governor remarks Governor-Designate remarks	Ambassador AB Jennie Lightfoot Don Stover Kevin Hammell

Awards for: Membership Growth, PGI, OIF, CCOF, CCC, 2016-17 Team

2:00 – 4:00pm DMM Town Hall Meeting with 2016-17 and 2017-18 Teams
 Question and Answer Session Ambassador CD

1. Strategic Planning subcommittee reports and discussion – Dave Martin & Greg Honl
2. Changes to Thank You Program for 2017-18 and beyond
3. New clubs in process and ideas for locations of future new clubs
4. How can the outgoing team assist the new team?
5. Question and Answer Session – Ask anything and we will answer or get the answer
6. Words of Wisdom & Optimism from OI Rep Mark Weinsoff
7. Plans for 2017-18 from Kevin Hammell
8. Wrap Up from Terry Gorman

6:00pm Photo session for 2017-18 Gov. & Lt. Govs.

6:20pm Current DMM Officers, Officers-Elect
 and their VIPs line up for Processional

Pre-Event Area

6:30pm

Governor's Banquet

Ambassador AB

Introduction District Officers

Lt Governor, Tom Nesby

Installation of Governor-Designate and District Officers

OI Representative, Mark Weinsoff

Invocation

Jennie Lightfoot

Dinner

Keynote Address - OI Representative

Mark Weinsoff

Remarks by Governor

Terry Gorman

OI Foundation and CCOF Results

Carman Bakken/Wes Shewchuk

Childhood Cancer Final results

Linda Grulke

The Optimist Creed

All

8:30 pm

Learn to Square Dance with Ernie Hillendaer

All



Canadian Astronaut Chris Hadfield

As a boy, Hadfield dreamed of becoming an astronaut, and since 1992, he has been an integral part of both the Canadian and American space programs. In December 2012, he embarked on a five-month stay in space, where his Twitter posts about life aboard the International Space Station made him a celebrity.

Canada Song

Canada... what's with Canada...

We got great big cities but a lot of trees and rocks

And ya the winter's cold here - wear two pairs of socks

There's half the world's fresh water, to paddle your canoe

Camp along the shoreline, it's what we like to do.

In Canada...I'm livin' in Canada Float my boat in Canada

Bait my hook in Canada

We tend to do things different, we each have our routine

Some of us eat kubassa, some of us, poutine (Ah, J'aime Poutine)

But we have traditions, that help us stick together

Our milk comes in a bag, mosquitos eat at leisure.

Playing in a snowsuit, the True North strong and free

Hockey Night on Saturday, there on CBC, (or now on Sportsnet)

Center ice In Canada (coming to you from coast to coast)

He shoots he scores In Canada, I'm a player In Canada.

We pronounce the letter R like we're pirates on a ship

We'll drive two thousand miles, on a summer camping trip.

We wear Sorels in winter, while plugging in the car

We eat the holes from donuts, we love Nanaimo bars.

And we do possess a word that lubricates our speech:

"It's pretty good, eh" ("It's pretty good, eh")

And it's always within reach, How's it goin' In Canada Out and about In Canada, Drop your G In Canada Oh oh oh...

I've slept out in the forest, scared I heard a bear.

I've climbed a Rocky Mountain, just because it's there,

Crossed the great St Lawrence, said merci beaucoup,

Pardon me; I'm sorry; excuse me; after you~,

In Canada Politely, In Canada, Line-up here In Canada

You don't butt, In Canada Oh oh oh...

Every city empties on the 24th of May. (Queen's Birthday)

If we say "Not bad!", ("Not bad!") we're better than OK, ("Not bad!")

There's workman's comp and pogie, for when we're shown the door.

There's Canadian Tire money, in at least one kitchen drawer

And we have a golden rule that runs between these shores:

You stay out of my face, I'll stay out of yours...

In Canada, I get along In Canada, Kiss the cod In Canada

A friendly jibe In Canada, Oh oh oh...

Oh... Canada...



Canadian National Anthem

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land, glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee;
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.



United States National Anthem

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that Star - Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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