



Third QUARTER DMM CONFERENCE 2025-26
Friday-Saturday, May 1-2, 2026
AmericInn by Wyndham/Watertown Event Center
1901 9th Ave SW
Watertown, SD 57201
605-886-8011

Share Your Optimism – Promote Growth
BEE the Change



Friday, May 1, 2026

5:00 **Registration** opens – Event Center
6:00 **DMM Oratorical Contest** – Event Center Theatre – Linnea Solem
After Contest **Pizza Party & Activities:** Location TBA

Saturday, May 2, 2026

7:00 **Breakfast**
8:00 **Opening:** Governor Kristi “Cricket” Palmer
Welcome / Opening remarks / Agenda Review
8:30 **DMM First Timers** – Cindy Bode
8:40 **Connection before Content activity**
9:00 **Great Plains Region VP** – Tom Lloyd
9:20 **OI Foundation** – Mark Kline
9:50 **BREAK**
10:15 **2024-25 Awards** – Immediate Past Governor Gary Lambert
Past OI Foundation – Don Berger
10:45 **OI Micro-Grant Opportunity:** VP Tom Lloyd
11:10 **Power of the Optimist CREED**
11:30 **LUNCH:** Oratorical & Essay Contest Awards & presentations
1:00 **DMM Recognition:** Governor Cricket
1:30 **DMM Governor Assistants:** Carmen, Chuck, Don, Dottie, Gary
2:00 **BREAK**
2:30 **2026 DMM Convention Update**
DMM Convention: August 21-22, 2026, in Rapid City. SD – Don & Mark
2:40 **Silent Auction final bidding**
2:50 **Closing:** Final remarks from Governor Cricket
3:00 **OPTIMIST CREED**



Dutch Treat Dinner: Location & Time TBA

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