



The Sunnyside



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Governor's Message

They say time flies when you are having fun, so I can only say we have had lots of fun during the last 11 months. It is just hard to believe that after the year Carolyn and I spent planning, training, designing our pin and doing the handbook our year is almost over. There are not enough words to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every member of our District. Whether we saw you at the quarterlies or not, we know that every club in our District has spent the last year making their communities a better place for all.

Carolyn and I were honored to have attended several club meetings and some of their projects and we always came away secure in the knowledge that our members are just the best ever. No project is too small or too big and it is always about the kids and helping them in any way possible.

As our year now winds to a close let me again wish all of you only the very best to you and your clubs in the future. It has been our sincere honor to serve you this year and hope to see all of you again soon.

We will be continuing to support our District, and how nice it will be to attend a quarterly or convention as just a member and not have to pack half our house to attend!!

See you all in San Diego, Governor, *Linda McWeeney*

Editorial ~ We need your help!!

With this issue of **The Sunnyside**, the process of publishing this newsletter is changing. Due to monetary constraints, **The Sunnyside** will **no longer be mailed** to our membership. The concept at this point, is that the President of each club will receive an electronic version. It is hoped that our Club Presidents will either print copies for their membership or forward the electronic version to each member of their club. Until now, print copies have been mailed to all the membership of the District using labels generated by the data base at Optimist International.

There is a concern regarding how many of our members will no longer receive this newsletter due to a variety of challenges (lack of computer, cost of printing/ink to presidents, etc.) We would appreciate hearing feedback from each person who has any concern! Your comments could be directed to either our new District Governor, Barry Dolgovin, at: barman262@yahoo.com, Neal Pierce, Secretary/Treasurer at: napierce@aol.com, or your editor at logossmith@juno.com. Your help in this matter is most appreciated!

~ The Editor



GOVERNOR DESIGNATE

Fellow Optimists:

Well another Optimist year is about to end and a new one is going to start. Many exciting things have happened in the last year. Many children have been given a new look on life and hope for a future. Now we have to prepare to move forward and continue to help the children in our communities.

Some changes have to be made in how we operate. The Sunnyside newsletter is going electronic. We will be able submit articles and pictures for publication but they will be distributed electronically. Virginia is still the editor and will organize and write the articles. The time and monetary savings to the District are really large. Thanks to Doc and Mo for all the years and work they put into mailing the magazine.

I am hoping for a year of building and restoring membership to the District. We will try and do more things at the Quarterlies to make them a teaching and learning experience for those attending. I know this sounds like you've heard this before but now it has to change. Hopefully with everyone's help it will. New and exciting things well be tried at the Quarterlies for your enjoyment. Beth Mills has promised to make things exciting. (If anyone can, it is she).

My vision is one of growth and building within the District and maintaining the clubs. Members mean projects will happen. I believe in Optimism with all my heart. What we do for the children is sometimes beyond words. I need you to support me by attending the quarterlies, bringing new members to see what we do, and we will have fun doing it.

The Executive committee and I are dedicated to this end. My email is in the book but just in case you don't have one it is barrman262@yahoo.com. Put a subject line in or I won't read it.

I would like to thank Linda McWeeney and her team for all the hard work that they put in during the 2012-2013 year. This job is not easy and leading a group of individuals can be trying. She did a great job. The convention in Barstow was really fun. Many people got involved in singing karaoke. Even Sonny and Cher made an appearance. (Terry and Randy with wigs.) The hotel and food was very good (thanks Mo).

Let's have a good year and remember PROMISE YOURSELF TO:

BARRY DOLGOVIN
GOVERNOR DESIGNATE PSED

District Essay Contest

Submitted by Patty Clark, District Chair

The District Judging Deadlines for the Clubs to submit their essays to the District Chair, Patty Clark, is FEBRUARY 28, 2014. District entries are judged and submitted to the Optimist International Programs Department no later than April 15, 2014.

Keeping that in mind, the Club level should have all their entries judged and to Patty by February 28th. The Topic this year is "How Dreams Lead to Success". They must be 700-800 words (title, footnotes and bibliography are not included in the final work count). Hyphenated words count as one (1) word. The age eligibility is open to students under age 19 who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent, regardless of when the Club, Zone, or District Contest is held. Prizes are given on the district level of \$2,500 college scholarship for the first place winner. Club Level is usually medallion (ordered through the Optimist Supply of US). Clubs are allowed to give monetary awards of up to \$500 per winner for the Essay contest in addition to the official medallion. The Club level awards may be given in the form of a scholarship, savings bond or cash prize but are completely discretionary. You can find more information on the website of www.Optimist.org. The entire package has more information which includes applications forms and official rules.

Childhood Cancer

Our August Convention has come and gone, but what fun we had. I didn't have a Sunday raffle, but thanks to auctioning off two cakes and a box of cookies, we were once again able to add to the Childhood Cancer fund.

The PSED will be donating two Radio Flyer red wagons to the City of Hope Hospital. They have requested three and the Pasadena Crown City club has donated the third wagon. Thank You to the Pasadena Crown City club. I am having difficulty contacting the appropriate department at Loma Linda Hospital since it seems that every time I call the office seems to be closed. Obviously our schedules don't match. I've left messages and they in turn have left messages for me. We are in the middle of a great game of phone tag. I'll keep you posted. The Las Vegas Northwest Club will be making contact with a hospital to find out how the PSED can help them with their Childhood Cancer program. (Randy told me the name of the hospital, but I can't remember which one. You know how the memory gets as one gets older.)

At the October Quarterly Board Childhood Cancer will be sponsoring 'Minute To Win It.' This is based on a television show by the same name. It consists of a series of challenges such as moving an egg on a spoon from one spot to another. See, the challenges won't be too hard, or at least that one isn't too hard. Clubs may enter a team or individuals can compete on their own. I'm thinking that the cost to enter the competition will be around \$10/individual or a team of 4 for \$35. There will, of course, be awards for the winner(s). Join us, whether you participate or not, for this fun activity.

There will be a special raffle/Silent Auction at the October Quarterly Board. I have made some quilted items and I am donating them for either a raffle or silent auction. Of course, all monies will go into the Childhood Cancer fund.

The 2013/2014 Childhood Cancer Optimist year has a theme. Thanks to Jan Neighbors the 2013/2014 year is the year of the "Sock It To Cancer" campaign. I'll give you more information at the October Quarterly Board.

I would like all of you to provide any thoughts about how to distribute the Childhood Cancer funds. I am sure there are some great ideas out there, so pass them on and I'll present them to PSED members.

Once again, a big Thank You to all of the Optimist's and their support.

~ Beth Mills

Local Clubs Making News!

On behalf of the **Crown City Optimist Club**, I am happy to report that our Annual Dodger Night Out to benefit Childhood Cancer was a success.

Again, with all of your support, we sold out our allotment.

- 1) Dodgers won against the New York Mets! It was a beautiful August night, not too warm for Dodger Dogs and Peanuts.
- 2) We were able to furnish 10 tickets to the Long Beach Millers Children Hospital. Renee and Linda from Millers were great to work with and we met with 3 families from Miller Children Hospital.
- 3) In addition to the tickets to Long Beach Millers Children Hospital, we have enough funds for a Radio Flyer Wagon we will donate to City of Hope.

Again, we would like to invite any club who wants to join us next year. We noticed that the Dodgers promote a lot to their cancer project.

ORATORICAL CONTEST 2013-14

Topic: "How My Passions Impact the World"

Marie Durflinger, District Chair

Attention all Club Presidents: This is the time to promote and conduct the annual Optimist Oratorical Contest in your community. You may appoint a committee to reach out to teachers, school administrators and other youth organizations, and to youth that will participate in the Club Oratorical Contest.

The contest is open to students under age 19 who have not graduated from high school or the equivalent, regardless of the contest date. Home-schooled students are eligible and should be encouraged to compete.

Web-site Resources: <http://www.optimist.org/> and click on Forms & Publications. Review the on-line directives for the International Programs Planning Guide. Review the on-line directives of the Optimist International Oratorical Contest.

Clubs should plan to have their contest held during the month of March. Area contests are held in April and the District contest is held in May.

Optimistically, I hope we have more clubs participating in the Oratorical Contest this year.



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FRIDAY ~ October 4

4:00 pm Hospitality Room Opens

SATURDAY ~ October 5

9:00 am Business Session Begins

12:00 noon **Lunch on Your Own**

Business Sessions Resume

SUNDAY ~ October 6

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