



NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT Dispatch

October 2018

Jill's Jargons:

Hello Optimists! Wasn't it great having Optimist International President Rebecca Butler Mona and Vice President Paul Lucas with us at the October 20th North Texas District Meeting? It was great to learn how we can celebrate Optimist International's 100th year by reaching out to the community, showing appreciation to our members for all that they do, providing meaningful club projects and activities for all generations, growing our clubs, and managing our clubs' finances in a responsible, transparent manner.



This year we have been busy **building clubs**. Since I will not ask anyone to do anything that I would not do myself, The Breakfast Optimist Club of East Fort Worth, with me as builder, brought in *The Southwest Fort Worth Optimist Club* on October 18th with 18 members. The very next day the Optimist Club of Richardson working with the Breakfast Optimist Club of East Fort Worth brought in the 17-member *Comets Optimist Club* – a college club at the University of Texas at Dallas. That makes North Texas the first District to bring in **2 clubs this year**! Builders of Excellence on this club are Jerry Perez and Patsy Garner. Building new clubs is the fastest way to serve more children around North Texas. I challenge you to join forces with another club and work together to form a new Optimist club in your area. (Cont'd on page 2)



2018-2019 Officers

NTX Governor
Jill Rodgers

NTX Secretary/Treas.
Ken Garner

International President
Rebecca Butler Mona

Southwest Region VP
Paul Lucas

NTX Governor Designate
Mary Lou Curry

**NTX Immediate
Past Governor**
Diane Clark

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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.

Jills Jargons, Continued....

In January members will be working to begin new clubs in Bowie and Sherman as well as at Tarleton State University and Midwestern University. We will also be working to strengthen the Northwest Optimist Club by adding a significant number of members. If you would like to help with these building projects or have prospective members for these clubs, let me know.

I also challenge you to work to bring in new members to expand your club. Optimist International has carried the incentive over to this year that we can recruit members who are age 30 and below and the first year their dues will be only \$30.00. You can also recruit teachers – or anyone who works at a school - as members and their first-year dues is just \$30.00. An added incentive this year is a **Welcome Home** membership for someone who has been a member in the past. They can join-up again for only \$30.00 for the first year. The one stipulation is that they have had to leave their club in a prior year. Each of these 3 incentives waives the \$15.00 new member administrative fee. I have personally used each of these incentives in the past few months to sponsor new Optimist members. The incentives work great! Come on, jump on board and **let's MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN, OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THE WORLD AROUND US.** What are we waiting for?

Find the NTX on Facebook! Just search and click the "Like" button.

<https://www.facebook.com/NTXoptimist/>



Editor: Patsy Garner

THANKS to everyone that submitted articles for this newsletter. For those who wish to submit articles for future issues, please email them to me at patsy.garner@gmail.com by the 27th of each month. Thank you!



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Mission, Vision & Purposes

Mission: By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.

Vision: Optimist International will be recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps them develop to their full potential.

Purposes: To develop optimism as a philosophy of life utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed; to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; to inspire respect for the law; to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people; to aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world.

1st Quarter meeting
OI President, Rebecca Butler Mona
OI V-President Paul Lucas
NTX Governor—Jill Rodgers



SAVE THE DATE...

2nd Qtr Meeting & Awards Banquet
February 8th & 9th, 2019
Texas Star Conference Center—
Euless, Texas

Registration Form: page 08

3rd Qtr NTX Meeting & Oratorical Contest
May 4th & 5th, 2019

100th Optimist International Convention
July 1-3, 2019
Louisville, KY
Galt Hotel

4th Qtr NTX Convention
August 8-10, 2019

PLACES TO BE DETERMINED

Honoring the Past Governors of the North Texas District





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Club News

from club bulletins

This section will be reserved for your club news!!!!

Does your club need assistance or information regarding a specific program? Following is a list of individuals to contact:

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Centennial Celebration

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AZEL OPTIMIST CLUB YOUTH APPRECIATION



Please send your club's newsletter to patsy.garner@gmail.com to have your club's activities listed in upcoming issues of the *NTX Dispatch*.

GLEN ROSE



Noon Optimist club of Marshall participated in the Annual FireAnt Festival!

Wichita Falls Red River Optimist club has honored a Young Texan/ Texanne, and involved in Christmas projects



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New Club Expansion

TWO NEW CLUBS for the 2018-2019 in the 1st Quarter!!!

Governor Jill was the builder of excellence on the Fort Worth Southwest club with a group of Energetic businesswomen formed to change lives!

Comets Optimist club (co-sponsored by Richardson & BEFW) with Builders of Excellence Jerry Perez & Patsy Garner—a JOI member who moved to Texas to attend UT Dallas in Richardson wished to continue her Optimism.

There are so many more areas of opportunities in this great Region & District to spread Optimism! If you have a lead...and you don't know the direction to go, just give me a call, or contact the NCB Chair in your region.

NEW THIS YEAR!

Centennial Builder of Excellence

Criteria:

Build a New Adult Club between Ottawa Convention and September 30, 2019

Award:

Special Centennial BOE pin for medallion ribbon
No limit to how many an individual can earn



CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME TO THE NEW CLUBS OF THE NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT



The Southwest Fort Worth Optimist is here working at the Tarrant Area Food Bank. They have also volunteered at Eastern Hills High School to work in their clothes closet and are working on a sock drive for Union Gospel Mission.



The Comets Optimist club is exploring a student buddy program elementary, middle, or high schools to offer advice, tutoring, and companionship to kids on a regular basis.



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Hello North Texas from District Secretary/Treasurer Ken Garner:

As we continue in this 100th year anniversary of Optimist International, we continue to celebrate the past and embrace the changes of the present as we march into the future. One of those changes will directly affect every club in North Texas beginning 10/1/18.

Effective 10/1/18, there will no longer be a separate invoice sent to clubs for North Texas District Dues. These will combined with Optimist International Dues and Fees in one single invoice. This was voted on at our District convention in August. Hopefully this will reduce administrative efforts on all of club secretary/treasurers as well as allow for clubs to pay ALL of their dues online if they so desire. It is NOT mandatory that a club pay their dues electronically but it is available to all. There is NOT a dues increase or adjustment. Total dues for North Texas remain at \$13 a year for each adult members* and life members. However this will **now be invoiced quarterly** rather than semi-annually similar to Optimist International dues. Remember, all dues are based upon those club members registered with Optimist International on the last day of each quarter, i.e. 9/30, 12/31, 3/31 and 6/30. Also as a reminder and encouragement for all clubs to be creative in bringing in members, Friends of Optimist, College Members, and all others which fall under an Optimist International membership incentive program will NOT be assessed North Texas District dues. So those who registered under the "30 for 30 program," "Teachers Incentive" and "Homecoming Incentive" will not be assessed a district dues amount to their club while under this program.

If you have any questions about these modifications, please let me know.
All the Best, Ken Garner, NTX District Secretary/Treasurer



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INTO THE NEXT CENTURY

Centennial Fast Start Award October 1st thru March 31st

Criteria

- *Build 1 new Optimist club
- *Net +5 members on 3-31-19

Award

\$100 Convention registration in Louisville—for Every member of your club

Centennial "Promise Yourself" Award

Criteria (INDIVIDUAL)

- *Sponsor a new Member
- *Participate in a club Project
- *Submit a testimonial/Optimist Story/To Optimist International

Award

Centennial
"Promise Yourself"
Logo Pin



Criteria (Club)

- *Personally earn the individual Member award
- *20 of Club Members earn Individual Member Award

Award

Centennial "Promise Yourself" logo letter opener



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Optimist club of Fort Worth honors Tommy Janes for his decades of service.



If you are looking for a Christmas tree— ***Christmas Tree Sales begin at Farrington Field Parking Lot, corner of University and Lancaster for the 66th consecutive year... 4 generations of Optimist Club tree buyers.***



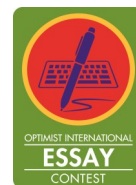
**Optimist Junior Golf
North Texas District
Qualifying Tournament**

**March 30th & 31st, 2019
The Tribute Golf Course
The Colony, TX**

2018-19 Scholarship Contests

Optimist International sponsors three scholarship contests for students to earn money to pursue opportunities in higher education: the Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH), the Essay Contest and the Oratorical Contest. The contests are conducted at the Club level, then Zone and Regional (if necessary) and at the District level. District-level scholarships are funded by the Optimist International Foundations and awarded by Optimist International.

Essay topic for the 2018-19 school year:
**"When All the World's Problems are Solved,
is Optimism Still Necessary?"**



CCDHH/Oratorical topic for the 2018-19 school year: **"Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?"**



For more information, planning guides, and contestant applications, visit www.optimist.org/scholarships



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Optimist held the annual Cheer Competition In November.





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MEMBERSHIP CHECK—Don't Drop Yet!

With the end of the 1st Quarter sneaking up quickly, it's time to double check our rosters.

If you have members who haven't paid their dues yet, please don't drop them before you have a personal visit and see if can make a payment plan that would help them out. And if they have "lost interest", ask them about becoming a Friend of Optimist, so they could still support your programs and projects.

And of course, if the member must be deleted, then replace them with a new member as soon as possible. We all need the new ideas and energy new members bring. And remember – get them involved and mentor them. We can't afford to leak members out the "back door" faster than we can replace

NTX NEW CLUB GROWTH CENTENNIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Do you know who is on the **\$100** bill? Well we don't either, but you have the opportunity to enter into a *quarterly* drawing to win ONE Franklin for you and your Club when you "**Build Early, Build Strong!**"

In the 2018-2019 Optimist Year, the North Texas District Growth Committee is working to offer an incentive that will help Optimism soar into the new Centennial! Help spread the Optimist spirit, Creed, and good works we do for the kids of our community by meeting the following requirements.

Incentive Package Details

A drawing for **\$100** each quarter for an Optimist Club and Member that meet the following criteria:

\$100 for an Optimist Member (Builder of Excellence or designate) if they meet at least two of the following three areas of growth:

- *Supply three prospective Members with phone numbers to the "Builders of Excellence".
- *Attend and participate in at least two of the Informational Meetings.
- *Participate in recruiting efforts with other Optimists in the community.

\$100 for the Sponsor Club that builds a community with 25 Members or more!*

Rules and Regulations

All Clubs and Members who meet the above criteria will be automatically entered into the drawing upon receipt of Organizational documents. One drawing will be held each Quarter. The drawings will be held 15 days following the quarterly periods ending; December 31, 2018, March 31, 2019, June 30, 2019, and September 30, 2019. Winners will be notified by Governor Jill Rodgers.



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North Texas Optimist

2nd Quarter District Meeting

Saturday February 23, 2019

Meeting 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Awards Banquet 6:00 PM

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Meeting Location:

**Texas Star Conference Center— 1400 Texas Star
Parkway—Eules, TX 76040**

FINAL Registration Due 02/14/2019

Member _____ Phone Contact _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address: _____ Club Name & # _____

Current Club Office _____ Zone # _____

Attending 1st District Meeting? ___ Yes ___ No

Full Early Registration Due by 02/04/2019 # _____ x \$50.00 Total: _____

Full Late Registration Due by 02/14/2019 # _____ x \$55.00 Total: _____

Meeting Only # _____ x \$25.00 Total: _____

Saturday Awards Dinner Only # _____ x \$35.00 Total: _____

No meals guaranteed after February 14th deadline. Credit card payments accepted onsite (after registration form submitted to guarantee food)

Registration: Kendra Roper North Texas Registrar

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CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WILL

HAVE A CONVENIENCE CHARGE

OF \$5.00 PER REGISTRANT