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The 2009-10 Newsletter for the Alberta, Montana, Saskatchewan, and Northern Wyoming District 13 ~ Optimist International

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District Governor's Message



Darryl Sim

Fellow Optimists,
Spring is here, we're all smiling and volunteering, bringing out the best in kids throughout our great District. You make that happen because you are the special people that form this District. Projects, fundraising and fellowship continue in every club. Thank you! Our Chairs and their committees have been successful with their work and support for you

in order to bring excellent results for Essay, Oratorical, Junior Curling, Web Services, Jooi, PGI, Supplies, Internet Safety, Childhood Cancer, Achievements and Awards, Bulletin, CCDHH, Junior Golf, Foundation. Some have been completed and reached their goals. Others are continuing or finalizing such as Oratorical which will be a key component of our Third Quarter conference in Saskatoon May 14-15. And who hasn't heard from Dennis that the annual convention is in Bozeman August 19-21 or that the OI Junior Curling championships were hosted and handled so well by Zones 8 and 9 that Our International President Mark Shriver and Pat stayed for 4 days. Thanks to Chairs Marilyn, Phil, Reg, Gord, Fred, Al, Brian, Debbie, Addy, Lisa, Myrna (in memoriam), Wyn, Mike, Dennis, Lyle, Norm, Doug!

We are growing in membership too! Many, many clubs are adding new members. The new OI program "Recruit 4 Members and you're free" and our own District/OI program provide fun and incentives to help this cause. Combine that with effort and commitment and we say thank you Chair Tim Bell. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored a new member or FOO member!

And new clubs! Our first new club this year is the East Central Alberta Optimist club in Wainwright. Builders of Excellence from Zone 5 are LG Don and Karen Holmstrom, Les Rogers and Lee Weiszhaar. New President is Marketta Fahnbulleh. Chartered at 20 members, now 21, and going up. Thank you and Congratulations! Thanks to Miroslaw Kuderewko as the OI representative and

assistant Duane Kelly. Thanks to everyone else who aided and assisted. Thanks to NCB Chair Gary Cross for continuing hard work and support.

Norm and Liz Sagen are Builders of Excellence for chartering the Optimist Club of Denpasar in Bali, Indonesia to support and orphanage. New President Ni Huh Putu Suartini. 42 members.

OI will recognize this as a club project of the Govan club. Congratulations!

LGs David, John, Laura, Peggy, Don, Denise, Vince, Linda, and Liz have been doing a super job in issuing information, providing assistance and supporting every club in the District. Thank you! You are setting a new LG measurement milestone in the District.

Duane Kelly and Patti Welling. Thank you for being there and for what you do for this District and your help to me.

By June 30 our District goal is 164 plus in members, 4 new clubs, 10 new FOOs. Our efforts are there and we are getting close. I know each of you will step forward and do that extra little bit, for the betterment of your clubs and then the District and smash this goal. Thank you!

Send your registration in today for the Saskatoon conference. You will have a great host presentation, Oratorical, and OI guest Nick Prillaman who will provide you with the most practical, pertinent, motivational and enjoyable experience you've had in a long time.

See you there.

Darryl Sim

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AMS&NW Optimists



*Optimism is a
way of life!*

District Qualifying Tournament for the OI and Canadian Junior Golf Championships

District Tournament Information

Golf Course: RIVERVIEW GOLF CLUB
(www.golfriverview.com)

Location: REDCLIFF, ALBERTA (just outside
of Medicine Hat, Alberta)

Date: JULY 20, 2010

Age Divisions Offered: BOYS 10-11, 12-13,
14-15, 16-18 AND GIRLS 10-14, 15-18

Registration Fee: \$150

Registration Deadline: JULY 10, 2010

Age Eligibility Information:

- In order to be eligible, a golfer must not turn 19 on or before August 1, 2010.
- Golfers must be enrolled in high school or must be a 2010 high school graduate to be eligible. Any golfer who has attended college is no longer considered a “junior golfer” and is not eligible to participate.
- Age: as of 7/26/10 for Age Divisions 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; as of 8/1/10 for Age Group 16-18.
- Golfers are permitted to “play up” one age division, but must qualify in the higher division. Golfers who are nine years old may “play up” into the 10-11 division.

Practice Rounds:

Golf Course: RIVERVIEW GOLF CLUB

Location: REDCLIFF, ALBERTA (just outside of Medicine Hat, Alberta)

Date: JULY 19, 2010

Tournament participants should contact the Riverview Golf Club Pro Shop between July 11 and July 17, 2010 to setup tee times for themselves on Monday, July 19. The greens fee for one Practice Round per participant is included in the Registration Fee.

Pre-qualifying Requirements:

Several pre-qualifying tournaments will be held throughout the District. Contact Mike DeNicola for details.

Notes

- Due to the late date, this event serves as a qualifier for the 2011 Optimist International Junior Golf Championships (Boys 16-18 and Girls 15-18 only) provided they shoot the minimum qualifying score; held during July 2011 at the PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, USA.
- This event also serves as a qualifier for the 2010 Canadian Optimist Junior Golf National Championships (Boys 10-11, Boys 12-13, Boys 14-15 and Girls 10-14), held August 9 – 11, 2010 in Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada.
- U.S. residents will need a valid passport to enter Canada and to return to the U.S.

Social Events

- The All Nations club is arranging a BBQ for the contestants and their families on July 19 after the Practice Rounds.
- We are also planning a banquet on July 20 after the Tournament at a local restaurant.

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In Memory of Myrna Sieben

We are all saddened by the loss of Myrna on March 18 and vividly recall her smile, warmth and genuine goodwill to all who were lucky enough to know her. Myrna was truly an Optimist.

On behalf of the District I have talked with her parents and home club to secure their approval for the District to recognize Myrna in a special way. We want to honor Myrna by naming her as an OI Christian D. Larsen Partner, having her name on the partner list in perpetuity. We also want to make a further special donation to the International OI Foundations in her name.

Please remember Myrna with you donation starting today and continuing through to the Saskatoon conference May 14 and 15 where Lyle will advise us how generous we are and complete the allocation.

Please mail to District Foundation Rep Lyle Merriam, Box 82, Station Main, White City, SK, S4L 5B1.

Thank you.
District Governor -Darryl Sim

3rd Quarter District Conference and District Oratorical Contest



You are invited to the 3rd Quarter District Conference scheduled for May 14-15, 2010 at the "Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon" in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The District Oratorical Contest will be held on Saturday, May 15th.

Accommodations are in limited supply, so you are urged to book your rooms as soon as possible. Room rate and availability is guaranteed until April 14th, but book soon just to be sure. Call the Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon reservation number at 1-800-325-3535.

Both a "Kids & Companion Programs" are available so you can bring the entire family. Just complete a [Registration Form](#) and book your room before they are all reserved!

The Annual Meeting & District Convention will be held in Bozeman, MT - Aug 19-21, 2009

Glenn Jewison

It is also with great sadness that the District has lost another great supporter. Past Governor, Glenn Jewison, passed away April 15, 2010.

Glenn was an active Optimist right up until his passing. He helped the Downtowners with the Band Festival (something he had done FOREVER) in late March and Glenn and Betty had just conducted the Sundown's Oratorical Contest a few days before his surgery. He was one of the organizers of the Taylor Field beer

sales, no small undertaking. He loved working with kids. Glenn always had a big smile on his face and was one of those people who were just a joy to be around. We will miss him.

Lyle Merriam

OPTIMIST Club of Red Deer 50th ANNIVERSARY

The Red Deer Optimist Club is celebrating their 50th Anniversary Dinner on the evening of May 29th (see

<http://www.amsnwoptimist.org/news.html#red-deer-50th> for more details). Tickets are available for sale. For those Optimists who purchase tickets before May 4th, your ticket will be entered into an "Early Bird Draw" for \$50 cash. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Tuesday evening club meeting on May 4th.

Norm Cooper
Optimist Club of Red Deer

Web Happenings

We are opening two presences on the web as we broaden our reach into social networks:

You can now follow us on our District News Blog at www.amsnwoptimist.blogspot.com. If you have a story or news item that you want posted to the District New Blog, send an email to optimistgord@gmail.com.

I encourage anyone to post an announcement or event or photo collection on our District Facebook page available at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/AMSNW-District-13-Optimist-International/115482401801355>.

NEW OPTIMIST SUPPLIES WEBSITE

Optimist supplier Promotions Corall has launched a new website. The website is at www.optimistsales.com and has a whole new look and a new inventory.

Promotions Corall became the sole supplier for Optimist Clubs throughout the United States, Canada and the Caribbean as of January 1, 2010. The website launch is an added effort to best serve the needs of Optimist Clubs, their Members and the children who benefit from their projects.

Go to www.optimistsales.com and start shopping!

If you would like save shipping your purchases could be sent to Saskatoon along with the District Supplies. Just let Corall know as soon as possible.

See you in 'toon town' May 14th!

Thank you
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AMS & NW 2009-2010 District Supply
Chairman.

Editor's Corner

Hi Everyone

I have agreed to try to help out the district by taking on the job of Bulletin Editor for the rest of the year. Please forgive me for any glitches or oversights in this project because I am a newsletter neophyte and I am trying to get this out as quickly as possible. I am developing my cut and paste skills, but I will need everyone's help. If you something to submit please send it

to me. I will try to get the next Bulletin out at the end of June.

Thanks

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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 you 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 criticise others.

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

Optimism is a way of life!

