



Message from the Governor

Thanks to our remarkable team! I'm looking forward to discovering all of your incredible talents. Let's continue to make 2015-16 fun and productive.

Club Projects are the true heart of Optimist Clubs. The variety and quality of projects our clubs do, always amazes everyone. Our people have always brought out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves. I am proud to be a Pacific NW Optimist.

Let The Children Play

Michael Gray, PNW Governor 2015-16

1st Quarter district meeting:

PNW 1st quarter district meeting was held in Hood River, Oregon on October 9, 10, 2015.

The consensus of this meeting was it was energized and fun.

There were 4 first timers in attendance. It is always wonderful to see new faces.

During opening session all clubs were encouraged to dress up to represent their clubs projects and fundraisers.

Saturday morning everyone was given the opportunity to walk/run with the Governor on the beautiful path along the Columbia River, or yoga was being offered with the first lady Sharon Gray.

We were able to finish the board meeting early, and then there was a tailgate party held in the hospitality room to watch the BSU game. Everyone was encouraged to wear their favorite team's colors. This was a good time, of fellowship and a little barbing over favorite teams.

Thank you to our secretary/treasurer Carol Mitchell's husband Mitch for getting the game so it could be watched.

There was fun by all in Hood River!!!



PNW 2015/2016 Leadership Team



Zone 1

Zone 1 held their first quarter zone meeting Saturday Nov. 14th, 2015 at the Cloverdale Holiday Inn.

Meridian Optimist Club

The Meridian Optimist club just held their annual food drive. The club was able to supply 30 families with a Thanksgiving dinner, as well as donate over 2000 pounds of food to the Meridian Food Bank. The club purchased 30 turkeys, and thirty gallons of milk. A local business/Optimist member donated potatoes and bread. The can goods were collected at 7 local schools.

2nd Quarter Super Zone Meeting Locations

February 6, 2016
Zone 1 British Columbia
(tentative) Abbotsford, BC

February 20, 2016
Zone 3 Oregon
Cascade Pacific Council - Boy Scouts of America
2145 SW Naito Pkwy
Portland, OR 97201

February 27, 2016
Zone 4 Washington
Kit Carson Restaurant
107 SW Interstate Ave
Chehalis, WA 98532

March 12, 2016
Zone 2 Idaho
Big Al's
1900 N. Eagle Road
Meridian, ID 83646

Essay, Oratorical and CCDHH Contests

The Optimist International Essay Contest takes place between September and February. The official topic for 2015-16 is "Lead by Example: Reality or Fiction."

Emma Ball, Chair, Optimist International Essay Contest
Phone: 360.669.3386.
Optimist Club of Chehalis-Centralia, WA

The Optimist International Oratorical Contest takes place between January and May. The official topic for 2015-16 is "How My Best Brings Out the Best in Others."
Optimist International has partnered with St. Louis University to expand the Oratorical Contest in 2016. District winners will compete on an international stage where they have the opportunity to win up to \$22,000 in scholarship money.

Dick Disney, Chair, Optimist International Oratorical Contest
Phone: 253.564.8119
Optimist Club of West Tacoma, WA

The Optimist International Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) takes place between January and May. The official topic for 2015-16 is "How My Best Brings Out the Best in Others."

The CCDHH contest in April 2016 should be a lot of fun too. Thanks to Lisa and Gay for arranging the housing for all the CCDHH and Oratorical students for that meeting. Now, we just have to feed them.

We also need to fund the extra CCDHH prize (\$2500usd) for this year. If you need a good tax write-off, this is great opportunity and you can feel good about supporting a great program.

Please consult your Foundation Rep before the end of the year. Remember, in the memo 'PNW-CCDHH' directs the funds properly.

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All of our clubs do wonderful projects and fundraisers; please send me any information along with pictures of your clubs projects to be featured in the next bulletin.

Please send to trennajo@gmail.com by the first of the month.

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Trenna Bowman Garcia
Bulletin Editor

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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 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 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.*

Christian D. Larson