



Message from the Governor

Is everyone still having fun? February and March are the 2nd Quarter Super Zone meetings. These meetings are special as we see a lot of the local people in that Zone.

The Super Zone meeting in Abbotsford expected about 30 people. All the Super Optimists wore capes to the Super Zone meeting. We had 39 of our friends show, but 11 of those didn't register in advance. Thanks to the Abbotsford Club, who did a great job of feeding us and managed to handle all those extra people. Please register at: <http://www.pnwoptimist.com/>

I'm expecting to see more of our amazing projects at the next Super Zones. Success stories are so much fun to learn about.

Let The Children Play
Michael Gray, PNW Governor 2015-16

2nd Quarter Super Zone Meeting Locations

February 6, 2016
Zone 1 British Columbia
Aboriginal Community Center
3277 Gladwin Rd
Abbotsford, BC V2T 4y9

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

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

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

2016 3rd QUARTER CONFERENCE

Hampton Inn and Suites
315 SE Olympia Drive
Vancouver Wa 98684
(360)891-3000

<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/washington/hampton-inn-and-suites-portla...>

An Additional Website for PNW

There is a new website for registering for meetings. <http://www.pnwoptimist.com>. Note: This site will handle some technical administration. The social Media is still being handled by Linda at pnwoptimist.org.

CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN



Childhood Cancer Campaign

"Providing the Care ... Finding the Cure"

Robin Stanhope, PNWD CCC Chair has a Dynex 32" TV that was donated to help raise funds and awareness for Childhood Cancer. You can purchase tickets at the 2016 Super Zone meetings, in April 2016 and again at the 2016 Convention in August, where we will draw the winner on Saturday.

The CCC program model is built to accentuate four areas of service on which Members can focus:

- Support to children diagnosed and receiving treatment for cancer
- Support to families and care partners of children with cancer
- Support to health care and service providers
- Support for cancer research

The tickets are \$5.00 each, if you would like to purchase them and are unable to attend any of the meetings, please e-mail me at rastanhope@gmail.com.

I want to thank Fred Wallace for getting the TV donated!!

There is another account at OI Foundation for donations to the Childhood Cancer Campaign.
PNW-CCC

Optimist International Scholarship Contests

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
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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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Message from our District Secretary/Treasurer Carol Mitchell

"Calling all Clubs" - The First Lady Sharon Gray and Carol Mitchell S/T PNWD are looking for clubs who would like to sponsor table décor at the 3rd Quarter Meeting on April 29th & 30th, in Vancouver Washington. We are also looking for clubs and/or members who would like to donate a gift to include in the "Thank you" gifts we give to VIP's and special guest speakers. Gifts could be something from your club like a shirt, mug or perhaps an item that is associated to your community like a bottle of wine or a package of Almond Roca, etc.. Please contact either Carol or Sharon if you would like to contribute a gift or be a table sponsor.

Sharon Gray
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Carol Mitchell
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MERIDIAN OPTIMIST CLUB

The Meridian Optimist Club would like to invite you to one of their annual fundraisers being held the same evening as the 2nd quarter Super Zone meeting. Don't worry, it's right around the corner.

The Meridian Optimist Club, together with the Meridian Firefighter's Association, will be co-sponsoring our 8th annual **"Luck O' the Irish" Casino Night**. The event will be held Saturday, March 12, 2016, from 6:30pm until 11pm. We are excited to announce that we are moving to a new location! We will hold the event at the **"Center at the Park"** in the **Julius M. Kleiner Park**, next to the The Village, 1920 N. Records Avenue, Meridian, Idaho.

Proceeds from this event will go to the Meridian Firefighters Burnout Fund, Meridian Optimist Club's youth programs, the Meridian Food Bank and the Meridian Optimist Junior Rifle Club.

Honor Clubs

Vancouver, BC +1
Albany, Or +1
Portland Pen, Or +6

Meridian, Id +2
Hillsboro, Or +2
Roseburg, Or +3

McCall, Id +1
Lebanon, Or +4
Salem, Or +1

Nampa, Id +1
Portland NE, Or +2

Roseburg Optimist Club

The Roseburg Club is holding their 40th annual Respect for Law on February 26th.
Congratulations on 40 years of service to your community.

From the bulletin editor

Please take some time and look at the PNW Optimist clubs websites and facebook pages.
There is a lot of good information out there.

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 20th of each month.

Trenna Bowman Garcia
Bulletin Editor

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 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