

# IOWA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THIRD QUARTER 2013

## Steppin' Up for Youth

### GREAT PLAINS

#### Parallel District Conference

March 21-23 Rapid City, South Dakota

Districts of the Great Plains Region : Alberta – Montana – Saskatchewan - Northern Wyoming ; Nebraska; Southern Wisconsin; Iowa; Dakotas-Manitoba-Minnesota ; Wisconsin North - Upper Michigan



International President  
JC St-Onge  
shares his optimism



Our host District  
showed their  
pride & optimism



Iowa District's own  
Sharon Nakato (far right)  
joined in the fun and  
showed everyone that  
she's a winner!



Dist. Sec/Treas. Earl Hopkins & Marge at Crazy Horse

26 Iowa District Members Attended !!



# International Presidents Visit

April 6-7, 2013

Little Amana Clarion Hotel



International President  
JC St. Onge visits Iowa  
District & helps Gerri  
present awards



Past Immediate  
Governor Gerri Barnett  
presents honors to her  
team members & clubs



President Marge Hopkins takes home to  
Wayne of Corydon top District Achievements &  
Awards Prize for Large Club

District Optimist members who attended the gala evening enjoyed a wonderful meal at the renowned Little Amana restaurant and were on hand to personally welcome International President JC St Onge and his lovely wife, Marcelle from Quebec, Canada. PIG Gerri was pleased to wind up her duties and get a chance to present Optimist members with their well-earned awards.

Make plans now to attend the International Presidents Visit next year.  
Keep posted as to date and location as we may be changing up the  
regular schedule of events. Hope to see you there !!!

# 3rd Quarter District Conference

May 10-11, 2013

Holiday Inn NW  
Des Moines, IA



President of Des Moines Western Noon Mike Mona leads Webelos Pack 316 in presentation of colors



Zone Ten leads District in current members and new members gained for the third quarter. CONGRATULATIONS, 10 ! Keep up the good work !



Governor-Elect Cyndi Barber listens to JOOI Governor Evan Sinclair from Corydon JOOI club give his report of District news. Evan is looking forward to attending International Convention to continue his JOOI career on an international level.



## District Oratorical Contest

3 girls and 4 boys competed in a close race to win top oratorical honors. Chosen winners : JJ Kapur of Noon West, Des Moines, & Arshi Munjal Cedar Rapids/Marion



Essay Winner  
Madison Clark  
Treyner Club  
reads her  
winning essay

Six members were **First Timers** at Third Quarter Conference!!! They include ... Kelly Hansen *Davenport*, Patrick Benoit *Urbandale*, Shirley Dunston *Marshalltown*, Jeff Schmatt *Cedar Rapids Thursday noon*, Dale Ingle *North Liberty*, & Audrey Barnett *Fort Madison*. Congratulations !!



**Governor Dave Mason**

Don't miss the upcoming Conventions  
We are going to have a great time!  
Make plans now to attend !

# International Convention

July 4-6, 2013  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Lots of fun is planned, including the excitement of Major League Baseball during your visit to Cincinnati! Head on out to the Great American Ball Park and watch the hometown Cincinnati Reds take on the Seattle Mariners. Optimists have the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets in the "All You Can Eat" section where you will sit with other convention attendees.

**BE SURE TO PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR !!**

# District Convention

August 1-4, 2013

Cedar Rapids  
Marriott Hotel

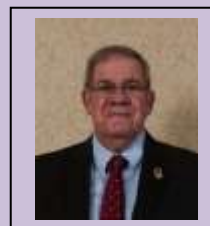
Activities include tours of historic Paramount Theatre & Brucemore Mansion. Everyone is invited to "Celebrate Optimism" at Newbo City Market. Visit the world-renown National Czech & Slovak Museum. Check out the Downtown Farmers' Market.... Plus, LOTS MORE!!  
**DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN !!**



OI Foundation Ex. Dir.  
Steve Skodak

## Special Guests

We are fortunate to have the expertise of **Steve Skodak** to share pointers on membership & **Jerry Schue** to train Pres-Elect & Sec/Treas. !



Mid-American Region VP  
Jerry Schue

For more details & to download a registration form, visit [www.iowaoptimist.org](http://www.iowaoptimist.org)



# District News



## Childhood Cancer Campaign

Marguerite Fehseke, CCC Chair

I want to thank everyone in the Iowa District for your support of CCC. Our district is second at OI in giving but I am not surprised. Iowans have always been a caring and giving bunch. As we enter our final quarter for this year there are a few things I want you to consider:

- \*Cancer is the second leading cause of death in children under the age of 14. It is second only to accidents. So it is the number one disease.
- \*Over 12,500 children in the United States are diagnosed with cancer each year. That's a classroom full of children every single day, year after year.
- \*Currently one in every 330 children in the United States develops cancer before the age of nineteen.
- \*About 4,000 children die from cancer each year. That's eleven children every single day.
- \* Secondary cancer ALWAYS develops. Other organs damaged can be heart, lung, infertility, kidney, infections, brain, growth & development.
- \* *Kids with cancer today may not have a tomorrow without our giving.*

Please consider doing one last Childhood Cancer Campaign fundraiser for the year.

God's Blessings,  
Marguerite

## Zone Realignment

Iowa District Conference voted to move two clubs upon the recommendation of the Realignment Committee headed by Past Governor Dale Robertson & the assurance that the clubs were in agreement. As a result of the vote,

*Riverside* will move from Zone 2 to Zone 3

*Waterloo* will move from Zone 9 to Zone 7

We all welcome to your new homes & expect good things !

# Featured Project



## UNDERWOOD Club (40113)

"Big Optimists " President Pam Miller (far left) and former Governor Barb Robertson (far right) help JOOI kids in the concession stand for their annual youth baseball project. Underwood Optimists partner with the JOOI kids to promote optimism in their community. The best way to insure that the next generation will be served by Optimism is to work with future Optimists NOW!

*Way to go, Underwood !!!*

## A MESSAGE

# From the Governor

I want to extend a big thanks to all members and clubs who are working hard to make this year a success. Thanks to all clubs who are holding NOW functions which allows us to reach out to more youth and bring out the best in kids! Special thanks goes to *Childhood Cancer Campaign* chair, Marguerite Fehseke, and Lt. Gov. Paul Oehrlein of Zone 10 for taking the lead in our newest District project of selling 200 pins for the CCC. We will raise \$340 to donate if we sell all our pins. Chair recommends proceeds to go towards the Ronald McDonald House. Please step up and buy a pin or two when asked as it will go to a very good cause. A huge "Thanks" also goes to Mike and Becky Mona for sending the items we collected at our 3rd Quarter Conference down to Oklahoma where they are sorely needed! I hope to see many of you in Cincinnati and even more in Cedar Rapids. (see included convention registration or go online at [www.iowaoptimist.org](http://www.iowaoptimist.org) )

Thanks for steppin' up for youth !

Governor Dave Mason

