

1979 - 1980 IOWA DISTRICT

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| President of O.I. | James E. Creed - Jane 704 Birky Place Fort Collins, Co. 80525 | |
| Regional Vice Pres. | James Eanes - Jewell 3716 Hiawatha Dr. Okemos, Mich. 48464 | |
| Governor | * James F. Mullen - Darlene 911 Maquoketa Dr. Dubuque, Iowa 52001 | |
| Governor Elect | Ivan L. Burmeister - Fern 107 7th Ave. Iowa City, Iowa 52240 | |
| Lt. Governors | Ralph Hansel ** A. James Springer (Dec'd) Mel McKern (finished Jim's term) Dennis Tye Harold Harner Dennis Stone Dwain Trenkamp Dean C. Frey Ralph LaCombe * Henry C. Herwig Lynn E. Merck Richard Stinogel | Sioux City Council Bluffs Council Bluffs Glenwood Des Moines Marshalltown Maquoketa Cedar Rapids Cedar Rapids Coralville Kalona Davenport |
| Secretary-Treas. | Carl F. McCarthy | Dubuque |
| District Chairmen | Frank Larson James F. Mullen Charles W. Maxine Robert L. Hansen Leland P. Stocker Willard W. Verba Ray Fulton Homer Rinehart Melvin C. McKern Larry Lang James F. Mullen Roy J. Gallagher Ronald R. Caddell | Achievement and Awards Bulletin Editor Community Service District Convention Finance Junior World Golf Life Membership Membership and Attendance New club Building Oratorical Contest Publicity Youth Activities Youth Clubs |
| District Convention Site | Sioux City | |
| O. I. Representative | Seymour Silverman, O. I. Pres Elect | |

** Outstanding
* Distinguished

CLUBS IN IOWA:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Ames | Tom Johnson | John A. McNunn |
| Belle Plaine | Edward B. Novak | Kenneth J. Hudson |
| ** Bettendorf | Ronald R. Froeschle | Richard J. Brady |
| Bettendorf Brkfst | Anthony E. Hughes | John Sherrick |
| Burlington | Vern R. Jonson | David Carlson |
| ** Carter Lake | * Cecil Mathews | Michael L. Mathews |
| Cedar Rapids | Randall A. Nazette | Charles R. Kirby |
| Cedar Rapids Daybreak | James W. Harmer | James H. Gesme Sr. |
| Cedar Rapids Evening | Edward J. Vanderlind | James R. Pickart |
| Cedar Rapids High Noon | Michael J. Bronson | Alden C. Swanson |
| Cedar Rapids Sunrise | Fedwin L. Martinson | Terry N. Frank |
| Clinton Morning | Stephen D. Hauf | Ronald H. Gruel |
| ** Coralville | * Lee D. Freesman | E. Virgil Bowers |
| ** Coralville Noon | Paul A. Holton | Steven C. Dowd |
| ** Council Bluffs | * E. Ted Baker | Dennis Higginbotham |
| ** Council Bluffs High Noon | Virgil A. Steenbock | Gary F. Kirkendall |
| ** Council Bluffs Snrs Lewis | Robert Konecny | Larry Gerdes |
| ** Council Bluffs Westend | * Kenneth R. McMullen | David A. White |
| CR Marion | Wayne A. Murdock | Dennis L. Forke |
| Davenport | Edwin G. Winborn | Jim G. Paustian |
| Decorah | Elliott Christen | Don Wurtzel |
| Denison | Joel D. Franken | Robert L. Kuhl |
| Des Moines Capitol City | Jay D. Fenimore | Steven R. Anderson |
| Des Moines Downtown | William T. Schreiber | Harold A. DeSmidt |
| Dewitt | Mervin Hassebrock | Leonard G. Longstaff |
| ** Dubuque | * John H. Markham | Roger Herting |
| Dubuque Evening | Frank Potter | Thomas Berryman |
| Dubuque Morning | Donald R. Walling | Douglas Crosby |
| Dyersville | Jeffery A. Kolls | Loras Albang |
| Ely | Thomas M. Tjelmeland | Alvin L. Danielson |
| ** Glenwood | Bob Mayberry | Dennis W. Stacy |
| Greenfield | Dallas R. Purdy | Roger D. Anderson |
| Harlan | Leo V. Rutten | Warren L. Poldberg |
| Hiwatha | Lyle Johnson | Philip J. Vos |
| ** Iowa City | Karl J. Giese | Fred J. Wiebersch |
| Iowa City Daybreak | Edward L. Pech | Larry T. Blake |
| Iowa City Sunrise | Verne F. Nelson | Tom Hussey |
| Iowa City University | Raymond P. Kollasch | Gerald Stamp |
| ** Kalona | Fred L. Yoder | Edward Yoder |
| Keokuk | Barry Hyduk | John A. Russell |
| ** Keystone | Robert Eldridge | Tim Sanderson |
| Larchwood | Ray Ripparda | Leonard W. Grotewold |
| Lisbon | John J. Pospisil | Steven R. Allard |
| ** Maquoketa | Clew Brodensteiner | Clyde D. Overturf |
| ** Marshalltown | * Steven E. Ford | Donald E. Rand |
| Marshalltown Morning | Ronald L. Galloway | George A. Mitchell |
| Mason City | David N. Brustkern | David A. Nauman |
| Muscatine | Robert J. Hiti | Julian M. Kite |
| Newton | Dennis L. Hansen | Lloyd Gaford |
| Noon Cedar Rapids | Robert L. Glotfelty | David G. Williams |
| North Liberty | Edward L. Colony | James P. Scanlon |
| Oakland | Don A. Riemer | John Leed |
| Ottumwa | Steven W. Clem | Bill Ridge |
| Postville | Don. L. Drahn | Doyle Allen |
| ** Red Oak | * Rolland W. Shipley | Robert N. Ruleman |

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 Jim Mullen

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CLUBS IN IOWA:

** Shenandoah
** Sioux City
** Solon
Tabor
Tama - Toledo
Tipton
Villisca
** Washington
** Washington - Township
Waterloo

PRESIDENT

* Lowell D. Baker
James M. Hopkins
William L. Bauwens
Delmar L. Wirth
Norman Wade
Edward Stockman
Clair W. Kerns
Vel Luse
Robert Fisher
Melvin R. Cook

SECRETARY

Steven C. Foutch
Daniel Zebarth
Harry E. Kral
Don Stanley
Robert J. Kurtt
Earl G. Gray
Tom Focht
Kenneth R. Pfister
Raymond G. Spicher
Roger Goldsberry

** Honor Club

* Distinguished President

CLUBS ADDED:

** Northwest Des Moines
Manchester
Ankeny
Stuart-Menlo
Williamsburg

* J. Michael Roarty
Alan Krueger
Lee Nelson
Bob Cook
James Bruck

James Kannawitter
Duane Sill
Chris Seuntjens
Bill Sloss
Phil Striegel

CLUBS REVOKED:

• Ely
• Capitol City-Des Moines
• Hiawatha
• Dyersville

**ACHIEVEMENT AND AWARDS WINNER - COUNCIL BLUFFS
OPTIMIST OF THE YEAR - E. TED BAKER**

Membership 3028 + 320 = 3348

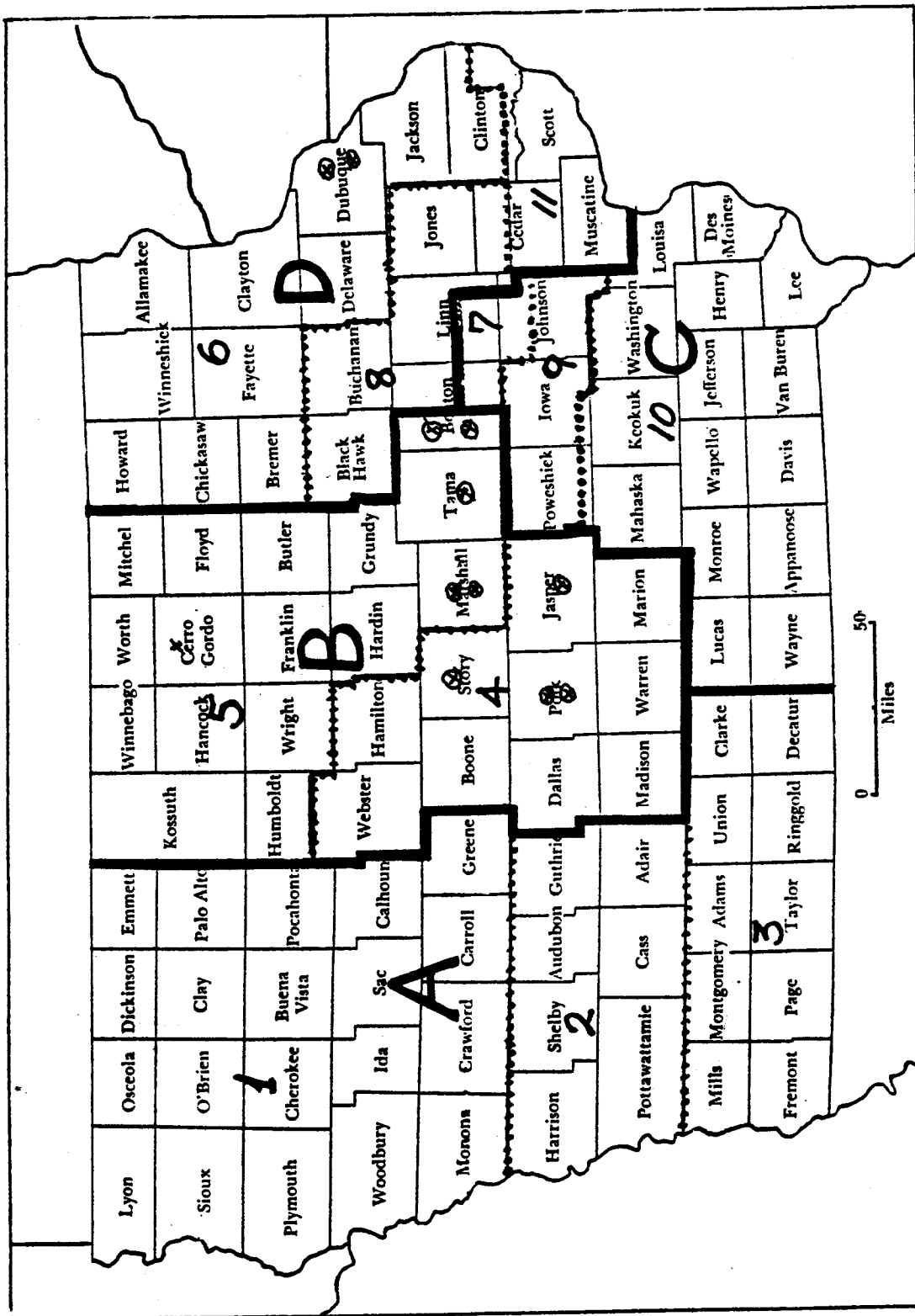
Clubs 66 + 5 - 4 = 67

Life Membership Quota - 20 Gained 32

International Ranking 7th

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IOWA DISTRICT - OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ZONES & REGIONS



LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

- | ZONE | LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. RALPH HANSEL | 9. HENRY C. HERWIG |
| 2. A. JAMES SPRINGER | 10. LYNN E. MERCK |
| 3. DENNIS TYE | 11. RICHARD STINOGE |

PAST GOVERNORS & OFFICERS - IOWA DISTRICT

PAST GOVERNORS MAILING ADDRESS

YEAR

LT. GOVERNORS

TOWN

MORRIS M. DICKER
294 WESTMINSTER
IOWA CITY, IOWA 52240
DECEASED 3-15-77

1965-66

RUSSEL B. VOGEL
DONALD K. PURDY
CHARLES V. HEIDEN
WILLARD W. VERBA
RALPH T. BODEN
KEITH R. LONG, S-T

SIOUX CITY
COUNCIL BLUFFS
MARSHALLTOWN
CEDAR RAPIDS
BETTENDORF
IOWA CITY

RALPH LACOMBE
WIFE: WANITA
3108 RIDGEMORE DR., S.E.
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA 52403
RES. 319-355-4981

1966-67

ELDON W. EBERHARD
ROBERT GILLIAM
G. HOMER RINEHART
DONALD E. STRUB (DLG)
GEORGE OTTE
WILLARD W. VERBA, S-T

SIOUX CITY
COUNCIL BLUFFS
MARSHALLTOWN
CORALVILLE
DAVENPORT
CEDAR RAPIDS

LELAND P. STOCKER **
WIFE: GLADYS
2 JULIEN DUBUQUE DR.
APT. 13
DUBUQUE, IOWA 52001
RES. 319-582-6271

1967-68

GARY D. PIERCE (DLG)
G. HOMER RINEHART (DLG)
ROY L. WALKER
MAX D. SELZER (DLG)
MILTON LIPSMAN (DLG)
OWEN P. EVANS, S-T

RED OAK
MARSHALLTOWN
CEDAR RAPIDS
IOWA CITY
BETTENDORF
DUBUQUE

DONALD E. STRUB *
WIFE: JAE
890 PARK PLACE
IOWA CITY, IOWA 52240
RES. 319-338-4547

1968-69

ROY J. GALLAGHER
EVERETTE C. FOSTER
ROBERT W. LEHMAN (DLG)
HARRY E. KRAL (DLG)
PAUL HARTEL
LESLIE MILLER, S-T

LARCHWOOD
WATERLOO
CEDAR RAPIDS
SOLON
MAQUOKETA
CORALVILLE

ROY J. GALLAGHER . *
WIFE: MARGARET ROSE
LARCHWOOD, IOWA 51241
RES. 712-477-2228

1969-70

HAROLD BONANDER
GARY TURNER (DLG)
CARROLL TALBOT
CHARLES TRUSSELL
RICHARD E. MYERS
JAMES BOOSALIS (DLG)
ROBERT KERKVLIT, S-T

LARCHWOOD
COUNCIL BLUFFS
NEWTON
CEDAR RAPIDS
IOWA CITY
DAVENPORT
LARCHWOOD

ROBERT W. LEHMAN **
WIFE: VICKI
2215 GLASS ROAD, N.E.
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA 52402
RES. 319-393-9334

1970-71

ROY J. GALLAGHER
PAUL A. MAUER (DLG)
DONALD E. RAND (DLG)
ROBERT S. KLOPP
JAMES A. EANES (DLG)
RUSS LICHTENSTEIN (DLG)
CHARLES TRUSSELL, S-T

LARCHWOOD
COUNCIL BLUFFS
MARSHALLTOWN
CEDAR RAPIDS
CORALVILLE
DAVENPORT
CEDAR RAPIDS

SCOREBOARD

PUBLISHED MONTHLY FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

September 30, 1980

| NEW CLUB BUILDING | | | | | LIFE MEMBERSHIP (x) | | | MEMBERSHIP | | | Avg. % | Dist. Rank | Net Growth | |
|--|-------|----------------|-----------|---|---------------------|-------|-----|------------|-----------|------|--------|------------|------------|----|
| Quota | Clubs | Planned Growth | Other (y) | % | Quota | Sales | % | Quota | Gain Loss | % | | | | |
| VICE PRESIDENT LOACH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| QM | 9 | 60 | 2 | 0 | 688.9 | 97 | 198 | 50.0 | 1152 | 2386 | 207.1 | 315.3 | 1* | 3 |
| NJ | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 150.0 | 9 | 15 | 50.0 | 107 | 135 | 126.2 | 108.7 | 5 | 5 |
| ONT | 6 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 200.0 | 47 | 61 | 50.0 | 554 | 394 | 71.1 | 107.0 | 6 | 11 |
| NY | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 6 | 6 | 50.0 | 69 | -4 | -5.8 | 14.7 | 26 | 19 |
| MD | 5 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 60.0 | 23 | 27 | 50.0 | 248 | -179 | -72.2 | 12.6 | 27 | 32 |
| Regional Net Growth Percentage . . . 128.3** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VICE PRESIDENT EANES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AMS | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 150.0 | 12 | 24 | 50.0 | 149 | 207 | 138.9 | 113.0 | 4* | 4 |
| IOWA | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 150.0 | 20 | 32 | 50.0 | 242 | 270 | 111.6 | 103.9 | 7 | 6 |
| PACNW | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120.0 | 20 | 24 | 50.0 | 226 | 141 | 62.4 | 77.5 | 10 | 12 |
| ILL | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 21 | 25 | 50.0 | 232 | 14 | 6.0 | 18.7 | 23 | 17 |
| DMM | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 80.0 | 23 | 28 | 50.0 | 286 | -70 | -24.5 | 35.2 | 18 | 24 |
| Regional Net Growth Percentage . . . 49.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VICE PRESIDENT STROUP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NC | 5 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 360.0 | 33 | 71 | 50.0 | 349 | 857 | 245.6 | 218.5 | 2* | 1 |
| TENN | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 80.0 | 22 | 35 | 50.0 | 258 | 160 | 62.0 | 64.0 | 13 | 13 |
| SC | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 50.0 | 7 | 11 | 50.0 | 84 | -12 | -14.3 | 28.6 | 20 | 20 |
| CAPVA | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 75.0 | 12 | 20 | 50.0 | 151 | -94 | -62.3 | 20.9 | 22 | 30 |
| KYWVA | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 60.0 | 27 | 32 | 50.0 | 300 | -413 | -137.7 | -9.2 | 32 | 37 |
| Regional Net Growth Percentage . . . 43.6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VICE PRESIDENT VAN DEN BERG | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DPA | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 150.0 | 20 | 32 | 50.0 | 264 | 237 | 89.8 | 96.6 | 8* | 8 |
| MICH | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 27 | 37 | 50.0 | 291 | 226 | 77.7 | 75.9 | 11 | 9 |
| WISUM | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 75.0 | 23 | 34 | 50.0 | 257 | 196 | 76.3 | 67.1 | 12 | 10 |
| IND | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 41 | 44 | 50.0 | 460 | 48 | 10.4 | 53.5 | 15 | 16 |
| OHIO | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 66.7 | 33 | 37 | 50.0 | 352 | -183 | -52.0 | 21.6 | 21 | 28 |
| Regional Net Growth Percentage . . . 32.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VICE PRESIDENT JORDAN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MO | 6 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 183.0 | 40 | 52 | 50.0 | 441 | 241 | 54.6 | 95.9 | 9* | 14 |
| KANS | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 26 | 38 | 50.0 | 293 | 77 | 26.3 | 58.8 | 14 | 15 |
| NEB | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 75.0 | 16 | 23 | 50.0 | 186 | 5 | 2.7 | 42.6 | 17 | 18 |
| OKLA | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 8 | 11 | 50.0 | 91 | -31 | -34.1 | 5.3 | 28 | 26 |
| Regional Net Growth Percentage . . . 28.9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VICE PRESIDENT KATZ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PACC | 7 | | 3 | | | 33 | | | 222 | 201 | 90.5 | | | 7* |
| COWY | 4 | | 0 | | | 42 | | | 309 | -69 | -22.3 | | | 23 |
| ARIZ | 0 | | 0 | | | 11 | | | 86 | -25 | -29.1 | | | 25 |
| PACSW | 0 | | 3 | | | 59 | | | 499 | -224 | -44.9 | | | 27 |
| CALSO | 0 | | 0 | | | 20 | | | 150 | -155 | -103.3 | | | 36 |
| Regional Net Growth Percentage . . . -21.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VICE PRESIDENT BILISOLY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ALMS | 4 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 225.0 | 13 | 21 | 50.0 | 165 | 384 | 232.7 | 169.2 | 3* | 2 |
| ARK | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 25.0 | 15 | 13 | 43.3 | 162 | -31 | -19.1 | 16.4 | 25 | 21 |
| GA | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 80.0 | 20 | 29 | 50.0 | 232 | -182 | -78.4 | 17.2 | 24 | 33 |
| FLA | 7 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 42.9 | 38 | 49 | 50.0 | 445 | -398 | -89.4 | 1.2 | 31 | 35 |
| LA | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 50.0 | 12 | 7 | 29.2 | 144 | -255 | -177.1 | -32.6 | 33 | 38 |
| Regional Net Growth Percentage . . . -42.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VICE PRESIDENT STROMAN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NTX | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 26 | 33 | 50.0 | 318 | -67 | -21.1 | 43.0 | 16* | 22 |
| SETX | 5 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 100.0 | 18 | 31 | 50.0 | 219 | -130 | -59.4 | 30.2 | 19 | 29 |
| NMWTX | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 25.0 | 13 | 22 | 50.0 | 131 | -88 | -67.2 | 2.6 | 30 | 31 |
| SCTX | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 40.0 | 19 | 29 | 50.0 | 216 | -177 | -81.9 | 2.7 | 29 | 34 |

All districts and regions are ranked according to their net growth percentage for the purpose of determining the International President's Award. The "District Rank" column determines the Outstanding Governor in each region.

(x) 50% of Total Attained in LM (Maximum credit for LM Quota)

(y) New Clubs Organized with fewer than 35 Charter Members (25-34)

* Top District in Region to determine Outstanding Governor Award—(Regions, and districts within the region, are listed in order of net growth percentage attained)

** Top Region

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Planned Growth—Qualified clubs in planned growth area.

Orig - Jim Mullen



SET THE PACE

Directed At The Leaders Of New Club Building Efforts.

Golden Opportunity

For The Membership Leaders of Optimist International

No one doubted you would do it—but 61 clubs in September is really doing it! Now that you know the way it's done, how about telling your successor so that the last minute crunch can be avoided next September?

1979-80 was a good year for new club building—226 total—and the hard work is appreciated. It had been four years since the 200 barrier was broken. The goal of 3,500 was just missed. We finished with 3,491. Good effort!

Thirty-nine (39) sponsors were reporting solid results on 30 September 1980. Some of these will be lost in administrative change-over unless you continue a role of leadership and encourage the completion of the new club. It would be a shame to waste hard work and a potential new club.

New Club Building is not easy and the success this year must not be wasted. If you built a new club or helped build one, that experience and knowledge can be used again in 1980-81. By you sharing your expertise the result will be a ripple effect which will increase our NCB efforts.

Again, congratulations and thanks.

The stride has been lengthened
and the pace has been quickened . . .

The 1979-80 administrative year is now history. The record has been established with a year-end membership count of 132,802 members across North America. A net increase of 3,368 members for the year, percentage-wise that's 2.6% on the plus side.

To reach that goal, 18 districts ended up with net increases. Needless to say, a respectable year-end finish.

Goals are always established by those who seek to achieve. Each of us has pursued the summit from various points of view. The book of time has now recorded our results, our success.

From today on, you can play an important role in your district by continuing to help spread the philosophy of Optimism, and encouraging membership growth at every opportunity.

We applaud each of you for your contributions in this great year of Optimism. Now, you must remember your year for what it was . . .

1979-80 DISTRICT

SCOREBOARD

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40
35
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39
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St. Louis
William
Anthony
Marshalltown
H. D. M.

IOWA

DISTRICT

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

THE IRISH MAFIA QUARTERLY

SHAMROCKS and SHILLELAGHS

OPTIMISM IS FUN!

NOVEMBER, 1980

Iowa District Wins Honor Status



Dist. S/T Carl McCarthy

It's still unofficial, but the eleventh time in its fifteen year history, the Iowa District has met all qualifications for Honor District! Congratulations to all members of the "Irish Mafia" team and to all district optimists for this great achievement! Faced with the necessity of building at least one new club and enrolling 260 new members in the month of September, the Optimists of nearly every zone came through in outstanding fashion, building three new clubs and signing 320 new members!

Special thanks are owed to so many, and some will be mentioned in other stories in this publication. However, Governor Jim feels that if not for the unselfish and tireless effort put forth during his illness by District Secretary-Treasurer Carl McCarthy, the goals would not have been reached! The hours (not to mention the dollars) spent on the phone by Carl proves that the "Luck of the Irish" is caused in great measure by hard work!

Carl, the District owes you a great deal of gratitude. We are most fortunate to have you in the Iowa District! Thank you for proving that "Optimism Is Fun", to all of us!

Baker Chosen Optimist of the Year

Purdy, Springer, McKern Named Most Valuable

The noon luncheon at the recent First Quarter District Board Meeting was the setting for the presentation of awards by Immediate Past Governor Jim Mullen for the year 1979-80. Leading the way was E. Ted Baker, President of the Optimist Club of Council Bluffs, who was chosen as Optimist of the year for his outstanding record of achievement and for his willingness to serve the District on many occasions.

Under Ted's leadership, the OC of Council Bluffs attained double distinguished status by building two new clubs and by adding 25 new members to its own roster! Moreover, the club reached a new peak in service to its community. Not content with his own achievements, Ted worked especially hard to gain Honor Status for the District!

Joining Ted in winning the top individual honors were Don Purdy, Most Valuable Past Governor; Jim Springer, Most Valuable Lt. Governor; and Mel McKern, Most Valuable Committee Chairman. These men were well deserving of their awards. Past Gov. Springer spearheaded the building of two new clubs, helped on several other attempts and in general worked tirelessly to help the District reach all goals! Jim Springer, until his untimely death on May 21st, built up a lead on his fellow Lt. Govs. that was never

challenged. His zone was responsible for three new clubs and a net gain of 244 new members! Mel McKern as NCB Chairman, achieved 150% of quota (earning a set of silver cuff links for Gov. Jim) and filled in for Lt. Gov. Jim Springer, earning the outstanding Lt. Gov. award which will be presented to Louise. Mel, I am sure the District at large and Zone Two in particular will long remember your unselfish actions this past year!

Carl McCarthy was presented a special plaque by Gov. Jim in recognition of his never ending efforts to attain Honor Status for the District.

Two clubs were honored for outstanding achievement during the year. The OC of Westend, Council Bluffs, won the Homer Rinehart Award for the largest net gain in membership. President Ken McMullen and crew started the year with 87 members, dropped back to 71 early on, then stormed ahead to finish the year with a net gain of 38 members! The Most Improved Club Award, The Morris Dicker Award, went to the OC of Dubuque. President John Markham's Club jumped from 24th to 2nd place in the District Achievement Race, attaining double distinguished status by building the OC of Manchester and by adding 30 members of its own club. Congratulations to both of these clubs!

Seven committee chairmen were presented with "Quota Busters" Awards: Chuck Maxine, Community Service; Larry Lang, Oratorical; Homer Rinehart, Membership; Mel McKern, NCB;

Bob Hansen, Convention; Harry Kral, International President's Visit, and Ray Fulton, Life Membership. Thanks, guys, for a super job!

Other awards given included: The Best Club Bulletin Award to the OC of Solon; The Club President's Scrapbook Awards to the OC of Solon, The OC of Marshalltown, and the OC of Sioux City. The Lt. Gov. Attendance Award went to Zone One and Lt. Gov. Ralph Hansel for the Convention Board Meeting. Mike Roarty, President of the OC of Northwest Des Moines won the drawing for the TV set which was given by Gov. Jim for helping to build a new club.

The final "Drawin' O' The Green" was won by Don Dougherty of the OC of Tabor. Don's name was drawn by OIVP Don Purdy, making Dan \$100 richer!

Golden Circle Awards were given to Pres. Ken McMullen of the OC of Westend, Council Bluffs, and to Pres. Steve Ford of the OC of Marshalltown, and Respect for Law Certificates were



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"Optimist of the Year"
Pres. E. Ted Baker, Council Bluffs

A&A CHAIRMAN: FRANK LARSON

REFER TO PAGES 30 and 31
of the district directory
for detailed information



OPTIMISM IS FUN!

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REFLECTIONS ON MY YEAR AS GOVERNOR OF
THE IOWA DISTRICT
1979 - 1980

When I look back upon my year, the year of the "Irish Mafia", I feel the credit for our success in meeting our goals should go to my District Sec-Treas., Carl McCarthy, my committee chairman, the past Governors, my Lt. Govs, who for the most part worked hard all year, many club presidents, many of the wives of club and District officials and possibly the motto "OPTIMISM IS FUN!" That's a lot of credit to give out, but it just points up the tremendous teamwork we had in 1979-80. As Governor, it was a thrill to just "go along for the ride".

Credit has to go to Carl and Carol McCarthy because of their unwavering support and loyalty, their hard work and sacrifices and because their fantastic sense of humor made trips, meetings and gatherings fun for everyone! When I became ill, it was Carl that prodded, cajoled and begged Lt. Govs. and club presidents to get out and work hard the last two weeks. Through his efforts, the District came alive and went over the top, making Honor District again for the 11th time in 15 years!

My Committee Chairman set new records all year long! Past Gov. Homer Rinehart, as Membership Chairman, worked up to the last day to make the quota set for him, and make it he did! Mel McKern, New Club Building Chairman, had a tough job all year, but he finished with 150% of quota. We set an all time record of attendance with 42 at the visit of International President, Jim Creed, to the Amanas in March. Many thanks to Chairman Harry Kral for the fine job of promoting the event! We went over the 100 mark in Community Project books that were turned in for judging at the 3rd quarter Board Meeting for the first time in the history of the District, which point up the fine job done by Chairman Chuck Maxine. And, our District Convention in Sioux City was superb, a credit to Chairman Bob Hansen and his crew. We were honored to have Optimist International President-Elect Sy Silverman and his wife Midge as the official OI Representatives to the convention!

Other Past Governors who worked hard for us were Don Purdy, who was instrumental in so much activity it is hard to adequately give him the credit he is due! Two new clubs were formed by Don with much help from President E. Ted Baker of the Optimist Club of Council Bluffs. Without their help and support all year long, we would have failed to achieve our goals. Lee Stocker handled the finance committee in his usual excellent style, and Roy Gallagher made many trips to Fort Dodge in an unsuccessful attempt to build a new club there. Will Verba did a super job as Jr. World Golf Chairman and Ralph LaCombe graciously filled in as Lt. Gov of Zone 8 and did more good for the District than eve he admits! Charlie Trussell, in the immediate aftermath of his debilitating stroke, was an example of fantastic courage for all of us! Charley Deitz, as usual, was always there to help when the need was there.

Ours was a year when inspiration would come from unexpected sources and at unexpected times. Such inspiration came from Lt. Gov. Jim Springer, who tragically died while striving to "be the best"; from Ralph Hansel of Sioux City and Henry Herwig of Coralville, both attempting to become distinguished Lt. Govs. One made it: from E. Ted Taker, whose efforts earned him the "OPTIMIST OF THE YEAR" award; From my wife, Darlene, and Carol McCarthy, who saw to it that my life was not complicated by a lot of details, details which they saw fit to handle; and inspiration came from the optimists of the great Iowa District, who time and time again, offered their support to us. They surley proved that "OPTIMISM IS FUN"!

For the opportunity to serve the Iowa District as Governor I will be forever greatfull!

Sincerely, .


Jim Mullen, Past Gov.
Iowa District, OI