



Friend of Youth



Iowa District Optimist

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apples in a seed.

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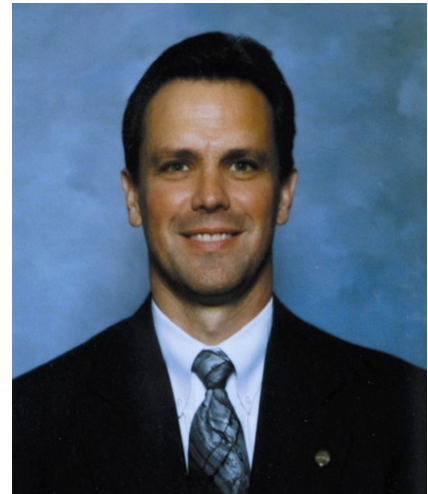
02/03 Governor Dale Robertson Underwood



Governor Dale Robertson
and Barb



O.I. President Bill Teague
and Linda



O.I. Vice President Tom
Dempsey

My Year in Retrospect:

Barb and I were so extremely blessed and fortunate to have been with such a group of enthusiastic Optimists throughout the 02/03 "Planting Seeds" year. Our team of leaders, chairs, Lt. Governors were awesome. As we visited clubs and members during our travels we always felt welcome. We especially felt how proud they all were. We left so humbled by the many experiences with their deep sense of pride and satisfaction in what they accomplished and what they had planned for the future. You could see it in their gleaming eyes, in their bright cheery faces, and in their optimistic enthusiasm. The many dedicated people we met are truly Optimists and Friends of Youth.

We had too many memorable experiences to recount and we made so many lasting friendships. Our District S/T Larry Kramer and wife Sharon were such a big part that we can't thank them enough. President Bill Teague and Linda along with Vice President Tom Dempsey and Ramona were such inspirational leaders. V.P. Tom really got us fired up regarding new club building that had been waning the last several years. Craig Kelley and Jim Boyd were the queen essential stars of new club building with their first ever clubs they built that I'm proud to say continues today. Past Governors Carl McCarthy, E. Ted Baker and Ivan Burmeister were very helpful in suggestions and guidance.

It was an awesome experience that Barb and I will never forget and we are extremely grateful for the opportunity in "planting seeds".

Themes

International: "Where every kid counts."

District: "You can count the number of seeds in an apple, but you can't count the number of apples in a seed."

Short theme: "Planting Seeds".

Leadership

Optimist International President: Bill (Linda) Teague, Leicester, NC

Optimist International Vice President: Tom (Ramona) Dempsey, Independence, MO

Governor: Dale (Barb) Robertson, Underwood

District S/T: Larry (Sharon) Kramer, Treynor

Past Immediate Governor: Judy Boyd, Urbandale

Past Governor: Ken Hummel, Council Bluffs

Lt. Governors:

- Honor Lt. Governors: 10 of 13 (77%)
- Distinguished Lt. Governors: 5 of 13 (38%)

Joe Ball- <i>Honor & Distinguished</i>	Zone 1 & 2	Woodbine
Jennie Kannedy	Zone 3	Council Bluffs
Mike Abbott	Zone 4	Treynor
Barb Robertson- <i>Honor</i>	Zone 5	Underwood
Doug Olson- <i>Honor & Distinguished</i>	Zone 6	Urbandale
Roger Stalheim	Zone 7	Winterset
Ray Helland- <i>Honor</i>	Zone 8	Marshalltown Morning
Don Kain- <i>Honor & Distinguished</i>	Zone 9	Knoxville
Brock Renner- <i>Honor</i>	Zone 10	Cedar Rapids
Dave Wilkerson	Zone 11	Coralville
- <i>Honor, Distinguished and Outstanding</i>		
Max Kaczinski- <i>Honor</i>	Zone 12	Washington
Don Jannette- <i>Honor & Distinguished</i>	Zone 13	Dubuque Noon
Dan Konrardy- <i>Honor</i>	Zone 14	Davenport-Quad Cities Morning

District Chairs:

Janet Lloyd, A&A	Dennis McGregor, Finance	Bob Wenner, OIJGC
Don Pfeiffer, Bulletin Editor	Leon Wilkinson, Governor	Lyle Magneson, P.G.I.
Thomas Lloyd II, CCC & Web	Elect/Leadership	Ken Hummel, Past Governor
Master	Development	Judy Boyd, Past Im. Gov.
E. Ted Baker, Club Services	Mike Campbell, Jr., Membership	/Candidate Qualifications
Joel North, Communication	Craig Kelley, New Club Building	John Cooper, Photographer/
Contests	Carl McCarthy, O.I. Ambassador	Public Relations
Max Cousins, Community Project	Ed Minard II, O.I. Foundation	Jim Boyd, Sergeant At Arms
Awards	Doug & Barb Morgan, OI &	Tom Lau, Youth Activities
Ivan Burmeister, Convention	District Supplies	Gerri Barnett, Youth Clubs

District Achievements:

- **Distinguished District**
- **Distinguished Governor**
- **Top District in Region**
- **Top Governor in Region Winner**
- **Clubs:**
 - Clubs: Plus 2 (starting 75, ending with 77 clubs for 3% growth).
 - 4 New Clubs:
 - Ottumwa organized 2/6/03 built by Knoxville (Craig Kelley)
 - Waukeee organized 4/12/03 built by Urbandale (Jim Boyd) and West Des Moines (Tom Lloyd)
 - Boyer Valley (Dunlap) organized 4/10/03 by Woodbine (Joe Ball & Tony Smith)
 - Univ. of Iowa Tippie College Club (Iowa City) organized 5/6/03 built by Solon (Duane Krob) and Iowa City (Ivan Burmeister)
 - 2 Disbanded: Bettendorf QC Metro and Muscatine-Pearl City
 - O.I. Final Rank: #13

- **Membership:**
 - Plus 179 (7% growth, starting membership 2,745 to ending membership 2,924).
 - 45 of 79 Clubs were even or gained (57%) membership.
 - 8 of 13 zones were plus (61%) in membership.
 - O.I. Final Rank: #10
- **Honor Clubs: 22** of 77 (29%), with 7 Distinguished
- **Distinguished & Honor Clubs: 7**

	<u>President</u>
Des Moines-Western Noon	Janet Lloyd
Dubuque Noon	Susan Sieverding
Iowa City Noon	George Sehl
Knoxville	Erin Holmes
Solon	Sandra Thorington
Urbandale	Jim Boyd
Woodbine	Tony Smith
- **Honor Clubs: 15**

Bloomfield	Gene Irwin
Carter Lake	Sandra Black
Cedar Rapids-Thursdays Evening	Jane Stirlor
College Springs-South Page	Steve Irvin
Council Bluffs -Noon	Paula Danker
Davenport Evening	Marcia King
Davenport-Quad Cities Morning	Frank Streit
Fort Madison Area	Dennis McGregor
Griswold	Doug Tye
Maquoketa	Paul Hartel
Marshalltown Morning	Murray "Bing" McHone
Oskaloosa	Pat Richards
Treynor	Gary Funkhouser
Washington	Gordon Olberding
Washington Township	Matt Miller

Governor's Award Winners:

Master Secretary/Treasurer Awards

Lori Brewer	Bloomfield
Raymond Butt	Griswold
Vera Randall	Maquoketa
Harlietta Helland	Marshalltown Morning

District Club Awards and Achievement Winners

Clubs beginning with 30 or less members

- 1st Knoxville, Pres. Erin Holmes—32,500 points
- 2nd Marshalltown Morning, Pres. Murray "Bing" McHone
- 3rd Des Moines Western Noon, Pres. Janet Lloyd

Clubs with more than 30 members

- 1st Dubuque Noon, President Susan Sieverding—32,800 points
- 2nd Urbandale, President Jim Boyd
- 3rd Treynor, President Gary Funkhouser

Top Club Bulletin Award: Cedar Rapids Thursdays Evening, President Jane Stirlor.

Most Valuable Committee Chair: Ivan Burmeister, Iowa City Noon, Convention Chair,

Most Valuable Lt. Governor: Joe Ball, Woodbine

Most Valuable Past Governors: E. Ted Baker, Council Bluffs, & Carl McCarthy, Dubuque Noon

Past Immediate Governor's Special Awards:

District S/T Award: Larry Kramer, Treynor

Special Recognition: Tom Dempsey, International Vice President

Iowa District Optimist of the Year: Craig Kelley, Knoxville

Club President's Scrapbook

Towns under 10,000: Griswold, Doug Tye

Cities 10,000 – 30,000: None

Cities over 30,000: Dubuque Noon, Susan Sieverding

Honorable mention: Urbandale, Jim Boyd and Iowa City Noon, George Sehl

Governor's \$100 Top Seed Planter & Recruiter: Duane Krob, Solon with 14 members

Honorable Mention:

Steve Irvin, College Springs-South Page, 11 members

Jim King, Davenport Evening, 7 members

Governor's \$100 Top Club Seed Planter for Net Gain:

Dubuque Noon, President Susan Sieverding with plus 21 members

Honorable Mention:

Solon and Knoxville with net plus 16 members

Cedar Rapids-Thurs. Evening with net plus 12 members

Bloomfield and Davenport Evening net plus 10 members

JOOI District Recognition

District Chairman's Excellence Award: Gerri Barnett, Fort Madison (*was 1 of 2 in OI achieving this Honor.*)

Distinguished JOOI Governor: Samy Kobrosly (*was 1 of 5 in O.I.*)

Outstanding JOOI Governor Scholarship and Governor of Excellence: Samy Kobrosly (\$3,000 scholarship, *was 1 of 2 in OI achieving this Honor.*)

Clubs: Started with 27, ended with 29 (7% growth).

- 4 New Clubs: Neola, Griswold, Hempstead-Dubuque and Jefferson Hillhawks-Dubuque;
- 2 Disbanded.

Membership: plus 39; started with 637 and ended 676 (6% growth).

Honor Clubs (*Iowa had 4 of the 38 clubs in O.I.*)

Flying Eagles JOC of Underwood

Alena Sorlien

Fort Madison Area Octagon Club

Ashlee Darley & Mariah Rashid

Jr. Optimist Club of Fort Madison

Levi Welborn

Davis County Octagon Club (Bloomfield)

Abby Norton

Distinguished Honor Club (*Iowa had 1 of 11 clubs in O.I.*)

UHS Octagon Club of Underwood

Jessica Belt

JOOI Club Builder – 2 new clubs built (Iowa had 2 of 3 JOOI Clubs in O.I. building clubs.)

2002/2003 Dates:

- Oct. 18 & 19, 2002: 1st Quarter Conference; Des Moines, Four Points Sheraton Hotel
- Feb. 7 & 8, 2003: 2nd Quarter Conference; Des Moines, Four Points Sheraton Hotel
- April 12, 2003: International President's Visit; Amanas
- May 16 & 17, 2003: 3rd Quarter Conference; Des Moines, Four Points Sheraton Hotel
- July 13-17, 2003: International Convention, Kansas City
- August 6-10, 2003: District Convention in Coralville

District Dress: *All District Chairs and Lt. Governors.*

- **Business Attire:** Black coat, black slacks, and white shirts w/gold ties with District logo.
- **Casual:** Yellow mock turtleneck, short sleeve with District logo and black slacks.

Favorite Quotes:

- **People don't care how much you know, unless they know how much you care.**
- **It only takes a small group of well-minded people to change the world; in fact that is the only thing that ever has.**
- **We cannot hold a torch to light another person's path without brightening our own.**
- **To the world you might be one person, To one person you might be the world.**
- **You can count the number of seeds in an apple, but you can't count the number of apples in a seed.**