



Lyle Magneson, Governor October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008

In the year leading up to Governorship, my wife Linda passed the presence of this earth through a rapid cancer growth. She had always wished for me to be Governor so after her passing, I took on this tremendous challenge to lead the Iowa District as its Governor.

During the year 2006-2007 I proceeded to build my team to assist me in meeting my goals. I selected "Creating Brighter Tomorrows" as my theme and I used sunglasses as props to protect ourselves from the Brightness we were going to create. I also played some songs by Cory Hart released in 1983, Sunglasses at Night and Future's so Bright I Gotta Wear Shades, from 2000 by Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo.

My first Quarter Conference, which I spent months in preparation, was darkened by laryngitis. I could not speak a word without crackling or coughing. I had a stand-in to assist with the speaking portions of my agenda. Spite my laryngitis; I had a fantastic time leading the first Conference of the 2007-2008 Optimist year. There were other issues during my year brought on by preparation issues and follow-thru issues on my part but was able to push through to get each of the tasks completed. Past Governor, Dennis McGregor, was my Secretary-Treasurer and my life jacket for the year.

Following a growth year of net+ 21 Members by Past Governor, Craig Kelly, I found it difficult to inspire my Clubs in my charge to continue with a positive growth path. I finished my Optimist year at a net- 163 in

Membership. A Club was built in Perry, Iowa and several Clubs either disbanded or were revoked during this year.

Theodore Golding of Jamaica selected his Motto as “Bringing out the Best in Children.” He did not aspire to the use of “Kids” in the International Motto “Bringing out the Best in Kids.” In Jamaica “Kids” referred to goats.

Even though I had a disappointing year for Club Building and Membership Growth, I truly believe that I left a positive impact on the Iowa District resulting in positive growth the following year under the leadership of Governor, Janet Lloyd.

I would suggest that a steady foundation in your personal life during these years of leadership involvement for the best outcome and for a great year of leadership, growth and inspiration.

Past Governor, Lyle Magneson,

As prepared by his Secretary-Treasurer
And Past Governor,
Dennis E. McGregor