

Wilton (Leon) Wilkinson



Wilton Wilkinson, more popularly known as Leon, served the Iowa District as Governor from 2003 – 2004. Leon had success with Club Building with, Sidney on October 27, 2003, Eastern Des Moines on November 15, 2003, Central Community on December 8, 2003 and Grinnell on May 5, 2004. Despite building four new Clubs Leon ended with a loss of 92 members for the year which was inclusive of a loss of several Clubs either disbanding or being revoked.

Leon and his wife Judy are both from Bloomfield, an Optimist Club organized in September of 1993 by Fairfield. Leon was a Vice Principal at the High School in Bloomfield, Iowa and he had a passionate interest in Icarianism with Egalitarian Communities in Texas, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and California. The Largest and longest lasting Community was located a few miles outside of Corning, Iowa.

Leon's other passion was Optimist International and could always be seen at the Iowa District Conferences and Conventions. He loved Family and even included in Daughter and Son-in-Law as his Secretary and Treasurer for his leadership year as Governor.

He stated that "The chance we have to be positive role models is one of the greatest achievements we could hope to be presented." Optimist International President, Dwaine Sievers, used the theme "Yes We Can". To be in tune with the International Theme; Leon created the theme that asked the question "Can We Be Good Optimists?" to get the response "Yes We Can".

