



The Optimist International theme for this year was "For the Future". The Optimist International President running concurrent to my year was President Jean Claude (J. C.) St.. Onge and his wife Marcelle from St. Jerome, Quebec City, Canada. The Regional Vice President was Ron Huxley From Thedford, Ontario, Canada. My theme for the Iowa District was "Steppin up for Youth".



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My best advice would be to travel to as many clubs as possible and make Lt. Governor selections a very high priority. A strong "Club Building" team is also vital but do not forget the importance of retention of members.



My Executive Leadership consisted of Past Governor, Gary Miner; Immediate Past Governor, Gerri Barnett; Governor Elect, Cynthia (Cyndi) Barber and Secretary Treasurer, Earl Hopkins along with the following Lt. Governors:

Zone #1 – Fred Worell

Zone #2 – Bob Kossow

Zone #3 – Pam Miller

Zone #4 – Dave Mason

Zone #5 – Emil Segebart

Zone #6 – Loretta Cooley

Zone #7 – Rich May

Zone #8 – Kris Kain

Zone #9 – Richard Bice

Zone #10 – Paul Oehrlein

Zone #11 – Elyssa Barnett

Zone #12 – Denny Phares

During this year of growth, I do know that there were 16 honor clubs. Unfortunately, no new clubs were built which is part of the reason that our numbers were down some. I made many great friends that year as Patty and I visited 50 of the 67 clubs. Some of the clubs were visited by us as many as three times.

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You never know what will happen each year and this year was no exception. I was not expecting anything unusual toward the conclusion of my year when my Secretary-Treasurer, Earl Hopkins suffered a massive heart attack on the way to our Optimist International Convention in Las Vegas and died just not far from that location. This loss was an incredible low point on what would have normally been a joyous week of fun and socialization.

"Promise yourself to be so Strong that nothing can disturb your piece of mind."

Past Governor, Dave Mason



#### LEVELS OF AWARDS AND DISTINGUISHMENTS:

##### **Outstanding Lt. Governor:**

Zone 6: Loretta Cooley

##### **"Bringing Out the Best" Clubs:**

Griswold

Greenfield

Winterset

##### **Master Secretary-Treasurers awards:**

Raymond V. Butt, Secretary Treasurer. Griswold

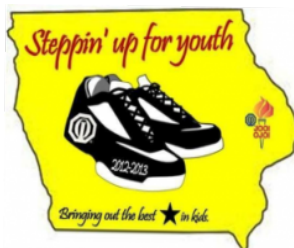
Loretta A. Cooley, Secretary Treasurer. Ankeny

Judy Boyd, Secretary Treasurer, Urbandale

Marvin Eimen, Washington Township

Marguerite Fehseke, Secretary, Corydon of Wayne

Donna Porter, Treasurer, Corydon of Wayne



**Most Valuable Committee Chair:** Marguerite Fehseke – Corydon of Wayne

**Most Valuable Past Governor:** Gerri Barnett – Fort Madison Area

**Most Valuable Lt. Governor (Overall):** **Paul Oehrlein – Zone 10 - Bettendorf**

**Governor’s Appreciation:** Marge & Earl Hopkins – Corydon of Wayne

**Optimist of the Year:** James Boyd

**Other Awards presented were:**

“For the Future” Club Patches:  
Shenandoah, Marshalltown Morning, Griswold and Burlington/ West Burlington

“Steppin Up” – President Award:  
Boyer Valley: Amanda Murphy, President  
Perry: Randall McCaulley, President

“Steppin Up for Youth – Lt Governor Award:  
Paul Oehrlein, Zone 10

“Steppin up for Youth” – Achievements and Awards  
Small Club – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Washington #40118  
Small Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Ankeny #40174  
Large Club – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Corydon of Wayne #40032  
Large Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Davenport #40040

Presidents Scrapbook –  
Less than 10,000 Population – Kalona, Robert Miller  
10,000 to 30,000 Population – North Liberty, Darlene Smith  
More than 30,000 Population – Davenport Evening, Susan McKinnis

Club Bulletin –  
Hard Copy “Steppin Up for Youth” – Council Bluffs West End – Gary Wise, President  
Vicky Smith Secy/treas.

E-Edition “Steppin Up for Youth” – Council Bluffs - Tony Paff  
– Treynor Dale Willenborg  
– Davenport QC Morning Dave Phillips

The Essay Contest Theme for 2012/2013 was “How Can I Help My Friends Realize Their Value?”  
The Oratorical Contest Theme for 2012/2013 was “Why My Voice is Important”

The District Uniform for the “Over the Rainbow” year was:

- Business Attire:
  - Black Sport Coat
  - District Beige Shirt/Blouse
  - Black Slacks or Capris/Skirt
- Casual Attire:
  - OI/District Shirt
  - Jeans/Jean Skirt

