



### Ed Yoder Died; March 15, 2023

Ed Yoder had a vision of building growth within the Optimist Organization, and he approached it from experience as a construction worker. He attempted to build a year of growth for the Iowa District through the International Renaissance, Commitment to Growth program as laid out by Optimist International President, J. Wayne Smith and his very own growth program, "Build for the Future" using his construction skills of building strong foundations and repairing the weakened parts by using new material.

Ed was active the entire year visiting Clubs all throughout Iowa and attended training and motivational conferences both within and outside of Iowa. Ed was grateful for the honor bestowed upon him being elected as Governor of the Iowa District and did not take his responsibility lightly. He pursued his goals with passion. Ed's wife, Anna, was right there with him for nearly all events to provide Ed with additional support and strength throughout the year.



The Optimist International President for this year was J. Wayne Smith with his wife Mary Jo and the Regional Vice President of the Great Plains Region was Past Distinguished Iowa Governor, Duane J Krob and his wife Mydge. The stage was set for a successful year that was met with some harsh realities.

His executive Board was:

Past Governor, Roger Koch

Immediate Past Governor, Thomas D. Lloyd II

Governor-Elect, Edwin E. Minard II

Secretary-Treasurer, Dennis E. McGregor



His Lieutenant Governors were:

Zone #1 – Patty Smith	
Zone #2 – Monte M. Dillehay	
Zone #3 – Floyd Hamman	
Zone #4 – Allan L Sams	
Zone #5 – Rob Reinard	Distinguished
Zone #6 – Walter Reed	
Zone #7 – Chet Masterson/Bob Shaw	Distinguished
Zone #8 – Robert Fisher	
Zone #9 – Troy McCarthy	
Zone #10 –Leon Wilkinson	
Zone #11 –Gary Miner	
Zone #12 –Larry A. Kramer	Distinguished/Outstanding



His District Chairs were:

JOOI/Youth Clubs	Janet Lloyd
Achievements and Awards	Dale Robertson
Bulletin Editor	Michelle McCarthy
Candidate Qualifications	Roger Koch
Communications	Renee Hardman
Community Projects Awards (CPA)	Margaret Morgan
Club Services	Judy Boyd
District Convention	Donald Lee
Finance	Paul Mauer
Historian	Margaret Morgan
Youth Activities	Steve Rogers
Junior Golf	Bob Wenner
Leadership Development	Dan Anderson
Membership	Richard Danielson
New Club Building (NCB)	Laureen Koch
Optimist International Conv. Ambassadors	Carl & Carol McCarthy
Optimist International Foundation	Roger Koch
Personal Growth and Involvement (PGI)	Lyle Magneson
OI and District Supply	Jerry Trout
Sergeant at Arms	Keebie Kessler



There were 3 New Clubs organized during his year:

- Urbandale; May 14, 1998
- Logan-Loma; June 23, 1998
- Centerville; September 30, 1998

Unfortunately, there were also 9 Clubs that disbanded during this Optimist year leaving a net loss of 6 Clubs.

Membership for the Iowa District also took a large loss of a net 233 members.

Optimist of the Year: Roger Koch

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THE FUTURE

See the next page for the Executive Team Photo. ↓

## EXECUTIVE TEAM PHOTO



**Back Row: Left to Right:**

Floyd Hamman, Lt Governor; Wilton (Leob) Wilkinson, Lt Governor; Troy McCarthy, Lt. Governor; Walter Reed, Lt. Governor; Rob Reinard, Lt. Governor; Gary Miner, Lt. Governor; Patty Smith, Lt. Governor; Larry Kramer, Lt. Governor; Robert Fisher, Lt. Governor.

**Front Row: Left to Right:**

Chet Masterson, Lt. Governor; Allan Sams, Lt. Governor; Monty Dillehay, Lt. Governor; Douglas Morgan, Secretary-Treasurer; J. Wayne Smith, OI President; Edward M. Yoder, Governor; Edwin E. Minard, Governor-Elect; Dennis E. McGregor, Secretary-Treasurer Designate

**Not Pictured:**

Thomas D. Lloyd II, Immediate Past Governor; Roger Koch, Past Governor