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THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF WASHINGTON SPREADS CHEER IN THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE.

THE NOON OPTMIST CLUB IN DAVENPORT, IOWA, HELD THIEIR ANNUAL BASKETBALL BREAKFAST. FOR THE LOCAL TEAMS IN THE QC AREA.







ELK HORN KIMBALLTON OPTIMIST CLUB HELD THEIR ANNUAL FUN NIGHT FOR YOUTH IN THEIR COMMUNITY.



MANNA CARES OPTIMIST CLUB WAS ONE OF MANY OPTIMIST CLUBS THAT PARTICIAPTED IN LOCAL TRUNK OR TREAT EVENTS AT THE END OF OCTOBER.



Consider other holiday events for December. Ideas like: Shop with a Cop & Stockings for youth in need.



KEEP BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN YOUTH, OUR COMMUNITY, AND OURSELVES!



The October Conference was a success with many ideas generated from our clubs. Keep growing your membership by sharing the amazing events you are participating in to leave trails of Optimism across our state!

Words of Wisdom from Governor Marge

I hope that all of you had a Blessed Thanksgiving. I challenge you and your club to look to the future. How can we help more children? How can we help more in our communities? If you have an idea for a new project, look toward the Optimist Foundation Grant program. It's easy to complete.

Have an idea to build a club? Just ask! There are many Past Governors and our own OI Staff member Jim Boyd that would help you get started.

Have you done your classes? Be sure to look at Optimist Institute for module training.

Consider the C.A.R.E. program. I am in need of volunteer clubs to do the C.A.R.E. program to get this off the ground in Iowa.

You are all great people, and I believe and hope you will all do your best. If you need anything, please call or email. Thank you bringing in new members - be sure to get them involved. Thank you for all you do for your communities and the kids. Iowa is made better with your trails of Optimism!

> Sincerely, Marge Hopkins



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Childhood Wellness Grant Application

LINK: https://www.optimist.org/member/health-andwellness.cfm

Optimist Institute

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