



TRAILS OF OPTIMISM

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CONGRATULATIONS to the Dubuque Morning Optimist Club!

Marge Hopkins, Iowa Optimist Governor, and Dave Phillips, Membership Engagement Chair, presented a check to this group for having the most new members in the first quarter. Cathy Schlickman was honored for having sponsored the most new members in the first quarter.



3rd Quarter Conference April 19-20, 2024

*Holiday Inn & Suites Des Moines – Northwest
4800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, IA 50322*

Friday, April 19, 2024—Executive Committee (Casual District Attire)

Lt. Governor’s Dinner..... 5:30 p.m.
Executive Business Session..... 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 20, 2024—District Board (District Business Attire)

Registration..... 7:15–8:25 a.m.
PGA Meeting..... 7:15–8:15 a.m.
First Timer Orientation..... 8:00–8:25 a.m.
General Session..... 8:30–9:00 a.m.
Workshop Session..... 9:10–9:50 a.m.
Oratorical Contest/Essay Winner..... 10:00–11:30a.m.
Zone Meetings..... 11:35–11:55 a.m.
Lunch & Awards/Quad Governors 22-23 Award Celebration.... 12:00–1:25 p.m.
Workshops Session/Round Tables..... 1:30–3:00 p.m.
Closing Session..... 3:05–4:00 p.m.

Lodging: *Holiday Inn & Suites, 4800 Merle Hay Rd. Des Moines, IA 50322*

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For Guaranteed Iowa District Optimist Room Rate of \$95.00 (Standard) **book by April 5th**

Group code: **OPT**
REGISTRATION

[Downloadable Registration Form](#)



**Make the 3rd Quarter
Conference a fun event and
learn more about spreading
optimism across the Iowa
District! Come with a team!**

BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN OURSELVES!

In March, **North Liberty Optimists** held their **Pancake Breakfast!**



HONORING & BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN OUR YOUTH!

Students from 25 high schools and middle schools were recognized as part of the **Optimist Youth Appreciation Luncheon** hosted by **Des Moines metro Optimist Clubs!** Shout out to our **SALT Junior Optimist International (JOI) Club** leaders **Jack Gummert** and **M'lynn DeRonde** from **Des Moines Christian School** as they were honored for their community service. Special guests included **Optimist International President Tracy Huxley**, **Iowa District JOI Club Governor Carter Sinclair**, and **Iowa District Optimist Governor Marge Hopkins**. Thank you to **Rob Reinard** and **Bankers Trust** for ongoing sponsorship of this outstanding program!

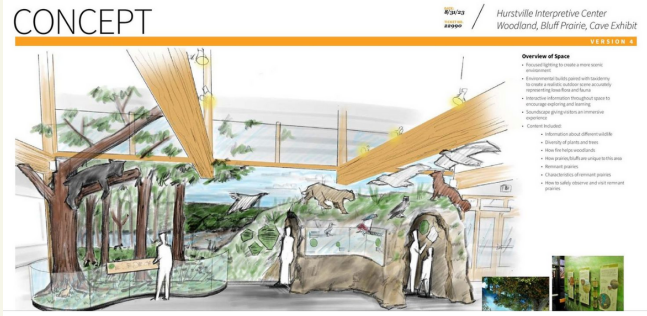


BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN THE COMMUNITY!



A big shout out to the **Optimist Club of Maquoketa** and their generous donation of \$5,000 for the new woodland and cave exhibit coming to the Hurstville Center this fall. We really appreciate the support of the Optimist Club and their mission of serving youth in our community. Students from every school district in Jackson County will be impacted by this new exhibit during school field trips.

Pictured: Optimist Club Members Roberta Rosheim, Kate Krabbenhoft, Judy Bickford, Beth Wold, Lois Fisher, Julie Weirup, Dave Hayes, Aubrey Davison, and Dick Wold. Accepting the donation is Jess Wagner with Jackson County Conservation, who is also an Optimist Member.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR



To the whole Happy Trails team and Clubs

Wow!! It's already April, the daffodils and crocuses are flourishing, and the grass is really starting to grow. We're halfway through the year, and we have a lot of work to do. I know some of your clubs have had a C.A.R.E program and some clubs are scheduled to have one in the future. Our district needs 10 clubs to complete our goal. More than 10 would be great. I appreciate all the clubs that worked hard on getting their training done on Optimist Institute.

Governor Marge Hopkins

Remember officer elections should take place in the month of April and be into Optimist International by May 10th. Training for our next officers in Optimist Institute will start on May 1st so let's get it done early.

I appreciate all the help that you have given me in my pursuit of being Governor. I also appreciate the work that your clubs do for your communities and the children. I care what happens to your clubs and what happens to the district. As a district we're doing ok. But we can do better. Their children out there need our help. WE need members and we need to keep the members we have happy and healthy. We're down a little on membership but as the Cowboys say. We're going to "Rope them In". We have time to make a difference. Thank you!



**HOPE TO SEE YOU APRIL 20 AS WE GATHER TO NETWORK AND SHARE
WHAT IS HAPPENING ACROSS OUR STATE AS WE CREATE
TRAILS OF OPTIMISM IN IOWA!**