**Sneak Peek - Optimist 2nd Qtr - Fan the Flames – Flyer, Essay & MORE!!**

Hi, Everyone,

Let’s take the Spark and Fan the Flames at 2nd Quarter Regionals Get together!!

*\*\* Please* ***forward*** *all this information to your club members \*\**

**2nd QUARTER FLYER**

Please see the attached Flyer for all the great activities and learning experiences to help Inspire and Ignite your Optimism!!

**NEW INCENTIVES!!**

*Do you* ***LOVE*** *to save Money $$*

* **Bundle and Save** – Bring 3 or more club members to 2nd and 3rd quarter conferences and get in a drawing for 50% off registration for all club members attending each conference.
* **Inspire & Ignite Your Presence!**

*(Conference/Convention attendance Qtrly Drawing)*

* + 2nd Qtr Drawing for 50% off Registration – If you attended the 1st and 2nd quarter conferences, your name will be put into a drawing for 50% 2nd Qtr registration.
	+ 3rd Qtr Drawing for 75% off Registration – If you attended 2nd and 3rd quarter conferences, your name will be put into a drawing for 75% off 3rd Qtr registration.
	+ 4th Qtr Drawing for 100 % off Registration – If you attended 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarter conferences, your name will be put into a drawing for 100% off 4th Qtr Registration.
	+ **NOTE** – *1st quarter is excluded from 3rd and 4th quarter incentives because we announced this incentive after 1st quarter’s conference.*

**ESSAY CONTEST INFORMATION**

Please see the attached **Essay** information from Ann Feilmann, District Essay Chair.

Hello Club officers!

Please let me know if your club is sponsoring an Essay contest, or interested in starting one, by emailing me at aefeilmann@gmail.com.  At this time I just need the name of your club and the contact person's details. Thanks!

That being said, if you are having or are interested in starting a contest Please forward this email to your Club's Essay Chairperson.  Thank you!

One of the big conversations this year is the use of Originality.ai to scan for Artificial Intelligence and plagiarism detection.  All winning essays will be scanned and I need your help by scanning your winning essay and submitting the report with it. It's free and if it is done at the club level can prevent your winner from being disqualified after you award!  I'm here to help you do it and interpret the results - just give me a call 641-485-1157.

**Some things to help you:**

2024-2025 Essay page link on OI:

<https://www.optimist.org/member/scholarships3.cfm>   From the Main page - Programs - Scholarship Contests - Essay Contest

There you will find the Club planning Guide, Application document for entrants, and a lot of information.  If you can't find the answer to a particular question, I will be glad to help find it. Call, text (please include your name in the text), or email me.

A sample flyer used by the Ankeny Club is attached.  Feel free to change it for your club (name, deadline, etc.) and use it. ***See attached.***

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In setting your timeline to allow for judging, scanning, and birth date verification, remember that your winning Club Essay needs to be in my hands by February 28, 2025 – let’s say at 11:59 pm.

Looking forward to a great contest! Thank you for all your work!

***Ann***

Yours in Optimism,

***Governor Sue***

*(Presidents, Secretary, Treasurers, District Team)*