

# Kansas District Newsletter September 2025

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KANSAS DISTRICT OPTIMIST
1st Quarter District Meeting
October 17-18,2025
Salina

Saturday morning meeting:

8:00 a.m.-Registration & Coffee

9:00 a.m. - Meeting Begins

Christ the King Lutheran Church 111 W. Magnolia Rd. Salina, KS

Lodging:

Rooms may still be available at: Comfort Suites Salina South 715 W. Schilling Rd Salina

Governor Randy Bailes invites you to attend the 1<sup>s</sup> Quarter District Meeting in Salina.

Learn about District and OI programs and events. Share ideas and programs with other clubs. Enjoy fellowship with Optimist friends.

Registration form at the end of the newsletter or register online at ksoptimist.org. Register by October 10<sup>th</sup>. If past October 10th, contact Joe Shank at shank9538@aol.com for late registration.



## MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR RANDY BAILES

Greetings fellow Optimists! Today marks the beginning of a new chapter in our journey together, a chapter filled with promise, potential, and the power of optimism. I am deeply grateful for the trust and confidence you have placed in me, and I am eager to embark on this journey with all of you

My Optimist journey began when I visited and then joined the Optimist Club of Topeka in August of 1985, 40 years ago. It was after I left employment with the City of Topeka, that my friend and then former supervisor asked me to attend an Optimist Club meeting with him. I worked with/for him for over eight years, during which he never asked me to attend a Club meeting. Remember, the number one reason why people join an Optimist Club is because a friend asks them to visit their Club. They remain a member because of what we do in our Clubs. Over the years, I have had the privilege of serving in various capacities, including two terms as Club President, several years serving on the board of directors of the Optimist Club of Topeka, and two terms as Lt Governor for Zone 2, of the Kansas District. Each role provided me with invaluable experiences and insights into the workings of our organization.

As we step into this new Optimist year, I am filled with a sense of purpose and determination. Our mission to bring out the best in youth, our communities, and ourselves is more important than ever. Here are my goals for next year:

- **1, Strengthening Our Community Outreach**: We need to focus on expanding our community programs and initiatives to reach more young people and families in need. By partnering with local schools, organizations, and businesses, we can create a stronger support network and make a lasting impact.
- **2. Enhancing Member Engagement:** Our strength lies in our members. I am committed to fostering a sense of belonging and engagement within our clubs. We will introduce new activities, training sessions, and social events to ensure that every member feels valued and motivated to contribute.
- **3. Promoting Leadership Development**: Leadership is at the core of our success. We will invest in leadership development programs to empower our members with the skills and confidence they need to take on leadership roles within their club, the district, and beyond. By nurturing the next generation of leaders, we ensure the sustainability and growth of our organization.

#### MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR RANDY BAILES (CONT.)

- **4. Focusing on Youth Programs:** Our young people are our future. We will continue to support and expand our youth programs, such as the Oratorical Contest, Essay Contest, Junior Optimist Golf, and Junior Optimist Clubs. These programs provide young people with opportunities to develop their talents, build self-confidence, and achieve their dreams.
- **5. Embracing Innovation:** In a rapidly changing world, we must be adaptable and open to new ideas. We will explore innovative approaches to our programs and operations, leveraging technology and creative solutions to enhance our impact and reach.

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your dedication and passion. Together, we can achieve great things and continue to make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve. Let us embrace the spirit of optimism, knowing that our collective efforts can transform lives and communities. As we move forward, let us be guided by our shared vision and unwavering commitment to excellence.

As the Optimist Creed reminds us, let us "promise ourselves to be so strong that nothing can disturb our peace of mind," "to talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet," and "to look at the sunny side of everything and make our optimism come true." With these guiding principles, we can overcome any challenge and achieve extraordinary success.

Remember, the future is bright, and the possibilities are endless. With optimism as our guiding light, we can transform our dreams into reality. I am excited about the journey ahead and look forward to working alongside each of you to make this Optimist year one of our best yet. I challenge you to keep bringing out the best in our youth, our communities, and ourselves.

Thank you, and let's make this year extraordinary!

Randy
Randall Bailes
2025-2026 Kansas District Governor
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## MESSAGE FROM IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR JUDY MORRIS



Our 2024-2025 "Optimist" Year has come to a close, but our Kansas Optimists always move seamlessly from one "year" to the next without missing a beat. I am so proud of our Kansas Optimist Clubs and all you accomplish throughout every year.

Our amazing communication team of Mary Griffin and Katie Bieker created a PowerPoint drawn from photos and articles submitted by individual clubs for the Kansas District Newsletter. It showcases some of the many programs, projects and activities that have taken place recently. Look for your club in the PowerPoint! It was one of the highlights of our 2025 Kansas District Convention, an annual event that brings together Optimists from clubs throughout the State for times of fun, fellowship, and learning.

Below is a link for you to view "2024-2025. A Year of Optimism", Kansas Optimists Serving Youth. Take a look and get a glimpse of the tremendous impact our Kansas Optimists have on their communities – You are Awesome! <a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1glzL6NaCku2JGweLOKEHGR3ux5yfghEY/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=110831663250124875182&rtpof=true&sd=true">https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1glzL6NaCku2JGweLOKEHGR3ux5yfghEY/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=110831663250124875182&rtpof=true&sd=true</a>

Take time at the end of this Optimist year to thank your club members for all their hard work and their many accomplishments during the year. Recognize them with a club event, a small gift or just a big "Thank You".

Don't forget it's super- simple to add new members on the OI website, and more Optimists can multiply the service and positive impact our clubs can make. Ask a friend or family member to join the effort!

Thank you for being Kansas Optimists!
Judy

### 1st QUARTER MEETING INVITATION

September 21, 2025

Greetings Fellow Optimists,

We are excited to invite you to the 1st Quarter Kansas District Conference, which will be held on October 18, 2025, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, located at 111 W. Magnolia, Salina, Kansas. This conference is a wonderful opportunity for members from across the Kansas District to come together, share ideas, and collaborate on our mission to bring out the best in youth, our communities, and ourselves.

The conference will feature a variety of sessions and workshops designed to inspire and equip you with the tools and knowledge to make a positive impact. It will also be a great chance to network with fellow Optimists and learn from each other's experiences.

Registration forms have been posted to the District website www.ksoptimist.org, then click on the page for quarterly meeting information, then one of the links for registration. A registration form is also included at the end of this newsletter.

We look forward to your participation and are confident that this event will be both enjoyable and enriching. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a day of learning, sharing, and fellowship. I have attached a tentative agenda for the conference.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address or phone number shown below.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Optimist mission. We hope to see you there!

Yours in Optimism, Randy

Randy Bailes 20225-2026 KS District Governor Randyb16@cox.net 7785-224-9006

## 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER MEETING AGENDA

Randy Bailes 2025-2026 Governor

> Kansas District Optimist First Quarter Meeting Christ the King Lutheran Church 111 W Magnolia Rd, Salina KS

October 17-18, 2025

#### Friday, October 17

6:00 p.m. Dinner on your own or as a group

8:00 p.m. Informal gathering of Optimists – Comfort Suites Salina South

#### Saturday, October 18

8:00 a.m. Registration & Coffee

9:00 a.m. Welcome – Governor Randy Bailes
Posting of Colors
Greetings
Recognize First-Timers!!

9:15 a.m. Salina Welcome

9:30 a.m. Optimist International Special Guest: Dan Meers AKA KC Wolf

10:30 a.m. Meet the OI President/1st Lady Tom and Jen Kendo

11:00 a.m. Break

### 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER MEETING AGENDA (CONT)

11:15 a.m. Business Meeting – Governor Randy Bailes presiding

Approval of Minutes – Secretary Mary Griffin
Approval of Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Joe Shank
Approval of 2025-2026 District Budget
District Team Reports
Lt. Governor Zone Reports
Old Business
New Business
Adjourn Business Meeting

Noon Lunch

1:00 p.m. Member Engagement – Rod Obermeier

1:30 p.m. Leadership Development - Kris Kirkes

2:00 p.m. Kansas Optimist Club Showcase

2:30 p.m. Zone Breakout Meeting

3:00 pm Closing Remarks

Creed - Adjourn

#### KANSAS DISTRICT OPTIMIST 2025 CONVENTION

The Kansas District Optimist Annual Convention was held August 15-17 at the Doubletree by Hilton @ the Wichita Airport. Friday evening was very hot. and attendees moved indoors to enjoy a pizza dinner together. Some folks gathered in the Hospitality Room following the meal to watch the Chiefs game and visit.

The Convention officially began at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning with the Presentation of Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance by a local Junior ROTC Color Guard. Convention business was conducted in the morning and Middle America Vice President Liz Christman spoke to the group via Zoom. Following lunch, training discussions for officers were held and reports from Committee Chairs and Lt. Governors were given.

Saturday evening a banquet was held with the installation of the 2025-2026 Leadership Team by Ruth Nelson, Past Optimist International Vice President and Past Kansas District Governor. The Convention closed on Sunday morning with a Memorial Service for Kansas Optimists lost this past year, a buffet breakfast, and closing remarks.









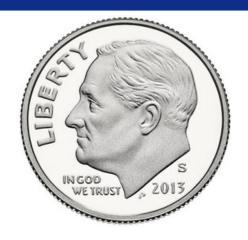




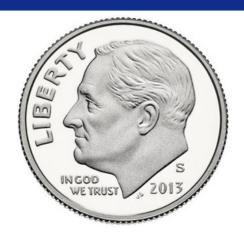




#### KANSAS DISTRICT FOUNDATION



# KANSAS PROUD TO ALL KANSAS OPTIMISTS 2025/2026 IS THE YEAR OF THE DIME A DAY



Optimist International Foundation is the program arm of Optimist International. The monies contributed to your Foundation are tax deductible and distributed to our Optimist Clubs and the youth through our scholarships and other programs. When contributing to a charitable organization, it is important to know the efficiency rating for that organization. That is, what percentage of the money contributed actually is applied to the purpose for which it was given? Your Optimist Foundation has an efficiency rating of over 90%. Therefore, for each \$1.00 that you contribute to the Foundation, \$.90 goes directly, or indirectly, to supporting, recognizing, and encouraging our youth and communities. A Dime A Day membership of \$36.50 provides \$32.85 for our youth and communities.

The funds directly impact our youth through our scholarship programs:

- Provide for Youth Scholarships......\$400,000
   Each District (40) is allocated \$10,000 for Essay, Oratorical, and CCDHH scholarships. If your club has ever had a District Essay or Oratorical c contest winner then that individual has won a \$2,500 scholarship from the Foundation.
- Supports our Junior Optimist Program .....\$161,000.
- Supports the Childhood Health and Wellness Program which includes Childhood Cancer.......\$76,000.

Your Foundation also supports our clubs through:

- Awarding 19 Club Grant projects.....\$21,000.
- Supporting Clubs through the Pass-Through Accounts....\$355,000
- Supporting Clubs through the Club Campaign Accounts......\$454,000

#### KANSAS DISTRICT FOUNDATION (CONT.)

We have an OUTSTANDING group of Optimists in our state. We have 30 clubs ranging from Pratt in the Southwest, to Kansas City NE in the Northeast, to Great Bend in the West and to Independence in the Southeast. All of our Kansas clubs do a super job in "Bringing Out The Best in our Youth, Our Communities, and Ourselves."

We are very fortunate to have excellent leadership throughout our state from our Governor Randy Bailes, our Governor-Elect Jacob Swisher, our dedicated Board of Directors, and our individual club presidents. I am asking that we all join together in support of our International Foundation for the 2025/2026 year by encouraging all of our members to give serious consideration of being a Dime A Day member of our Foundation.

I saw an ad on TV recently that said "For only \$19.00 a month you MAY make a difference." I am here to tell you that for \$3.05 a month you WILL make a difference in a child's life! So, as we pay our dues for the upcoming year, please consider adding \$36.50 for your Dime A Day membership in Your Optimist Foundation.

There is some paperwork for your treasurer. They will need to go to the Optimist International Foundation website and download a Dime A Day form for each member that joins and then send a check with the completed forms to the address listed on the forms. If writing a separate check for Dime A Day, please go to the same website and fill out the form and send it in. If you are sending a personal check please be sure to write Dime A Day on the memo line. Also, if you are so inclined, there are additional levels of giving:

President's Club.....\$ 250.00

Friends of Today.....\$ 500.00

Christian D. Larson Partner.....\$1,000.00

If you choose to contribute to one of these levels, you will be included as a Dime A Day member. These are non-restricted levels of giving and they will count toward your annual giving. More about that in our next newsletter.

Thank You, and remember – Together Everyone Achieves More (T.E.A.M.)

Yours in Optimism, Dale E. Fox, Kansas District Foundation Rep ddfox1701@yahoo.com

## KANSAS DISTRICT OPTIMIST CHILDHOOD CANCER GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 17th Annual Kansas District Childhood Cancer Golf Tournament kicked off at Prairie Highlands Golf Course in Olathe on August 4th with 144 teams. Joe Lauria, Fox 4 TV Meteorologist, brought the good weather vibes and Michael Knop & Ed Colson, Co-Chairs, provided a well organized tournament hosted by the Olathe Noon Optimist Club.

Governor, Judy Morris and team mates Jim Morris, Past Governor, Kit Kelley, and Charlie Galligher's Grandson, Ryan Brown took first place. It has been several years since an Optimist team had won the tournament. Congratulations! The first-place trophy was presented to the team at the District Leadership Retreat in Emporia on Saturday, September 20th.

Two Keen Wealth Advisor teams took second and third place. Other awards presented include Longest putt: Gary Jones, Longest Drive: Alyssa Vaughn (Enterprise Bank & Trust Sponsor team) and Mike Meyer, Closest 2nd Shot: Steve Colson.

This year's tournament raised over \$19,000 net to be distributed, along with the District's Individual and Club donation, to Camp Quality Ks/Mo United and Camp Hope in December. The total donated to provide camping experiences for kids with cancer over the past 17 years will be close to a net of \$326,000 when the distribution is made in December 2025.

While there are many Optimist Clubs who support Camp Quality throughout the U.S. the Kansas District is the largest single District Donor and the District was recognized at Camp Quality USA National Convention in 2024.

## KANSAS DISTRICT OPTIMIST CHILDHOOD CANCER GOLF TOURAMENT (CONT.)

Alyssa Vaughn, of Enterprise Bank & Trust was surprised a couple of years ago to see her daughter's picture on one of the Hole Signs. Teams and Sponsors play & represent kids from the camps as they play. She spoke at this year's tournament about Gianna's Cancer Journey, having been diagnosed with Leukemia at age 3, how it effects the child, the family, and how her attendance at both camps over time have helped her and the family through the process. If players didn't understand the value of their support Alyssa brought it home.

A very special Thank You to our Sponsors: Keen Wealth Advisors, KU Health Systems-Olathe Center, Enterprise Bank & Trust for their on-going support of the Tournament. Also, to J's BBQ for being our favorite lunch sponsor, and Torchy's Breakfast Tacos! A shout-out to our Hole Sponsors: Olathe Ford, Garmin International, Golf MD, Phil & Mary Griffin, Single Source Printing, Olathe Noon Optimist Club, Simmon's Bank, Merriam Optimist Club, Bank of Blue Valley, Embassy Suites, Edward Jones, Krispy Kreme, Franklin County Optimists, Sunrise Optimist Topeka North, Heartland Precision Fasteners, Charles Galligher, Marlene Natoli, Ruth Nelson (Past Governors), and Larry Drbal, donor! Last, and certainly not least, thanks to the Olathe Noon Optimist Club who step up every year to host the tournament and extra kudos to Carolyn Holland who reaches works hard to put together all the great auction gifts for players.

Tournaments don't last without players, and we have been very fortunate to have great retention and support. So, Thank You to all those who have played with us over time as well as those who join us each year to make this a success. Nor do tournaments succeed without the hard work of the team that puts them together each year. Thanks to Michael Knop, Ed Colson (Co-Chairs), Charles Galligher (Treasurer), Ruth Nelson (Tournament Coordinator), Carolyn Holland (Raffle Chair), and the Olathe Noon Optimists who help sponsor the tournament on behalf of the Kansas

Ruth Nelson, Health and Wellness Committee rnelson1021@sbcglobal.net

#### CALIFORNIA PALISADES FIRE SUPPORT FINAL REPORT

At the 2025 Optimist Internation Convention, Jim Oliver, a member of the Palisades Optimist Club, sought out Kansas District attendees to express appreciation for the support shown to the families of his club who lost their homes in the horrific Palisades Fire. The check from the Kansas District has now been cashed with thanks and gratitude. Support from an unexpected source showed that outreach to others within the greater Optimist Community can make a difference. Thanks to all who participated! You are AWESOME!!

Ruth Nelson Olathe Noon rnelson1021@sbcglobal.net

#### PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS MEET

At the start of the Kansas District Optimist Convention the former Kansas District Governors and their guests met for lunch in Emporia.



The West Wichita Optimists and their guests attended the NBC Baseball Tournament on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th...</sup> They enjoyed the game from the comfort of an air-conditioned skybox!



In August the West Wichita Club and their guests visited McConnell Air Force Base. Member Bill Cawood set up the tour with Leigh Bellinger, Public Affairs Chief of Community Relations for McConnell's 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Refueling Wing. Club members toured the McConnell fire station, saw a demonstration of the base Honor Guard, and also watched a demonstration of the base's guard dogs before enjoying a meal at the base dining facility.



The Topeka Optimists recently donated 95 pounds of meat including chicken, beef, bacon, and sausage to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Kansas. The gift will help the House provide comforting, home cooked meals for the guest families at the RMHC.



Jim Morris, 2024-2025 District Foundation Rep, presented Optimist Internation Foundation Benefactor pins to Jan and Ernie Dyer of the Lawrence Breakfast Club.



The Olathe Noon Optimist Club held their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scholarship Steak Fry at the Heritage Center on the grounds of the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm Historic Site on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The event raises money to fund a scholarship for an Olathe graduating senior who plans to pursue an education in a technical field.







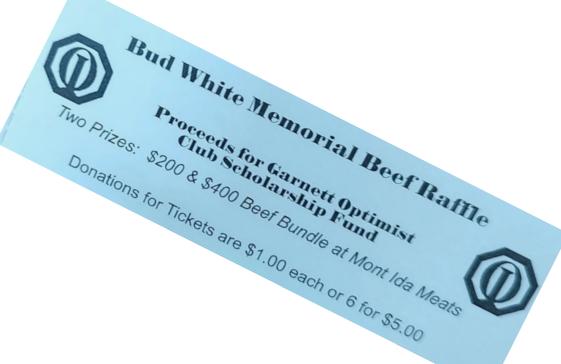


Congratulations to Manhattan Optimist Club Member and past Kansas District Governor, Doug Jardine, for raising \$4,723 by riding 535 miles during the month of September in the Great Cycle Challenge for the Children's Cancer Research Fund.



The Garnett Optimist Club recently held the Bud White Memorial Beef Raffle to raise money to fund their many programs for young people.





The Manhattan Club will hold their annual Chili Crawl Fundraiser in Aggieville on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Attendees enjoy visiting various restaurants, sampling chili at each one, and voting for their favorite chili entry.



The Junction City Club held a fundraiser breakfast on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion. Junction City Breakfast Club, Junction City High School Junior Optimists, JCHS Junior ROTC and Legion members all worked together to raise money to assist families with past due breakfast/lunch accounts in Junction City Schools.





The Independence Optimist Club held their Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at Dickey's Barbecue Pitt in Independence. "Chris Cakes" provided the food and entertainment and children enjoyed face painting and balloon animal creations.





Members of the Derby Club took several of their games to Derby Middle School to provide entertainment at the school's recent dance.



The Ark City Optimists participated in the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Sgt. Jerry Mills, Jr. Fishing Derby in September.







Each year the Great Bend Optimist Club sends a young person to HOBY, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference. This summer Slayde

Apley attended the conference.



Franklin County Optimists presented two special 2025 Junior Golf Awards following their summer Golf Tournament. The Bill Smell Junior Golf Inspiration Award was given to Luke Rivers (left). The Al Seitz Sportsmanship Award was presented to Layla Rolfe (right)



The Sunrise Optimist Club of North Topeka invites you to the:



Saturday, November 1, 2025 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sunrise Optimist Event Center

720 NW 50th Street, Topeka

(North across NW 50<sup>th</sup> Street from Seaman High School)

Give Original Hand Crafted Gifts for the Holidays

FREE ADMISSION

#### **Concession Stand Available**

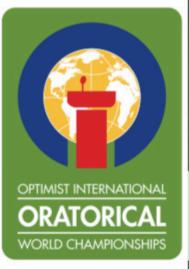
(Operated by Sunrise Optimist Club members)

https://sunriseoptimist.org

email: CraftFair@sunriseoptimist.org

https://www.facebook.com/SunriseOptimistHolidayCraftFair

## OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONTESTS 2025-2026





Topic

"The Moment I Realized I Belonged

—My Definition of Community"

#### **ORATORICAL CONTEST**

Beginning in 1928, the Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program of Optimist International.

The contest is designed for young people to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with an opportunity to compete for multiple college scholarships with a pre-assigned topic.

District Scholarships:
First Place: \$2,500 • Second Place: \$1,500 • Third Place: \$1,000
with a chance to win up to \$22,500 at the
World Championships level

#### **ESSAY CONTEST**

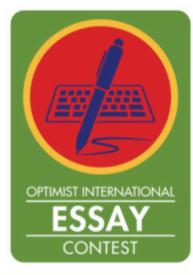
The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live.

The approach can encompass a young person's personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective. In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship!

One District Scholarship of \$2,500



Topic
"How My Acts of Service Help Me
Understand What My Community
Means to Me"







"The Moment I Realized I Belonged

-My Definition of Community"

## COMMUNICATION CONTEST FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

This contest offers an opportunity for students who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing to present their thoughts in the community, gaining skills, which can only come from signing or speaking to a large audience. Patterned after the Optimist Oratorical Contest, the contest offers youth the chance to compete in speech or sign language with the chance to win a college scholarship.

One District Scholarship of \$2,500

#### KIDS SPEAK OUT! SPEECH CONTEST

All young people can compete in the Optimist Oratorical Contest. The "Kids Speak Out" contest is a "pre-Oratorical" program that provides a more equitable competition for younger speakers.







#### Kansas District 37 – Optimist International 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter District Conference

October 17 - 18, 2025

Meeting Place: Christ the King Lutheran Church 111 W Magnolia Road Salina, KS 67401



CONFERENCE FEES:	Quantity	Cost	Total
Covers the cost of room rental, conference materials and lunch		\$20.00	
I will be attending but will not be eating lunch:		\$5.00	
I will not be attending, but would like to donate:	10	\$10.00	
TOTAL Conference Fees:	12 (7 20 <u>1</u> 4)		

Member Name:	Club Name:		
Club Number:	Club or District Position:		
Member Name:	Club Name:		
Club Number:	Club or District Position:		
Spouse/Guest Name(s):			
Address:	City, State, Zip:		
Please provide a contact phone number:			
Please note any special dietary or physical needs:			
Please check if you will be attending your FIRST District Meeting: $lacksquare$			
Please return Registration Forms to	Kansas District Optimist 6119 Noland Road Shawnee, Kansas 66216		
Please return this form by: October	Contract Contractions		

Please arrange for overnight accommodations directly with:

**Comfort Suites Salina South** 715 W Schilling Rd Salina, KS 67401 785-404-6944

Rate: \$129.00 + taxes

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To receive this Special Optimist Rate mention Kansas District Optimist, reservations must be made by:

October 3, 2025

Thanks so much to all the contributors who helped make this newsletter possible by providing news or information by email, text or Facebook post. Forgive me, if I forgot anyone, but I want to show that it takes **ALL** of you to create our newsletter!

Governor Randy Bailes

Immediate Past Governor Judy Morris

Joe Shank, Treasurer

Suzi Obermeier, Conferences, Convention

Charlie Galligher, Finance Chair and Treasurer, Golf Tournament

Dale Fox, Foundation Rep

Ruth Nelson, Childhood Cancer Golf Tournament

Dan Holder, West Wichita Optimist Club

Topeka Optimist Club and Ronald McDonald House Charities of

Northeast Kansas

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Manhattan Optimist Club

Past Governor Doug Jardine

Garnett Optimist Club

Nita Miller, Junction City Breakfast Optimist Club

Independence Optimist Club

Andree Sisco, Derby Optimist Club

Ark City Optimist Club

Great Bend Optimist Club

Franklin County Optimist Club

Sunrise Optimist Club of North Topeka

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Steve Rogers for the Golf Tournament Photo

And, of course, a huge thank you to my daughter, Katie Bieker, for

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