



DMM District Dispatch

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iImagine— A.L.I.V.E. Alleviating Loneliness in a Vibrant Environment

TRUE --the center of the Optimist universe is the local club. One member at a time is how you build your club, growing by 5, then 10, etc. or when the 1 member at a time totals 75 members, 35 members, 25 members, 20 members and 10 members at time! We need to reflect on the positivity of asking the question. Join me in living the Optimist Creed by Bringing the Best Out in Youth, in Yourself and in Your Community. Thank you for asking the question..

Sally Sez... It seems like such a small gesture to say thank you to the following members who have reached out to the citizens of their community asking them to become members of Optimist International. The following recognition notifications have been sent to recipients: Letter of Recognition, Note of thanks, and Pin. **All individuals will be acknowledged at the 4th Quarter Conference and Convention October 23 and 24, 2020, in Watertown SD Convention Center. Please plan on attending.**

EXCITING NEWS —I received confirmation that OI President Adrian Elcock will join the DMM 4th Quarter Convention Zoom meeting August 8, 2020, 9:00am—12 noon!



iImagine



SAVE THE DATES Upcoming DMM Gatherings

August 8, 2020 9:00AM CST ZOOM Convention Business Meeting

Agenda: Conduct necessary business to ensure smooth transition to the 2020-2021 Optimist Year.

October 23-24 Watertown, SD

Combination: 2019-2020 iImagine Celebration /Convention and 2020-2021 1st Quarter Meeting





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Just Ask.....

Name	recognition	club
Jonathan Purdy	one member recruitment	Vermillion, SD
Terry Langness	one member recruitment	Bloomington, MN
Michelle Walker	one member recruitment	Bismarck, ND
Courtney Vandyke	one member recruitment	Jamestown, ND
Mary Swingle	one member recruitment	Central MN NOON
Mathew L Nicklos	one member recruitment	Dickinson, ND
Josh Buhman	one member recruitment	Brandon, SD
Allison Roper	one member recruitment	Dickinson ND
Brooks Grotte	one member recruitment	Bismarck, ND
Wayne Munson	one member recruitment	Bismarck, ND
Jalisa Timmes	one member recruitment	Minot, ND
Cellest E Hofer	one member recruitment	Minot, ND
Chris Ingram	one member recruitment	Glen Lake MN
Makayla Wijeratne	one member recruitment	St. Cloud MN
Hannah Ohm	one member recruitment	Fargo, ND
Margie Bodas	one member recruitment	St Paul. MN
Bill Salisbury	one member recruitment	Roseville MN
Anita Drentlaw	five member recruitment	Prior-Lake Savage, MN
Jim Clark	five member recruitment	Glen Lake MN
Kristi (Cricket) Palmer	five member recruitment	Rushmore Noon, SD
Stephen Severance	five member recruitment	St Paul. MN
Donald Salverda	75 member recruitment	Roseville MN
Brad Zomer	35 member recruitment	Mitchell, SD
Sally Damm Norby	25 member recruitment	Brookings, SD
AJ Menden	20 member recruitment	Brandon, SD
James Holter	10 member recruitment	Grand Forks, ND

Reminder—local club members are the center of the Optimist Universe so consider asking to your club one new person. Provide them the opportunity to live the Optimist Creed and be the change in their community by Bringing the Best Out in Youth, in Yourself and in the Community. Recruiting new members is outside the “comfort zone” for a good number of us. One way to get out of that zone is to take a different mental approach to recruiting; i.e. consider it as doing a favor to someone by introducing him/her to the opportunity of making a positive impact on kids’ lives and to satisfy an innate need that we all possess; i.e., to add a meaningful purpose to our lives.

The District is 1897 members strong. Realistic goal: Each DMM Club add 2 new optimistic people to the mission of Optimist before September 30.





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Imagine—A.L.I.V.E. MESSAGES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

49 DMM members registered for the Optimist International Convention: Gov. Sally and the DMM District want to recognize and thank you for taking time out of your day (s) to participate in the convention. The District will pay the \$35 registration fee if you answer “yes “ to the following questions:

I am the 2020-2021-Pres-Elect, S/T Elect, OI Foundation Rep or their designate (s)

This is the first time I attended an OI convention

Current officers/or those club members that are interested in leadership positions on the local or District level

To receive reimbursement, each Registered Convention Participant must print off a copy of the confirmation email, attach it to an official

DMM expense voucher and send to Ken Munch-DMM-Sec/Treas. dmmunchken@gmail.com

Fillable Link <https://www.optimist-dmm.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/District-Expense-Voucher-1.pdf>

Deadline: August 1,2020

Please click on the email sent to you with the Login Information for iImagine

DAKOTAS, MANITOBA, MINNESOTA

Darin Allen (1122)	Melanie Griebel (1418)	Kristi L Palmer (137)
Carmen Bakken (113)	Kevin Hammell (674)	Elizabeth Paulson (1271)
Donald L Berger (315)	Aleisha Huppler (1185)	Elizabeth E Paulson (956)
Cheryl Bergstrom (161)	Robert Hurd (1207)	George R Paulson (957)
James L Bisek (986)	Kenneth Inman (1483)	Ann Polachek (1037)
Dee Bormann (893)	Kelly Jaderborg (244)	Jessica A Poskozim (659)
Janet Ann Brubakken (931)	Karen James (1292)	John R. Rheinberger (718)
Sheila Bruhn (1344)	Susan Keller (1373)	Paul M Richter (968)
Malcom Chapman (1131)	Mark Kline (1345)	David Schaps (1096)
Faith Clover (1297)	Brad Konechne (1464)	Thomas A Seamans (667)
Sally 35027-6718 Damm Norby (166)	Nicole Kringstad (192)	stephen W severance (151)
John Dockerty (1283)	David Martin (1176)	Chuck H Spavin (665)
Susan M Fix (74)	Mary J Milroy (905)	Carol Thomas (1217)
Kelsey Fonkert (1486)	Kenneth Munch (508)	Brenda110 Thornton (1017)
Jerilyn M Gorman (38)	David Norby (166)	Francis2196 Toscana (1184)
Terry K Gorman (38)	Hannah Ohm (1522)	Kevin Watt (1183)
		Deb K Wolforth (700)

REMINDER: by logging back into the convention registration page using your registering email address, you are able to watch the educational sessions and all recorded sessions until **September 30, 2020**. Consider using them as a guide to develop your upcoming year —the educational session could be a program at a local club meeting. **All individuals will be acknowledged in Watertown October 23-24, 2020 Please plan on attending.**



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APPLY FOR A MATCHING GRANT FROM THE DMM FOR YOUR COMMUNITY:

https://www.optimist-dmm.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DMM_Matching_Grant_Application.pdf



Optimist clubs of the DMM District are the center of Optimist International. Clubs are encouraged to apply for matching grants up to \$500 -- DMM clubs choose to sponsor one of the new Performing Arts Programs . Applications accepted until **Aug 6, 2020**, announcement of approved grants on **Aug 31,2020**, and the project completed by **Oct. 2021** (due to the worldwide virus this matching DMM grant incentive has been extended to the 2020-2021 year for completion.) The total DMM grants approved cannot exceed \$3,500.



Deadline to submit competitive matching grant requests August 6, 2020.

Announcement of approved grant recipients August 31 ,2020

Expenditure voucher must be submitted to DMM Sec./Treas after project is complete and by midnight May 20, 2021.

Project completed by October 2021

New initiative programs link: <https://www.optimist.org/member/membersmenu.cfm> scroll down, watch right hand side, locate programs, click on community activities, look to the right of the page to find the community activities including the new arts initiatives.

The competitive grants will be offered in the areas of:

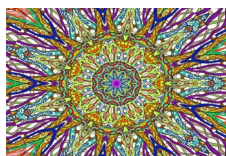
- a. **Optimist Visual Arts Competition** Students age 11 and younger can participate in painting or drawing with the theme "iImagine Being an Optimist." Competition will take place at both the Club and International levels with International winners receiving scholarships of \$250, \$150 and \$100.
- b. **Optimist Photography Competition** Students will submit photos that best exemplify the Optimist Creed. This competition will be based at the Club level, and will be open to all students who have not yet started post-secondary education.
- c. **Kids Speak Out** This is an old favorite with fresh, new energy. Students age 11 and younger can practice for the Optimist Oratorical competition while Clubs can foster a pool of future Oratorical participants. This year's theme is "iImagine Being an Optimist."
- d. **iImagine--A Kaleidoscope of the Performing Arts** Create your own performing arts showcase to highlight the talent in your community! Our new guide to help you make your event a success from auditions to encore!
- e. **Optimists Spark Fun in the Park** Work with JOI, College Optimist Clubs and other adult Optimists to create a fun day in a local park for children of all ability levels. Our new guide will offer activity ideas, promotion ideas, practical advice and more.

All these programs, with the exception of the expanded Kids Speak Out, were designed by OI President Adrian Elcock and are being offered for the first time, "to explore new ways to engage the world's youth using the creative arts".

To access the fillable PDF file copy and paste the following link in your browser <https://www.optimist-dmm.org/> Also found on the DMM Optimist web site or DMM FACEBOOK. The DMM Expense Voucher is located on the DMM website under "District Business".

Sally Damm Norby by sallyop-

timist@gmail.com



Your club can also apply for OIF grants Optimist International Link for club pass through grant:

<https://oifoundation.org/downloads/club-pass-through-grant-application.pdf>

Optimist International Link for club grants: <https://www.oifoundation.org/club-grant.html>



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UPDATES and POINTS OF INFORMATION

- 1. CLUB ELECTIONS:** Thank you to the 10 clubs that have reported their 2020-2021 President, Secretary; Treasurer and Optimist Foundation Representative. The other 47 clubs need to elect the upcoming officers and report to Optimist International.

Club Leaders: IMMEDIATE actions that need to be taken for sustainability and stability of our local clubs!

- A. Elect your officers for the incoming year 2020-2021
- B. If you are not meeting in person to elect officers, put into action a ZOOM meeting to accomplish this task.
- C. Report your incoming officers on the optimist leaders.org web site
- D. Follow the instructions below to register the club officers for training
- E. Encourage members to be part of the Learning Management System of Optimist International

This is such an exciting step towards the sustainability and stability of our local clubs Gov. Elect Bakken & the Secretary-Treasurer Lambert use these Reports to set up the District Directory.

Click on this link for full details:

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/optimist-international/big-news-you-can-now-use-the-lms-plus-free-access-for-club-officers/10157519884483107/>

- 2. All clubs are to create a club Gmail account that OI can link to the Learning Management System (LMS).** By creating a Club email, everyone within your Club will have access to the LMS through the email and password you create. This way no one will have to use their personal email address for the system. Once you have created your Club's email address, please send the email address to michelle.turner@optimist.org. Please log into <https://www.optimist.org/member/learning-management.cfm>. There are more training videos to come so check back often. Learning Management System training is here: for ALL MEMBERS and the for the President Elects, S/T Elects, Club Foundation Reps, and Lt Gov's. <https://optimist.tovuti.io/>

BIG NEWS! You Can Now Use the LMS, Plus Free Access for Club Officers

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020-READING TIME: 2 MINUTES

More Licenses Available!

Dear Optimist International Leader,

The launch of the new Learning Management System was a big step forward for Optimist International to improve the way we provide training materials to Clubs. In the weeks since the launch, we have shared your comments with President Adrian Elcock. He wants you to know that we appreciate your positive response. Based on your feedback we have re-iMaged our roll-out plan. Many Clubs shared that they would prefer individual accounts rather than a shared Club account. **We are now going to give each Club 4 FREE licenses to the system.** These licenses are reserved for the Club President, Club President-Elect, Club Secretary Treasurer, and Club Foundation Representative (this will be updated every year for the new person in each role). When your Club signs up for the new license, we will remove permission for the current generic Club account.

In addition, we are pleased to announce we will also offer all Optimist members a chance to purchase a license for \$6 USD per year per member. If your Club would like to pay for members, please contact michelle.turner@optimist.org.

With everyone having the opportunity to be in the system, we will be able to track each member's progress as they complete courses. Past officers will have the option to renew their account each year for the same fee.

Please see the attached documents with instructions on how to log in for the FREE membership and how members can register.

Thank you, Michelle Turner: LMS Administrator michelle.turner@optimist.org

HOW TO REGISTER FOR MEMBERS LINK : https://files.constantcontact.com/bd835e88001/c4887d05-207e-4ca6-b1fa-af8f4af4abff.pdf?fbclid=IwAR15INRwiSDj3-b6H_Rg9Hcv-H_v-dtFSJNEX0_oUbtv7eyAxEoow91PwtU

HOW TO REGISTER FOR OFFICERS: https://files.constantcontact.com/bd835e88001/c4887d05-207e-4ca6-b1fa-af8f4af4abff.pdf?fbclid=IwAR15INRwiSDj3-b6H_Rg9Hcv-H_v-dtFSJNEX0_oUbtv7eyAxEoow91PwtU



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SPOTLIGHT

Bringing Out The Best

The Optimist Creed *Promise Yourself*

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

Get to Know the Brandon Valley Optimist Club of Brandon Valley, SD — *location of the DMM Convention that was and then wasn't and might be someday!!*

The Brandon Valley Optimist Club prides itself on being a pillar of the Brandon Valley Community. The 72 members participate in Optimist International-sponsored programs, and have branched out to become a vital aspect of their community.

The Brandon Valley club has witnessed tremendous success in the OI oratorical and Essay contests. Several years ago, one of our contestants placed at the Oratorical World Competition in St. Louis. Other representatives have won the zone contest four years in a row, our 2019-20 contestant finished 3rd in the district competition. We competed in the essay contest, winning the District competition.

Every summer we organize a free family program called Hometown Days. Activities include bouncy houses, laser tag, a gaming trailer, hayrides, a petting zoo, live entertainment and more!

In the winter, we coordinate with a local bar and grill (212: The Boiling Point) to sponsor a Wild Game Feed. People all over the region attend to sample elk, moose, bear, alligator, crawfish, kangaroo, rattlesnake and other varieties of game and fish. With raffles at the same time, the club has witnessed a massive growth in this event developing into one of our major fundraising mechanisms. All of the money from this event is given to the Brandon Valley School District to pay off negative lunch balances and provide money for each school's Angel Fund which purchase bus passes, winter clothing and more for disadvantaged students.

Our mailer project coordinates with local businesses to create coupons or advertisements that are mailed out to every household in the school district. We pay various youth groups and organizations to collate them and send them to the post office. This project has become so popular with businesses that we've had to turn some requests away.

The Community Christmas Tree is for disadvantaged families to submit a Christmas List for their children. These lists are placed as tags on Christmas trees at local businesses. Members of the community take, purchase and drop off gifts to the club to wrap the presents and deliver them to families.

The current pandemic has wreaked havoc on the club's ability to provide the activities we normally would, including Brandon Hometown Days and hosting this year's DMM District Convention. We currently meet the first Tuesday of every month for club business via Zoom, which normally would be at the Pizza Ranch in Brandon. We also continue our social gatherings (no club business; simply enjoy each other's company) the third Thursday of every month at various locations. We are facing the future with Determination and Optimism. We love guests, so feel free to drop by and check out all the great stuff the Brandon Valley Optimist Club is doing for their community. Stay safe and Optimistic, everyone!



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Brandon Valley Wild Game Feed



Brandon Valley Community Christmas Tree

MAKING A DIFFERENCE MEMBER 2019-2020



Nominate a member who makes a difference.

Go to [optimist.org/imagine](https://www.optimist.org/imagine)
Click on Making a Difference Member to nominate your club hero by July 31.



PRESIDENTIAL INCENTIVES Making a Difference Member

Each Club is encouraged to select a Member by July 31st. The Member will be nominated by the Club's Board of Directors and signed off by such on the nomination form. When the nomination form is submitted, a description of the reasons for which this member has been nominated as a "Member making a difference" must accompany the nomination composed of 500 words maximum. The Club is encouraged to present the member with a plaque or certificate. The International President will issue a letter to every nominee. The International Activities committee will review the nominations and select one finalist from each Region including the International NonDistrict region, totaling 9 finalists.

https://www.optimist.org/documents/presidential-incentives/2019-20_Presidential_Incentives_Making_A_Difference-EN.pdf

Post Covid-19 Planning (PCP)

Our DMM Clubs are "springing back into action" with the following activities: Drive-in movies; Flags flying celebrating our holidays; regular & virtual Golf Tournaments; kids Toy Pickups; children/adult Picnics; Gambling sites back in action; Facebook news; compiling Club History with Photos; Bowling fundraisers; matching Grant applying; Regular & Hybrid meetings (regular & ZOOM combined); annual ByLaw reviews; attending Club, District, OI meetings & conventions virtually; etc. **REMEMBER** to read & share the DMM Dispatch with all your fellow Optimists, friends, and potential Optimists!



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DMM Members

[Our Foundations are still working!](#)

Optimist International Foundation:

Charles H Spavin Chuck)

12045 Point Douglas Dr South,
Hastings, MN 55033

<https://oifoundation.org/downloads/dime-a-day-form.pdf>



Childhood Health & Wellness:

(donation sent directly to:

Jessica Poskozim

1404 E 4th St
Superior, WI 54880

<https://www.optimist.org/member/health-and-wellness-cfm>



Canadian Children's
Optimist Foundation

Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation:

(donations sent directly to:

108—1055 Power Street
Winnipeg, MB R2V 2G7Canada

<http://ccof-foec.org/contact-us/>

"GO FOR GOLD"



RAFFLE for Optimist International Foundation:

***WIN** an APPLE Series 5 WATCH & APPLE iPad Mini

*** DRAWING** at the Convention October 2020!

*** \$10 US PER CHANCE.** 1/\$10, 2/\$20, etc.

Purchase as many chances as you desire!

***How to Enter:**

Write a check for \$10.00 US; payable to the Optimist International Foundation (no abbreviation) Enter the current date and write **Unrestricted Donation** on the Memo Line.

Mail check to: Chuck and Cole Spavin
12045 Point Douglas Dr S.,
Hastings, MN 55033

TIPS/ANSWERS/INFO

<https://optimist-dmm.org>

<https://optimist.org>

<https://facebook.com/optimistdmm>



DISPATCH DEADLINE

dispatch@optimist-dmm.org

25th of every month

Star Munch, Editor

" SAVE TIME-MAKE LIFE EASIER "

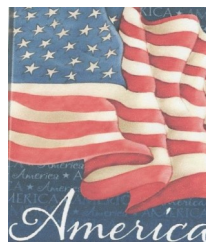
24 of 57 Clubs are signed up!

FREE of DUES deadlines. Avoid check writing, chance of late payment and 2nd request notices. Your dues will be automatically drawn from your Club's bank account on time.

YOU are in charge to authorize either the 15th of the 2nd month of each quarter OR one draw annually in November.

Obtain the ACH form from Ken Munch DMM Secretary/Treasurer
DMMunch-ken@gmail.com

Hope U enjoyed the 4th of July



CLUB CHARTER ANNIVERSARIES

Transcona	7/8/1970
Bismarck	7/20/1971
Grand Rapids	7/18/1973
Valley City	7/12/1979
Rapid City Rushmore	7/18/1988
MiO Valley Bismarck, Mandan	7/26/1990
Vermillion	7/21/2016



Memorial Recognition

Annual DMM Convention
Club Secretaries: Forward information to dispatch@optimist-dmm.org:

Name of Deceased Member{Aug.1, 2019—Aug.1, 2020}

Contact information for **Funeral Home**

