



Your BOCI Breakfast Bugle and Your Downtown Club Diner News

February, 2022



Breakfast Optimist Club & Indianapolis Optimist Club of Indianapolis

Serving the Youth of Indianapolis

The Breakfast Optimist Club of Indianapolis

Join us every 2nd and 4th Mon. Evenings - 6:30 PM



1390 Keystone Way S, Carmel

February Meetings:

February 14th: TBA

February 28th: TBA

Upcoming Events:

3rd Quarter Conference - April 23, 2022 ~ Hilton Garden Inn, Edinburgh

Quote of the Month

Choose to be optimistic, it feels better - Dalai Lama XIV



TriStar Basketball Event to be Held Feb. 16th

The annual TriStar Basketball event returns this year after a COVID hiatus in 2021. The event will be hosted by the Lilly Boys and Girls Club, located at 801 S. State Street in Indianapolis. The event will feature kids ages 8 - 13 competing in skills challenges highlighting ballhandling, passing, and shooting.



Volunteers are needed from 4 pm to 6 pm to help make this wonderful

event a success!

Following the event, we will all go to Shapiro's for a bite to eat!

If you are interested, please send your full name, date of birth, and email address to Alex Overway at: alexoverway@yahoo.com

The purpose of the required information is for the required background check by the Boys & Girls Clubs.

Your Dues Are Due!!!

Have you paid your 2021-22 dues yet? We tried something different this year by sending out dues statements via email and accepting online payments via ACH in addition to check. Hardcopies of the statements went out to those members we haven't yet heard from this past week along

with a stamped self-addressed envelope.. You can pay a half-year now and you will be billed for the second half year after April 1st. Please remember, if we have you as a member, we are still paying International and South District for your membership.

I hope you still want to be a part of the Breakfast Optimist Club of Indianapolis. President Abby has shared her ideas for the future of this club and we are excited to be a part of the future.

If you have any questions or wish to be removed from our roles, please drop me a line at BOCITreasurer@gmail.com.

Kathy Underwood 2021-2022 Secretary/Treasurer



Optimist Day

February 3, 2022

Optimist International and its members celebrate Optimist Day around the world each year on the first Thursday in February. On Optimist Day, members show their pride in belonging to an Optimist Club by wearing Optimist Club apparel - shirts, pins, hats, jackets, etc. -and posting a photo on social media with #OptimistDay2022.

Optimist Clubs may choose a location and distribute copies of the Optimist Creed so others may choose optimism for themselves.

Add a printable Optimist Creed flyer to their website and encourage community members to visit the website and download their very own copy or save it digitally.

Visit https://optimist.org/member/optimistday.cfm for an Optimist Day Proclamation, printable Optimist Creed, flyer, and press release.

Optimist Day gear, apparel, and memorabilia are available at our online licensed merchant stores Schumsky and Ansell!

On Optimist Day, and every day, be proud to be an Optimist.



## Info Column

Items welcomed for future newsletters. If you have something to contribute, send along to your Editor Rick Posson:  
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Club website  
[www.bocindy.com](http://www.bocindy.com)

District website:  
[www.indianaoptimist.org](http://www.indianaoptimist.org)

International website:  
[www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)

Governor:  
Mike Novak

Lt. Governor Zone 1:  
Walt Willms

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### Officers 2021/22

**President**  
Abby Weber

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Greg Kuhn

**Secretary / Treasurer:**  
Kathy Underwood

**Past President:**  
Larry Darling - RIP

### Directors

Dave Best  
Alex Overway  
Rick Posson  
Grant Weber  
Walt Willms

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## February Birthdays



*Glenn Shay Feb. 17th*



## Presidents Corner

We had our first in person meeting of the new year last Monday. I was very glad to be back with Grant and now Sterling. My little girl had so much fun at the meeting that she fell right asleep shortly after things kicked off, and didn't wake up until it was all over!

I am excited to share a few things that we discussed at the meeting: We will be planning ahead to have an in-person event each month so we can fill up our calendars and dive into our mission of getting out into the community! With monthly events in the works, we will be meeting the 2nd Monday of every month at MCL and then our other "meeting" will be an event followed by a meal of some sort to connect and celebrate the successes of the day. Lastly, we are planning a NOW event in April. This will likely be hosted at the Vonnegut Museum as a cocktail hour. We will bring in 3 organizations that we work closely with so they can share the impact BOCI has had on them. Please start thinking about who you know that would be a good fit for BOCI. Details will be shared with the club as soon as they are finalized!

Please keep an eye out for a form from Rick to generate ideas for events we can participate in this year. Let's get this calendar filled up, and get back out into the community to spread our Optimism!

**President**  
Abby Weber

## The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself-

To be so strong that nothing can disturb  
To talk health, happiness your peace of  
mind.

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.

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## Just a quickie . . .

A Japanese tourist hailed a taxi in  
downtown Delhi and asked to be taken  
to the Indira Gandhi airport.

On the way, a car zoomed by and the  
tourist responded, 'Oh! Toyota - Made  
in Japan! Very fast!'

Not too long afterward, another car  
flew by the taxi. 'Oh! Nissan - Made in  
Japan! Very fast!' Then yet another car  
zipped by, and the tourist said, 'Oh!  
Mitsubishi - Made in Japan! Very fast!'

The taxi driver, who was 100% Indian,  
was starting to get a little annoyed that  
the Japanese made cars were passing  
his taxi, when yet another car passed  
the taxi as they were turning into the  
airport. 'Oh! Honda - Made in Japan!  
Very fast!'

The taxi driver stopped the car,  
pointed to the meter, and said, "That'll  
be Rupees 500."

Rupees 500? It was short ride! Why so  
much?'

The Taxi driver smiled as he replied,  
'Meter - Made in India. Very fast.'

# Downtown Club News

**Downtown meetings will be the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. Murat Shrine Club.**



## Officers

**Greg Kuhn, President**  
**Ken Loudenback, Vice President**  
**Charles Curry, Secretary-Treasurer**  
**Bob Brafford, Sargent-at-arms**

## Board of Directors

<b>Bob Brafford</b>	<b>2 years</b>
<b>Betsy Burke</b>	<b>2 years</b>
<b>Ken Koons</b>	<b>2 years</b>
<b>Charley Koehler</b>	<b>1 year</b>

## Girl Scouts Update

The Downtown Optimist Club listened to our first speaker of 2022 on Friday, January 21.

**Laura Baltz**, Director of FUNdrasing and Vice President of Fund Development at our local Girl Scouts of America chapter had us smiling at her stories and ready to support the girls in any way we can. This year, GSA has already provided girls with \$26,000 of scholarship money. Some girls need membership fees quietly paid; others need help with uniforms. Girls Scouts of America strives to help any girl who wants to become a scout, but is financially unable to do so. The Girls Scouts help girls gain confidence, learn business and customer service skills, and in general, open up a world of new experiences for many of their scouts! The girls learn that there are people in their communities

who will help them – AND – that there is always something the girls can do for their communities. It is important to give back!

There are four pillars to the Girls Scout philosophy – STEM education, Outdoors, Life Skills, and Entrepreneurship. The girls have fun while earning badges, helping their community, and deepening friendships. They learn problem solving and to look at the world differently. Activities promote curiosity, kindness, and a can-do spirit.

Here are a few interesting Girls Scout facts. GSA utilizes over ten thousand volunteers annually. Over 73% of all female senators are former girls scouts. There are over 2.6 million girl and adult Girl Scout members worldwide. Finally, there are 59 million American women alive today who participated in Girl Scouts as they grew up. The Girls Scouts make quite an impact!

Founded on March 12, 1912 the Girls Scouts still earn their traditional awards. They work as a troop to earn their bronze stars and in small groups to earn their silver stars. The Girl Scout Gold award is earned individually by less than 6% of all Girls Scouts.

Girl Scouts do fundraising. Our local Girls Scouts hold a Cocktails at Camp evening in September. At this casual affair, attendees get to do what the girls do at camp, along with listening to live bands, enjoying the fare of food trucks, and simply having fun! ... And of course, ... if you haven't already, you'll probably be

## President's Comments

February brings us several important events. We start with February 3<sup>rd</sup> as national Optimist Day. Be sure to show your colors and live the Creed. This event is worldwide. It's an opportunity to re-connect with fellow optimists and recruit new optimists. Optimist

International wants us to post pictures with our OI logos at #Optimistday2022, #optimistday or #whatisoptimistday. My mantra this year is "just one", so tell just one person about Optimist International this Thursday.

Secondly, We are working with the Breakfast Optimist Club for a Tri Star Basketball skills competition for February 16<sup>th</sup>. See details elsewhere in this Bugle.

A third event this month is our essay competition. The Breakfast Club and Downtown Club will have separate contests, but we may use the same judges. Please contact me if you want to be a judge.

The last calendar item I want to share with you is from Kids Dance Outreach. On Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, KDO will present its spring program. If you are unfamiliar with this organization, I urge you to visit its website. KDO is a great local nonprofit that has a huge impact on kids in our local community. Please visit the website and consider attending the presentation. If you can't go, please tell one person about it.

Let me just say in conclusion, the success of Optimist clubs rests in our ability to help kids in our communities. Besides participating ourselves, we need to remain active in recruiting new members who can help us with this work and eventually carry on without us. Spreading the work about our events is the least expectation of members. Please help.

**Greg Kuhn**  
**President**

Kids exploring ancient ruins

