



# The Breakfast Bugle

June, 2020

*Breakfast Optimist Club of Indianapolis - Founded in 1958*

*"Bringing Out the Best in Kids, Ourselves, and Our Communities."  
"Right Here. Right Now"*

## The Breakfast Optimist Club of Indianapolis

**Meetings beginning in July**  
**Location TBA**

### June Meetings:

**NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED UNFN**

### Upcoming Events:

**NOTHING SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME**

### Quote of the Month

*"Self-belief, optimism, and hard work, these things don't guarantee to get any of us to the top, but they at least give us a fighting chance."* – Jason Ayres



### June Birthdays



**Dave Best June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Bob Finnegan June 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Bob Luce June 30<sup>th</sup>**

## Message from OPTI Int'l President

My Fellow Optimists,

There is a Barbadian saying that goes "These days are funny nights"! I am not sure if the origin is Barbadian but it is something that I grew up hearing.

It is a saying that we use when things are so askew that we do not know if it is day or night. That's how I felt over the last three weeks while leading this organization in the environment of unprecedented changes to our global landscape because of the novel coronavirus- COVID19.

Working closely with our Board and our Staff we recognized early that the virus had the potential to significantly disrupt our operations and a decision was taken by the Board to immediately put our members on notice and prepare our staff and headquarters to continue serving our membership.



Over the last few weeks, you would have received numerous communications from our Headquarters providing guidance to our members on their personal health and safety, meeting protocols, and projects and programs. Our intent was clear...COVID 19 is something that had the potential to impact us all in a very negative way and we needed to be focused and deliberate in how we prepared for it to ensure the safety and well-being of our members, our staff, and the communities that we serve.

With no end in immediate sight, and with world leaders declaring National Emergencies in their respective countries, it became clear that our organization had to take additional steps to protect the organization and its members and staff. As your International President, I and the Board of Directors, have made the very difficult decision to cancel our 2020 International Convention in Chicagoland. We have further decided that other large gathering activities sponsored by Optimist International would have to be cancelled or reimagined. As such, the Board has decided that we will also cancel the Junior Optimist International Convention and our Junior Golf Championships in Miami, Florida. We will also not host our Optimist Oratorical World Championships in St. Louis but, if practical, we will execute it as a fully online competition.

Our priority is the health and wellbeing of our Membership, Staff, the communities we serve, and those who participate in Optimist International events. All of us are susceptible to becoming infected; however, many of our members fall into the most vulnerable or high-risk categories as defined by the Global Health Experts. As an organization dedicated to health, we do not want to put any of our members, staff or friends in harm's way. With our membership and competitors distributed throughout the world, we also face many uncertainties regarding travel restrictions and violation of laws.

To say that I am not devastated would be an understatement. This has been an extremely difficult period in my Presidency witnessing first-hand how our organization has been affected by this Global Pandemic called COVID-19. However, I am buoyed by the amazing support that I have received through prayer, our Board, our Staff, and our members. We have tried our best to replace uncertainty with certainty; to remove the pall of darkness and replace it with clarity of focus; and to remove pessimism and replace it with unbridled optimism.

It is Optimism that requires me to implore you to remove the veil of darkness and replace it with an armor of light. To see opportunity when others see threats. To reimagine our wonderful organization and prepare you to find new ways to carry out the work we have been called upon to do. We are not canceling Optimism. We are canceling some events to keep our Optimist Family safe. Optimism cannot be defeated. We are iMaging new ways to bring you imaginative and exciting programs during this time.

We are Optimists! Remain active in your communities. This is a time for Optimists to shine. It's a time to re-iMagine how we serve our communities and those who reside in them. We might have to cancel our gatherings but we do not have to put a hold on our good deeds. It's time to put our minds, hearts and souls together and find ways to bring optimism and service to our neighbors.

Thank You!

Yours in Optimism,  
Adrian M. Elcock  
President  
Optimist International

**July is Crew Car Wash Fundraiser Month – See info on next page!**

## Info Column

Items welcomed for future newsletters. If you have something to contribute, send along to your Editor Rick Posson:  
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### Officers 2019/20

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Mike Underwood

### Directors

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**July is Crew  
Car Wash  
Fundraiser**  
*For just the month of  
July, Sell Crew Car  
Washes for \$10 (same  
price anyone would pay  
for a car wash, but our  
Club Gets \$5 back.  
Simply order how many  
you want with  
Greg Kuhn -  
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## Presidents Corner

*Nothing Submitted at time of  
Publishing.*

### Message from Our Governor

Hoping you and your families are well and staying safe in this time of uncertainties and change.

COVID has given us an opportunity to re-imagine how we do business as a club and as a district. We can still be active- meeting virtually, planning new activities for our communities, and keeping our youth involved. We can continue to look for “optimistic opportunities” in our day to day activities.

On a really positive note, Mid America is still number 1. We added 393 new people. My home club sponsored an Oti Optimist Club in Ghana. There are overseas opportunities and sponsorship is \$450. You can contact Jim Boyd for more info. The Junior Golf Tournament is

June 12 in Deer Creek and the Int'l Tournament of Champions is Nov 14-15, in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Our District Oratorical Contest was completed virtually and Sadie Herring will move

forward in the competition. OI is completing details for an International Virtual contest. The District Convention is still looking good for August at the Holiday Inn in Bloomington-with some good changes. This year, EVERYONE can attend the International Convention via Zoom, June 27 and 28. Cost is only \$25. Junior Optimists will also be doing their International Convention virtually.

There are several new activities for youth and clubs. The Optimist Visual Arts contest (age 11 and younger) and the Student Photography contest deadlines have been extended to August 1. What community doesn't have youth who like to paint and/or take pictures? Time to reach out to them. Show your community that Optimism is alive and well. We have a new Presidential Incentive, Re-iMaging Support, that will allow us to show COVID related activities of our support and engagement in our communities. Guidelines will be on the OI website and the deadline for submission is Sept 15.

Speaking of deadlines, it is time for all clubs to submit the Club Officer Elect Report for 2020-2021. It can be done online or submitted by mail. FYI-The COER is submitted even if the officers remain the same.

For those unfamiliar with Zoom, OI has great videos and so does You Tube. It's an easy way to stay connected in this time of uncertainty and need. Please invite me to your next Zoom, I would love to see all of you. Thank you for all you have done. Stay connected and continue to look for those “optimistic opportunities”.

Grow Your Passion,  
Governor Bev



## 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.

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### Just a quickie . . .

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and asked his Dad if he could start using the family car.

The Dad said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car"

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks, the Dad said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

His Dad replied, "Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"