



Breakfast Optimist Club of Indianapolis - Founded in 1958 Serving the Youth of Indianapolis

### The Breakfast Optimist Club of Indianapolis

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



5520 Castleton Corner Ln October Meetings:

October 11th: TBA October 25th: TBA

## Upcoming Events:

### <u>Quote of the Month</u>

"Almost every successful person begins with two beliefs: the future can be better than the present, and I have the power to make it so." - David Brooks





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Greg Kuhn October 15<sup>th</sup> Emmanuel Musinga October 24<sup>th</sup>

# BOCI Receives Thank You from OIF

The Optimist International Foundation just sent a 'Thank You; to acknowledge the contributions that BOCI has made over the years.

This is a very impressive number and something that all members can be proud of. The Foundation pays for the oratorical and essay contests winners and supports so many worthwhile projects within the vast Optimist world.

Take a bow BOCI!



# Message From Our New Governor

Hello Indianapolis Breakfast Optimists,

I want to extend my deepest condolences to each of you on

the loss of two tremendous Optimists from your club, Brad Bradshaw and



Larry Darling. I was closer to Brad than to Larry and it has been very difficult for me coping with this loss. I can't imagine what it has been like for all of you and the affect it has had on your club. As we comfort each other, we must continue to move forward as they would have wanted us to do. Lean on their past guidance and wisdom and honor their legacy by spreading Optimism to whoever you meet.

I am once again honored to serve as your Governor of the Indiana South District. My theme this year is "United in Optimism" because we are all united as Optimists, no matter where we are in the world.

Let me know if I can help in any way.

Mike Novak Indiana South Governor, 2021/22

#### Info Column

Items welcomed for future newsletters. If you have something to contribute, send along to your Editor Rick Posson: rick.posson@att.net

Club website www.bocindy.com

District website: www.indianaoptimist.org

International website: www.optimist.org

<u>Governor:</u> Mike Novak

Lt. Governor Zone 1:

Walt Willms

#### Officers 2019/20

President Abby Weber

Vice-President Greg Kuhn

Secretary / Treasurer: Kathy Underwood

Past President: Larry Darling - RIP

#### **Directors**

Dave Best Alex Overway Rick Posson Grant Weber Walt Willms

**S**gt. Danielle Henderson is moving up at ISP to be Chief Accident



Reconstructionist, so Trooper Seth Toomey has been appointed Director of the camp program.

## **Presidents Corner**

I wanted to say a big thank you to Greg Kuhn! As I am in the last few weeks of my pregnancy, Greg has been kind enough to step in and keep the President seat warm for me until I can evict this precious little girl.

My due date is October 19th so fingers crossed she makes an appearance then or even a little earlier! I will continue to be absent for a few weeks after that point as I settle into the late nights and early mornings with a newborn.

Once I hit my wits end and feel that I am ready to step back out into the world and spend some time with adults and not just a baby, I will take up my position as President full time.

I appreciate everyone's patience as Grant and I navigate this new life. I know there have been many obstacles thrown our way recently and the optimist in me is looking forward to coming together and shaping a sustainable future for our club as we move towards a new year.

Over the next few weeks, I challenge everyone to think of ways that we can get out into our community and share our optimism with those around us, as we all know it is sorely needed at the moment.

#### Abby Weber President

## **O**ur member

Emmanuel Musinga, made a



presentation to the Optimist Club of Indianapolis on 9/24/21. He is partnering with Community Action of Greater Indianapolis for major funding to help immigrants.

# 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.

#### Just a quick one . . .

A child and his father were visiting an elderly neighbor. They were raking the neighbor's leaves, organizing the neighbor's garage, putting the trash out, and performing other small jobs around the neighbor's house.

The child had not really seen the elderly neighbor up close, but on this day the child was going to meet the neighbor up close for the first time.

When the child met the neighbor up close he asked the neighbor how old he was, and the father was flabbergasted by his child's question and attempted to apologize to the neighbor, but the neighbor laughed and said that was ok, the child is curious.

The elderly neighbor told the child he was 92 years old. The child had a look of unbelief and asked the neighbor, "Did you start at the number one?"