

Sun Sand & Sage

New Mexico/West Texas Op-

October, 2023

Club News

Sunrise Optimist Club

The Sunrise Optimist Club completed their second Krispy Kreme doughnut run for the year. The club takes orders for Krispy Kreme doughnuts and pick them up in Lubbock and deliver them bright and early that morning to people of the community that not only purchased donuts for the sales, but for the first responders and other community service. This year we were able to donate to the first responders and other community servants over 75 dozen donuts. It's a great fundraiser as well as a community service project.

Cielo Vista Optimist Club

The Club have been sending a birthday cake monthly to a police substation to honor our hard working police officers.

They have been hosting dinner once a month at the Ronald McDonald House for their guests.

This week the club joined together with the Bel Air Optimist Club for a Amber Alert I.D. event in conjunction with the El Paso Police Department.



Rio Communities

The Rio Communities Optimist Club wished to share with you a few of the many activities that they have sponsored to serve the Youth of their community. All of these activities were FREE to the youth and families that attended. They must acknowledge the Los Lunas Data Center for the grant that allowed them to expand their Robotics camps. Also a special thank you for those businesses and people that contributed and played in our annual fund raising golf tournament. Without this support we would not be able to provide these activities to the children.



Quad-Governors Meeting For El Paso Clubs

The 23-24 Quad-Governors provided an opportunity to meet the incoming 23-24 Governors (Jack Barclay, Lynne Martin, Fred Trussell, Sallie Rizzo) and conducted an installation of their new officers. After the installation everyone joined together for a potluck dinner and time to catch up with each other.



New Mexico/West Texas Optimist District Meeting Schedule

1st Trimester Conference and Board Meeting
November 11-12, 2023 Las Cruces, N.M.

2nd Trimester Conference and Board Meeting
April 13-14, 2023 Roswell, N.M.

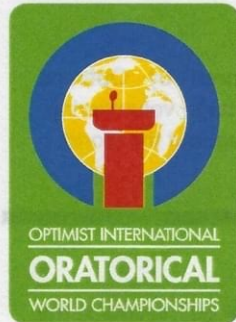
106th Optimist International Convention
June 23-26 Niagra Fall, Ontario

3rd Trimester Convention and Board Meeting
June 23-26 Belen, N.M.

Introducing the Choose Optimism podcast!

Be sure to listen to the "[Choose Optimism](#)" podcast, directed by 2022-23 marketing committee member Theresa Jarratt and hosted by Shane Neuman. Find the latest podcast on Spotify at the link above and tell us your Optimist story at communications@optimist.org.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONTESTS 2023-2024



Topic
"How to Change the World
with Optimism"

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

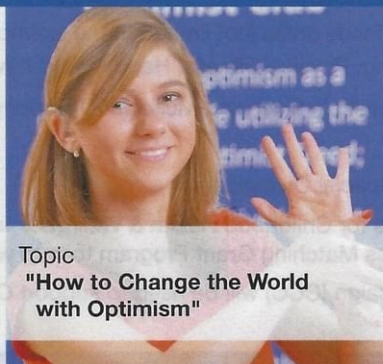
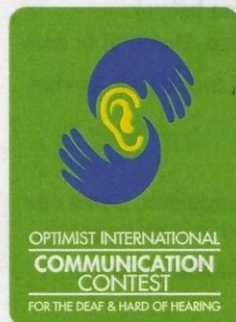
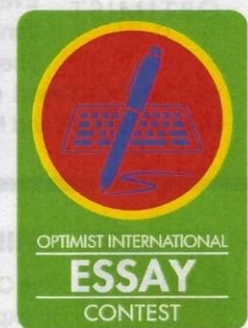
The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live.

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
"Optimism: How It Connects Us"



Topic
"How to Change the World
with Optimism"

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.



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