



Now Is Time . . . To Continue Your Optimist Training!

The GATEway District Leadership Development committee will offer nine workshops and one special session at the Second Quarter District Meeting in Chattanooga. These workshops are designed to focus on effective clubs, service, leadership skills, and personal enrichment. Members will have the opportunity to learn new strategies to take back to their clubs and zones, while sharing innovative ideas with fellow Optimists. Be sure to join us!

First Class Session

Saturday, February 17, 2018

10:15am-11:00am

“The Governor’s Fireside Chat”

Club Presidents and Secretary-Treasurers, this is for you! During this session, Governor Mary Still will lead a discussion about our District’s progress and the challenges we face in the future, while sharing new developments and information from Optimist International. Do you have specific questions? Do you have information you would like to share? The floor will be open for your thoughts and concerns. Don’t miss this workshop filled with information, questions, and answers to insure your club’s continued success!

“The Optimist International Foundation: The Heart of Optimism”

Do you have questions about the Foundation and how it fits into our organization? Are you interested in knowing how your club can get involved? These questions and more will be answered by OIF District Representative, Connie Webb, as she shares how the Foundation funds International programs, how the OIF can help your club, and how you can help the Foundation.

“Achievements and Awards: Let the Competition Begin!”

Does your club participate in the District’s A & A Recognition Program? This is a fun competition designed to celebrate your club’s involvement and accomplishments. During this workshop, Christy Buss, GATEway’s Achievements and Awards Chair, will cover the details of the program. She will present an overview of the requirements and updates to the quarterly criteria, as well as reporting procedures. Your club could be number one in the District! Make your A & A goals a reality! Be sure to join us for this informative session!

Second Class Session

Saturday, February 17, 2018

11:10am-12:00noon

“Harnessing the Power of the GATEway District Website”

There are a number of Optimist-related resources available to guide you through the maze of leadership materials and provide the information you need to answer even the simplest questions. One of our most important resources is the GATEway District website. This training session, under the guidance of Webmaster Albert Still, will feature an online visit to the site. Join Albert to learn how to navigate and use this site effectively and efficiently!

“Growth—Who Needs It? You Do!”

It's no secret that clubs must grow to serve more young people. It's not about awards, dues, or numbers. It's about bringing out the best in kids in the communities we serve. During this session, the GATEway District's Membership Chair, Ken Davis, will present inspiring ideas to help you develop a plan of action that will provide new members for your club while keeping your existing members involved. Don't miss this informative session!

“A JOI-ous Occasion”

Does your Club sponsor a Youth Club? Do you want to be more effective in working with the JOI Clubs you sponsor? Come join the GATEway District's Youth Clubs Chair, Randy O'Dell, as he shares the steps for building JOI Clubs and presents ideas and tips for taking your JOI sponsorship to new levels of success. You can be the guiding hand in this worthy endeavor for our young people!

Third Class Session

Saturday, February 17, 2018

2:30pm-3:30pm

“The 1-2-3's of New Club Building”

New club building takes the greatest commitment; it offers the greatest challenge; and it returns a tremendous reward. Join GATEway's New Club Building Chair, Essie Johnson, to explore effective and efficient ways to bring optimism into new communities. During this interactive session you will learn how to start and finish a new club building project, step-by-step. Essie is ready to help you develop a plan of action that will make your dream of building a new club a reality. All Optimists are invited to attend!

“This Meeting Will Come to Order”

Are you puzzled by Parliamentary Procedure? Are you confused by motions? Are you perplexed by whether a motion is debatable or amendable? If so, don't give up. We have a class for you! Be sure to join us for this information-filled session where Gerald Johnson, the GATEway Parliamentarian, will present the basics of Parliamentary Procedure. This is your opportunity to learn about *Roberts Rules of Order* and how to effectively conduct meetings.

“Time Is On My Side”

Today we have more demands on our time than ever before. There aren't enough hours in the day for things that are important and things that we want or need to do. Join Certified International Trainer, Deanna Morrow, for this new and improved Time Management PGI Module geared towards helping Optimist members learn simple and effective techniques for living more focused, productive lives. It's time to concentrate on results, not on being busy!

Special Session

Saturday, February 17, 2018

3:30pm-4:00pm

District Leadership Symposium

You have a special invitation from Governor-Elect Gwen Gable to attend this presentation devoted to Optimism in the GATEway District. During this session, Governor-Elect Gwen will share her plans for the upcoming Optimist year and give you an idea of the opportunities to serve and grow that are available. Come and discover the rewarding possibilities that await you in 2018-2019. We need YOU to “step up to the plate” to serve and lead our members and clubs to insure our success, both now and into the future!