

Vice President Elect

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Items to Be Working On in February

I hope you have started on your plan of action to start relationship building. Begin by working closely with the District Finance Committee. Meet, maybe for lunch with the Governor and Past Governors to build a working relationship and gain valuable experience. Ask them pointed questions like; What was the best thing about your year? What was the worst thing? Let them talk as long as they want. You should get their input on how they

picked their new club building chair, what qualities does this chair need? (Who would you pick now?)



How can the membership chairperson be ef-

fective in encouraging new members to make a club stronger?

Have you attended any Zone meetings to become familiar with other clubs and their leaders. You should think about introducing the idea of combined Zone meetings if there would not be a large attendance in one zone.

Make sure that you and your spouse are registered for the Governor-elect conference that is coming in April.

A Note from Connie!

Hello again everyone. I just wanted to let you know that I have made our reservations for St. Louis in April. I worked with Sharon Parton, Meetings and Travel Coordinator at Optimist International, and found the process

very easy. Just complete the Travel Request form that you can find online and e-mail or fax it to her. Her e-mail is partons@optimist.org and her fax is 314-371-4057. Sooner is better for airfare rates and choices. We are looking for-

ward to meeting all of you in St. Louis! Also, don't forget to e-mail a picture for our directory. It does not need to be a portrait; something casual and small is fine, maybe with an optimist theme. Thanks

Great Lakes Region Governor's Elect

District	#
Mike Seltzer Michigan	17
Doug Kitchen Southwestern Ontario	45
Bob Keir Midwestern Ontario	46
Paul Thompson Central Ontario	47
Karyn Gilly Indiana North	5

Special points of interest:

- What have you done to help a Lt Governor become Distinguished today.
- Reading The District Officers Handbook will give you ideas on how to help.
- One of the best ways to find out which club are in trouble is to follow the aging report. Ask the Governor if you can make contact with them.
- **Do you have a story about how your planning is going so far, let me publish it.**



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BULLETIN

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I plan on having guest writers, to give us a heads up with the on going events at Optimist International. If you have a committee you would like to hear from let me know.

By Marc D. Katz,
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It is not too early for Governor-Elects to planning on the training for their team for the 2008-2009 Optimist Year. Hopefully, all of you are planning on a training session for your Lieutenant Governor's, your Committee Chairs, your Club Presidents and Club Secretary-Treasurer's.

The Optimist International Leadership Development Committee has been developing a suggested agenda for you to use at a District Administrative Conference (DAC) and at a Club Administrative Conference (CAC). More information will be provided to you at your Governor-Elect training in St. Louis.

Optimist International Certified International Trainers (CIT's) are available for you to bring in to lead your DAC's and Certified District Trainers (CDT's) can also help to facilitate your CAC's.

All trainers hope to be really busy this year helping Districts to train all of their District teams and Club Officers. Call Karen West at Optimist International to reserve your CIT before their schedules are booked.

District Membership Chair (DMC)

*The purpose of a DMC is to cause Membership growth by teaching programs, conduction promotions and encouraging recruitment by members and Clubs.



The committee members should be highly motivated toward growing Optimism. They should be go-getters with good people skills. The Committee should consist of from 3-6 members, representing a

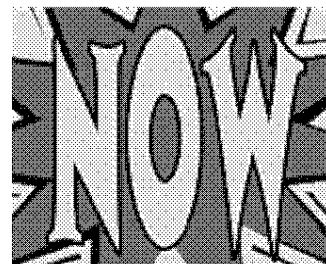
good geographical distribution of the your District.

The Duties and responsibilities of the committee is to promote the active recruitment of new members and Clubs. At District and Zone meetings, they could do a skit demonstrating the need for recruiting.

They should have promotional items to encourage members t “just ask” others to join.

The DMC needs to make regular reports about membership utilizing the District bulletin, District Web-site, email or other methods.

A committee member will



set an example by personally sponsoring a new member..

The member of this committee will urge Club leadership to participate in international growth programs and to develop an action plan for membership programs on their own.

Lead by example!

Do not ask anyone to do what you have not done yourself! (*OI Website)

