

# Optimist Training Institute

## A Division of the Leadership Development Committee of Optimist International

### CERTIFIED INTERNATIONAL TRAINERS

Certified International Trainers are Optimists who have demonstrated the ability to give quality presentations on Optimist topics. They have gone through a certification process and are available to give presentations to Districts, Regions or other special Optimist events. They are all able to provide standard curriculum for Club Presidents, Secretary-Treasurers and Lieutenant Governors. In addition they have listed topics they specialize in, however, feel free to request other topics.

To request an Optimist Certified International Trainer at your event please complete the Certified Trainer Request form found on [www.optimistleaders.org](http://www.optimistleaders.org) under Teaching Materials and forward to Stephanie Monschein, Leadership Development at Optimist International, Email [stephanie.monschein@optimist.org](mailto:stephanie.monschein@optimist.org) or fax: 1-314-735-4106. Optimist International will pay the travel expenses and you will be responsible for the expense of meals and lodging. You may make specific requests but assignments are made on availability and location.



**Carrollyn Cox**, *Optimist Club of Virginia Beach, Virginia*

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Club President; Distinguished & Outstanding Governor, Capital-Virginia District; Lieutenant Governor; Member, Optimist International Foundation Board of Directors; Chair, International Activities Committee; Member, Childhood Cancer Campaign Speaker's Bureau; International Vice President, International Board Director

**Topics:** New Community Growth, Membership, Internet Safety Programs, Club Presidents-Elect, Youth Activities, Effective Leadership Styles, Honor Club, Publicity, Marketing (sings, tells stories, provokes self-motivation)



**John N. "Jack" Creswell**, *Optimist Club of Daniel Boone-Doulassville, Pennsylvania*

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Club President; Lieutenant Governor; Distinguished & Outstanding Governor, Pennsylvania- Upper Delaware District; International President-Elect, Member, International Activities, New Club Building and Leadership Development Committees; Chair, International Activities Committee; Chair, Optimist International Junior Golf Championships; International Vice President

**Topics:** Mentoring, Creative Problem Solving, Time Management, Public speaking, club administration, New Clubs, Membership, OIJGC, Parliamentary Procedure (motivational along with a strong trend toward audience participation)



**Susan L. "Sue" Creswell**, *Optimist Club of Daniel Boone-Doulassville, Pennsylvania*

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Distinguished President, Distinguished Lieutenant Governor, Governor, Vice President, two years of International Membership Committee, one year on Leadership Development Committee, College Club Committee Chair, Leadership Development Chair

**Topics:** Membership, New Club Building, College Clubs, Chair Training



**Edwin E. "Ed" Finn**, *Optimist Club of Fredericksburg, Texas*

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Honor & Distinguished Club President, Lt. Governor, Governor, District Chairs: Leadership Development, Finance, Membership, Candidate Qualification, District Foundation Representative, Builder of Excellence International Finance Committee, International Leadership Development Committee, International Field Representative and International Vice-President.

**Topics:** PGI Program, President-Elect, Lt. Governor-Elect, Membership Recruitment & Retention, Time Management, Leadership Development, Public Speaking, Fundraising. (Training style is upbeat, flexible, motivational and audience interactive.)



**Ken Garner**, *Breakfast Optimist Club of East Fort Worth, Texas*

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Club President; Lieutenant Governor; Distinguished & Outstanding Governor, North Texas District

**Topics:** Club President, Lieutenant Governor, College Clubs, Fundraising, PGI, District Meetings, Membership, Skills Development Modules (Generation X complete skits and technology)



**Patsy Garner**, *Arlington Community Athletics Optimist Club, Texas and Fort Worth - Breakfast East Optimist Club, Texas*

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Master Club Secretary-Treasurer, Distinguished Club President, Lieutenant Governor, District Secretary-Treasurer, Governor, International Vice President-Elect, District Chair - Membership, New Club Building, Leadership Development, Awards & Achievement, JOOI Committees and District Director of Personal Growth; Member International Committees: Collegiate Club, New Club Building, International Convention, Leadership Development; Certified Club Builder, Certified International Trainer

**Topics:** Club President, Lieutenant Governor, Club & District Secretary-Treasurer, Personal Growth & Involvement Program, JOOI, New Club Building and Collegiate Clubs. (Interactive, audience participation, skits, hands on, flexible, technology)



**Essie Johnson**, *Optimist Club of Knoxville, Inner City*

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Honor & Distinguished Charter Club President, Distinguished Governor, International Vice President, Distinguished and Outstanding Foundation Rep, District Chairs: Membership, NCB and Oratorical.

International Committees: NCB, Growth, Convention JOOI, Activities, Club Services, Credentials.

International Committee Chairs: Convention Host Area, Convention, Growth. Field Representative.

**Topics:** NCB-Getting Un-Stuck; Making Your Plan & Working Your Plan; Member Recruitment and Retention (Enthusiasm, Songs, Stories and Encouraging Future Leaders)

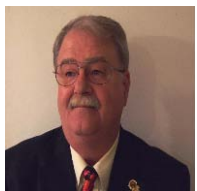


**Marc Katz**, *Optimist Clubs of Royal Oak and West Branch, Michigan*

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Club President; Club Secretary-Treasurer; Lieutenant Governor; Assistant Governor; District Oratorical & Finance Chair; District Long Range Planning Committee; District Secretary-Treasurer; Governor; Optimist International Leadership Development Committee; Optimist International Certified Trainer Board; International Vice President

**Topics:** Club Presidents; Club & District Secretary-Treasurers; Oratorical Contest; Lieutenant Governors; Parliamentary Procedure; PGI; Public Speaking



**Craig Kelley**, *Optimist Club of Knoxville, Iowa*

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Charter Club President, Club Master Secretary-Treasurer, Club Membership and New Club Building Chair, Lieutenant Governor, District New Club Building Chair, OI Ambassador, District Secretary-Treasurer,

Distinguished & Outstanding Governor, International Membership and New Community Growth Committees

**Topics:** Leadership Development, President-Elect, District Chair, Creative Leadership Training, Motivation, PGI, Fun Club Gatherings, Membership Retention & Growth (A facilitative interactive style, motivational flash movies, creative & back to basics approach)



**Gloria Kloster**, *Optimist Club of Brookings, South Dakota*

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Honor Club President, Honor Lieutenant Governor, Distinguished District Foundation Representative, Distinguished & Outstanding Governor-Dakotas, Manitoba, Minnesota International Vice President, District Chair International Membership Committee, Member International Growth and International Membership Committees, Certified Club Builder, International Field Representative.

**Topics:** Membership Retention & Recruitment; Mentoring; New Club Building; Club Revitalization; Leadership Development; Creative Problem Solving; Getting the Most out of the OI Websites; Governor Elect, Club Officer and District Leadership Team Training. (Presentation style: interactive; motivational; stories; music. Flexible and creative.)



**Sandra "Sandy" Larivee**, *Essex Optimist Club, Essex Youth Centre Optimist Club*,  
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Distinguished Club President, Distinguished Club Secretary, Distinguished Lieutenant Governor, District New Club Building Chair, District Leadership Development Chair, District Candidate Qualifications Chair, District Convention Chair, District Finance Chair, District Oratorical Chair, Distinguished Governor, International Vice President, Certified Club Builder, OI Field Representative, Member International New Club Building Committee, Co-Chair International New Club Building Committee

**Topics:** New Community Growth (Non-Traditional and Traditional, College Sports) Revitalizing Your Club, Membership Retention and Growth, Developing Future Leaders, Club Officer and District Leadership Training (Club Presidents, Lt. Governors, Personal Growth & Involvement, District Meeting Planning, Oratorical and Essay) (Presentation style: Motivational, upbeat, creative, audience participation, stories, technology)



**Michel Listenberger. O.D.**, *Noon Optimist Club of Niles, Michigan*  
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Past International President and Chairman of the Board of Directors; International President; International Vice President; Chair, International Leadership Development Committee; Chair and Advisor for JOOI; International Strategic Planning Committee; Governor

**Topics:** How to be a Great Club President; How to be a Great Lieutenant Governor, Preparing to be Governor; JOOI; Strategic Planning for Districts; A Pragmatic Approach to Leadership (all phases), JOOI, Strategic Planning for Districts



**Gay Lowry**, *Atlanta-Buckhead Optimist Club, Georgia*  
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Club Secretary-Treasurer; Distinguished Club President; Chair Club Membership, Fellowship, New Club Building Committees; Chair District Activities, Membership Committees; Outstanding Lieutenant Governor; District Secretary-Treasurer; Assistant Governor; District Governor

**Topics:** Leadership Skills; Presentation Skills; New Club Building; Membership; Club & District Secretary-Treasurers (motivational, professional trainer)



**Paul Lucas**, *Optimist Club of Odessa, Texas*  
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Club President; Chair Club Membership Committee; Chair District Membership Committee; Lieutenant Governor; District Governor, International Leadership Development Chair

**Topics:** Effective Club/District Meetings; Leadership Styles & Profiles; Membership Plans; Planning for Success (modern upbeat style, hands on, audience participation, skits)



**Marlene Phillips**, *Optimist Clubs of Windsor-Riverside, Essex, Essex Youth Centre, Roseville-Fontainebleu and Kiss 'n Ride Injury Prevention, Ontario*  
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Twice Double Distinguished Club President, Distinguished Governor, District Chair College Club Committee, International Finance and Activities Committee Member, Optimist International Board Member

**Topics:** Fundraising, New Members, New Clubs, Community Needs Assessment, New Member Orientation, Club Secretary, Treasurer, Club President training and Lt. Governor Training.



**David L. Prather**, *Optimist Clubs of Frankfort, KY and Vine Grove, Kentucky*  
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Honor & Distinguished Club President, Distinguished Lt. Governor, Governor, Kentucky-West Virginia District, District Chair – Membership, New Club Building, Club Services, Leadership Development, Honor Club Attainment, Convention, District Director of PGI, Candidate Qualifications, District Foundation Representative, Member International Governance Committee, International Vice President, NCB Field Representative

**Topics:** Membership Recruiting & Retention, New Club Building, Developing Future Leaders, Club Presidents, Lt. Governors, All PGI Modules, Building Relationships, Honor Club Attainment, Strategic Planning, Leadership Skills (Style is upbeat, motivational – extremely flexible)



**H. Nick Prillaman, Jr.**, *Optimist Club of Atlanta-Buckhead, Georgia*

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Club President; Lieutenant Governor; Chair District New Club Building, Candidate Qualifications, Leadership Development and Conference and Convention Committees; District Secretary-Treasurer; Distinguished Governor; Member International Credentials, Convention, Membership (2 years), Governance Committees; Host Area Chair for the 1997-98 International Convention; Chair International Membership Committee (2 years); International Vice President

**Topics:** Leadership; Governors; Lieutenant Governors; New Club Building; Membership; Club Health and Maintenance (Motivational; Stories; Role-Playing; Audience Participation)



**Paula Reyling**, *Luncheon Optimist Club of Jasper, Indiana*

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Honor & Distinguished Club President, Lieutenant Governor, Governor, Member International Committees including Convention, Activities, Membership and Leadership Development. Also, Certified Club Builder; Certified Trainer and International Vice President

**Topics:** Membership Retention & Recruitment; New Club Building, PGI Program, Skills Development Modules, Club President-Elect, Lieutenant Governor-Elect, Motivational Leadership Training (Training style is facilitative and Audience interactive)



**Danny Rodgers**, *Breakfast Optimist Club of East Fort Worth, Texas*

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International President; International Vice President; Chair International New Club Building/Renovation Committee; Chair International Governance Committee; Distinguished and Outstanding Governor; Certified Club Builder

**Topics:** Leadership; Public Speaking; New Club Building; Officer Training



**Linda Stein**, *Mill Creek Optimist Club of Indiana*

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Honor & Distinguished Club President, Lieutenant Governor, Governor, International Vice President' International Committees Credentials, Membership and Leadership Development.

**Topics:** Membership Retention & Recruitment; New Club Building, PGI Program, Club President-Elect, Lieutenant Governor-Elect (Training style is upbeat, creative and audience interactive)