

60th Annual Nebraska District Optimist Convention

August 20 and 21, 2021

Comfort Inn and Suites
7007 Grover Street - Omaha NE 68106
402-934-4900

Please Note: Deadlines for room reservations and conference registration MUST be observed.

The “flexibility” we are accustomed to having is NOT available for this event.
PLEASE plan now and register early!!

**Deadline for Room Reservations: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 –
Call hotel and ask for Optimist Block -- 402-934-4900**

Accommodation choices include:

Standard Rooms: \$89.00 - Suites: \$109.00 - Family Suites: \$129.00 - Hot Tub/Jacuzzi Suites: \$159.00

Deadline for Conference Registration: Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Registration: \$50.00 includes all meetings, lunch and banquet on Saturday

Friday evening Social with food: \$5.00

Non-member “guest” meals: \$20.00

Registration is open on website: NebraskaOptimists.org

Registration is a “shopping cart” process—each item must be added separately!

Please follow the steps to add each item and each person to your registration.

Do not hesitate to ask for assistance if needed. Thanks!

For questions or assistance contact Convention Registrar: Ardis Moody (ardis.moody@gmail.com or 402-540-6409)

Special Program: “Soaring Toward Excellence” – Board Room

Leadership Lab ongoing from Friday through Saturday evening providing space and equipment for participants to complete Learning Management modules, update Personal Growth & Involvement (PGI) or Personal Development Plan (PDP) certifications and get information about district committees and programs.

FRIDAY, August 20

Open to ALL members. Ballroom C – (come early for help getting logged on)

Bring your personal device capable of connecting to the internet (Laptop or Tablet preferable to phone!)

Please let Governor-Elect Cindy know if you can attend: imnoptimist@yahoo.com or 402-375-2569

- **2:00** – “Let’s Soar with Lots More Stuff” - - using Learning Management System, (LMS), Optimist Leaders and OI website
- **3:00** – “Leaving the Nest” – “Orientation to Optimism” - video series
- **4:00** – “Gliding with Google” – Using Google Platform for greater efficiency

- **5:00 Registration opens**

- **6:00 – 8:00 – Social Event with Food - Registration required: \$5.00** - Barbecue/Tailgate gathering in parking lot at rear of hotel, sponsored and provided by Gretna an Omaha Clubs. Beverages may be brought from Hospitality Room. Members may eat outside or in Hospitality Room or hotel breakfast area.
- Hospitality Room will be open following event.

SATURDAY, August 21 – Tentative Agenda – (subject to adjustments and changes as may be needed)

- **7:00** – Registration Opens

- **7:30 – 8:30** – Fellowship breakfast visiting with Optimist Friends – Ballroom D
 - Breakfast free for hotel guests – others may purchase a ticket at registration \$10.00

- **9:00 – 10:45** – Opening Ceremonies – Ballroom D
 - Board of Directors meeting
 - Announcements
- **10:45 – 11:00** Break
- **11:00 – 12:00** – Breakout sessions
 - Ballroom A – “Eagle’s Eye Approach to Effective Meetings” -
 - Ballroom B – “Feathering Your Nest with New Optimists:
 - Ballroom C – Leadership Lab – LMS training

- **12:00 1:30** – Luncheon – Ballroom D
 - 2020 Awards and Governor’ red jacket
 - Guest Speaker – Greg Roeszler “Coach Roz” of Playmakers
- **1:30 – 1:45** – Break
- **1:45 – 2:30** – Convention Business Session – Ballroom D
 - Election of 2022 Governor-elect

- **2:45 – 3:45** – Breakout Sessions
 - Ballroom A – “Soaring Higher on Facebook”
 - Ballroom B – “Birds of a Feather”
 - Ballroom C – Leadership Lab – LMS Training

- **4:00** – Closing Activities
- **4:30 – 6:00** – Hospitality Room open – (beverages may be taken to Banquet)

- **6:00 Banquet -- Ballroom D**
 - Entertainment by local youth group
 - Memorial Service – recognition of members deceased since last convention
 - Installation of 2021-2022 Governor and Team by Terry Gorman, VP Great Plains Region
- **8:00** - Convention Closing
- Hospitality and Fellowship to Follow in Hospitality Room