



2017-2018 Training Continues at the Third Annual GATEway Convention!

The GATEway District Leadership Development Committee will offer a variety of workshops during the District Convention at the Marriott Evergreen Conference Resort in Stone Mountain, GA. The training offered includes sessions that focus on how to be an effective and successful Lt. Governor and developing the skills required for Club President and Club Secretary-Treasurer. Additional classes will be offered for Optimists who are not participating in Officer-Elect training. Don't miss these opportunities!

Officer Training Sessions:

Lt. Governor-Elect Training	Friday, August 17, 2018	8:00am-4:00pm
Club Officer-Elect Training, Part I	Saturday, August 18, 2018	9:30-11:45am
Club Officer-Elect Training, Part II	Saturday, August 18, 2018	2:00-4:00pm

Other Workshops and Activities:

“The Changing Faces of Optimism”	Saturday, August 18, 2018	9:30-10:30am
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For the first time in modern history, people from five generations must interact with each other on a daily basis. At first the challenges of understanding how those from other generations think, work, and react can be an obstacle. But with a little help and understanding, we as Optimists can capitalize on the value each group brings to our organization. Please join Certified International Trainer, Deanna Morrow, to learn about the traits that characterize each generation, their differences, and how to use this information to strengthen your Club.

“Bring On the Fun!”	Saturday, August 18, 2018	10:45-11:45am
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Are you interested in fun meetings to keep everyone excited and involved? Would you like to add a “new dimension” to your activities? During this session, Activities Chair Kathy Forster will present productive, hands-on activities that are quick and easy to accomplish with the help of your Club members. These ideas can fit into every Club's program, provide service to the community, and even involve your JOI members. “Now is the time” to try something new—to build fellowship and serve your community at the same time!

“The Magic of Mentoring”	Saturday, August 18, 2018	2:00-2:50pm
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Once an Optimist Club recruits new members, it's important to keep them! New Optimists need support, guidance, and nurturing, and mentoring is one of the most effective ways to promote involvement in your Club. This session is designed to assist Clubs in developing and utilizing a mentoring system that delivers results for both the individual members and our organization. Join Certified International Trainer and Optimist International Representative, Paula Reyling, for this workshop where developing excited, productive Optimists is the goal!

Town Hall Meeting/Idea Exchange	Saturday, August 18, 2018	3:00-3:50pm
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During this session, Governor Mary Still and a panel of GATEway Optimists will lead an open 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 idea exchange filled with information, questions, and answers to insure your Club's continued success!