

2026 Convention Workshop Sessions



Technology and Communication

Finding Your Voice: Public Speaking for Optimists

The Modern Optimist: AI Creativity, Canva Design & Zeffy Fundraising

Optimist Institute: A Member Benefit for All Optimists!

Social Media Advertising - Not Just for Growth Anymore

Strategic Communication for Optimist Impact

Meeting, Conference, and Convention Planning

Creating Smiles in the Community: Simple, Hands-On Activities for Kids

From Uncertainty to Assurance: A Modern Approach to Club Risk Management

Gatherings CAN be FUN and ENTERTAINING

Mission with Protection: Safeguarding Youth in Optimist Programs

Planning Successful District Conferences and Conventions

Inclusion in Action: Making Every Space Welcoming from Club Meetings to Community Activities

Retention and Growth

Sowing the Seeds of Optimism In Youth our Community and Ourselves

What a Volunteer Wants: Meeting Expectations Across Generations

Responding to Community Needs

Optimist Day and Day of Service

The Value of Giving

Working with Local Organizations

Personal Development

"Let Them" – A Framework for Living Optimistically

Ten Simple Things That Great Leaders Know

Tuesdays with Morrie: A Book Discussion

You've Got What It Takes

Development within Optimist International

26-27 Club Officer Discussion

26-27 District Secretary/Treasurer Training

26-27 New Club Building and Membership Training

Choosing the Best of the Best: De-Mystifying How the Candidate Qualification Committee Works

Helping Optimists Help Kids: DFR and CFR Essentials

How to Become an OIF Board Candidate

Leadership Development Training

Member Feedback Sessions

New Recognition Program: Club Health Awards Program

Optimist DREAM: District Resources for the Engagement and Achievement of Members

What's New With the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation