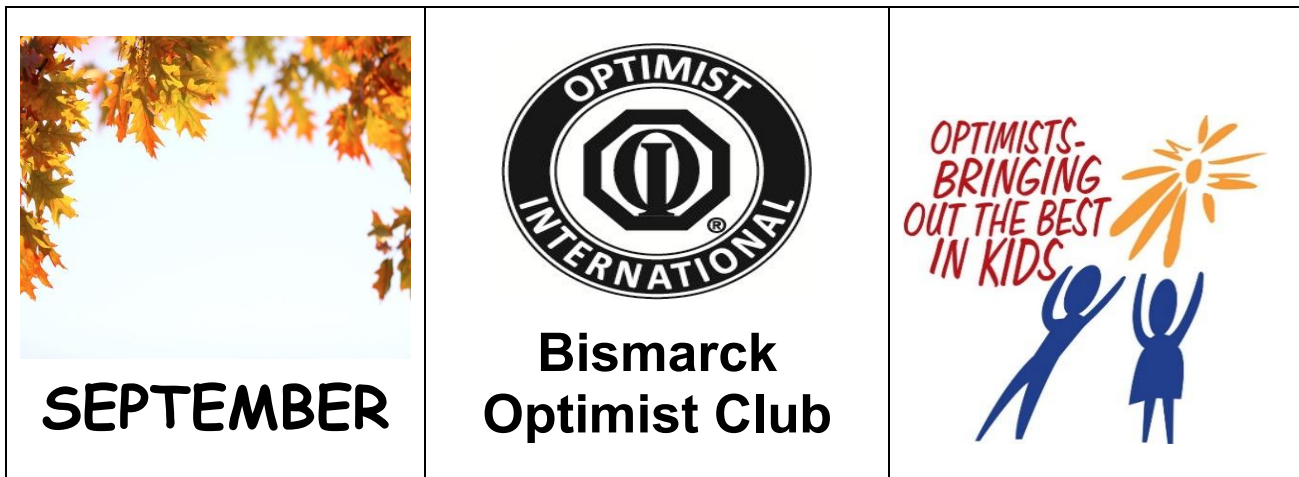


# The Optimist Outlook – September 2025



## *A Look Ahead to...*

### September Programs, Brent Helm, Chair

- September 1<sup>st</sup>** – Labor Day Avenue of Flags
- September 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Theo Art School
- September 5<sup>th</sup>** – Board of Directors Meeting
- September 8<sup>th</sup>** – Fill Caring for Kids Backpacks
- September 9<sup>th</sup>** – Northern Plains Dance
- September 16<sup>th</sup>** – Past Presidents Picnic: **RSVP due by September 5th**
- September 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Burleigh County FFA
- September 30<sup>th</sup>** – Area 10 Special Olympics

### Recap of August Programs, Sylvia Burgess, Chair

- August 4<sup>th</sup>** – Filled 30 Caring for Kids backpacks
- August 5<sup>th</sup>** – Manchester House, Lacey Aman
- August 7<sup>th</sup>** – Board of Directors Meeting
- August 12<sup>th</sup>** – Bismarck Mandan Pickleball Club, Andy Jangula
- August 19<sup>th</sup>** – Kids in Transition, Bismarck Public Schools, Sherrice Roness, Coordinator
- August 26<sup>th</sup>** – Salvation Army, Amanda Hoscheit

## **Upcoming Program Chairs:**

October: volunteer needed  
November: volunteer needed

Contact Julie [jjeske@bravera.bank](mailto:jjeske@bravera.bank) for more information

## **Member Anniversaries**

Bent Helm – 3 years

Chris Fraser – 6 years

Amanda Yellow – 16 years

Larry Klemin – 42 years

Paige Wahl – 4 years

Lacey Fercho – 9 years

Kristi Kraft -17 years

Russ Harkness – 45 years

Madison Berger – 5 years

Jena Gullo – 9 years

Howard Malloy – 38 years

## **Welcome New Member!**

**Charee Linton**



## **Caring for Kids Backpacks**

Committee member Dave Leftwich and his wife, Jackie, along with Sylvia Burgess, filled 30 backpacks on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Bismarck Optimist Bowling Tournament.**

We are very excited to announce that our 11th Annual Optimist Bowling Tournament will take place on October 11th at Midway Lanes. The fun starts at 1:30pm with 3 games of bowling, a phenomenal silent auction, prizes and much more! All you need to do is get together a team of 4 people and get ready to have a ball and strike up some fun!

You will not want to miss out on this fun afternoon as there will be prizes for team spirit, most creative team name, highest bowling and best costumes. Now, you are probably wondering.... COSTUMES?!? Well, this year we are encouraging teams to dress up as their favorite celebrities or movie characters to add a whole other level of awesomeness to this year's event. We are fired up to see what people will come up with this year for their teams!

The level of competition at this year's tournament is going to be truly EPIC as we will not only have our annual Battle of the Banks competition, but also a new division-Battle of the Realtors! Local banks and real estate companies are encouraged to sponsor teams, so please help us spread the word to your connections.

One of the best parts of this bowling tournament is that 50% of the proceeds go towards helping a local non-profit that serves children in our community. Our bowling committee is excited to report that this year's charity is Foster Hope. This non-profit started up in 2023 and provides new and gently used clothing along with a new suitcase to kids that are going into foster care. Foster Hope recently opened a store in downtown Mandan where foster families can shop for clothes free of charge. Their organization has touched the lives of over 2000 kids, and we are honored to have the opportunity to help this incredible organization raise some funds through this year's tournament and silent auction!

The bowling flyer/registration form with all the details is attached to the newsletter. If you could please do us a favor and share it with your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc., that would be great. Don't forget to share the event on Facebook as well! We really appreciate all the help and support as we gear up for this year's bowling tournament!

Your Optimist Bowling Committee Members,

Jerry Haas

Amanda Yellow

Wes Engbrecht

Brooks Grotte

Sylvia Burgess

Rhonda Krueger



# **11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

**MIDWAY LANES**  
**OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> - 1:30-4:30PM**  
*teams encouraged to dress up as their  
favorite movie stars or celebrities*



**Optimist**  
INTERNATIONAL  
Optimist Club of  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- \$150 for 3 games (shoes extra)
- 4 players per team
- Silent Auction
- Forms due October 8th
- Checks payable to Bismarck Optimist Club
- PO Box 511 Bismarck, ND 58502
- Email registration form to [bis.optimist@gmail.com](mailto:bis.optimist@gmail.com)
- For more information contact Jerry at 701-527-9675

a portion of the proceeds benefits:



Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members \_\_\_\_\_

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Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Power Up Your Optimism!!!

It is that time of year again- time to launch a new membership drive for our Optimist Club! Over the past couple years, we have had Optimist Overdrive, Energize your Optimism....and now.... Power Up Your Optimism!

This campaign will run from September 9, 2025 through May 30, 2026 and we are encouraging ALL Optimist members to RECRUIT new members as we continue to grow our awesome Optimist Club! Please consider reaching out to your friends, co-workers and seriously anyone you know and ask them to join you for one of our Optimist meetings or upcoming events.

This membership drive will once again be incentive based, where if you recruit a new member- you will receive a \$25 gift card! Your guest will also get a chance to draw a “power” related item from our mystery bag, just by attending one of our weekly club meetings. It may be a different fun item every time!

A new feature for the Power Up Your Optimism membership drive will be a traveling trophy. The Optimist member that recruits the most new members from September through January will become the first recipient of this highly coveted trophy! At the end of May, the trophy will “travel” to the Optimist member who recruits the most members during the time period from February to the end of May.

There are lots of optimistic people out there in Bismarck-Mandan and lots of people who want to get more involved in the community. All we have to do is seek them out and just ASK!

Thank you for your support as we launch Power Up Your Optimism! Now, let's get ready to recruit some new Optimist members!





**Why Do Optimists Do That?**  
Optimist Fun Facts in our Newsletter

## **Countries of Optimist International**

Optimism knows no borders



Anguilla and British  
West Indies



Antigua and Barbuda



The Bahamas



Bangladesh



Barbados



Belize



British Virgin Islands-Tortola



Canada



The Cayman Islands



The Democratic  
Republic of the Congo



Ghana



Haiti



India



Jamaica



Japan



Malta



Nepal



The Philippines



Senegal



South Korea



St Vincent and the  
Grenadines



Thailand



Uganda



United Arab Emirates



The United States of America



Zambia



From the July 2025 OI magazine: 40,000 members in 2,000 clubs conduct more than 50,000 service projects, benefiting 6 million young people and investing \$78 million into their communities! We are part of a mighty, impressive organization!

## **2024-25 Board of Directors:**

**President:** Julie Jeske, email: [jjeske@bravera.bank](mailto:jjeske@bravera.bank)

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## **Optimist Resources:**

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DMM: [www.optimist-dmm.org](http://www.optimist-dmm.org)

## **Optimist Creed**

### ***Promise Yourself...***

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear & too happy to permit the presence of trouble.