

Request for Support:

CENON District 47 Fourth Quarter Convention

Morrisburg, McIntosh Inn | August 14–16, 2026



Dear Fellow Optimists,

As we prepare for the Fourth Quarter Convention, I am reaching out to ask for your support in helping make this event both successful and affordable for all members attending.

The convention provides an important opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our clubs, recognize outstanding volunteers, conduct District business, and strengthen the friendships that make Optimism so special. With the rising costs of hosting events, we are seeking assistance from clubs, members, businesses, families, and supporters to help offset expenses and enhance the convention experience.

There are several meaningful ways you can help:

Convention Program Sponsorship

Businesses, clubs, and individual members may sponsor advertisements or messages in the convention booklet. This is an excellent way to promote a business, recognize a club, congratulate award recipients, or simply show support for our District.

Silent Auction Donations

We are seeking items for the Silent Auction. Suggested donations include:

- Gift baskets
- Gift certificates
- Sports memorabilia
- Local products or services
- Unique or specialty items

Funds raised through the auction will help support convention expenses and future District initiatives.

Delegate Welcome Bags

Each convention attendee receives a welcome bag upon arrival. We are looking for contributions such as:

- Financial contributions to help cover the cost of the bags
- Promotional items, coupons, or gifts to include in the bags
- Business sponsorships for bag contents

Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Clubs, businesses, and individuals may also choose to sponsor specific portions of the convention, including:

- Opening breakfast
- General session refreshment breaks
- Hospitality events
- Recognition programs
- Delegate materials and printing costs

Sponsors will be recognized during the convention and in convention materials whenever possible.

Financial Contributions

Monetary donations of any size are greatly appreciated. These contributions will help reduce convention costs, maintain an affordable registration fee, and ensure a quality experience for our members.

Our District has always demonstrated tremendous generosity and a strong commitment to supporting one another.

By working together, we can make this year's Fourth Quarter Convention a memorable celebration of our accomplishments and the outstanding service our clubs provide throughout our communities.

Taking Action

If your club, business, or family would like to contribute in any way, please contact Convention Chair Barbara Holly at barbaraholly56@gmail.com, Secretary Treasurer Brian Wick at bwick@brooklinsigns.com, or me for additional information.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Optimist International and to the youth and communities we serve. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Optimism,

Larry Harper, Governor, CENON District 47

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