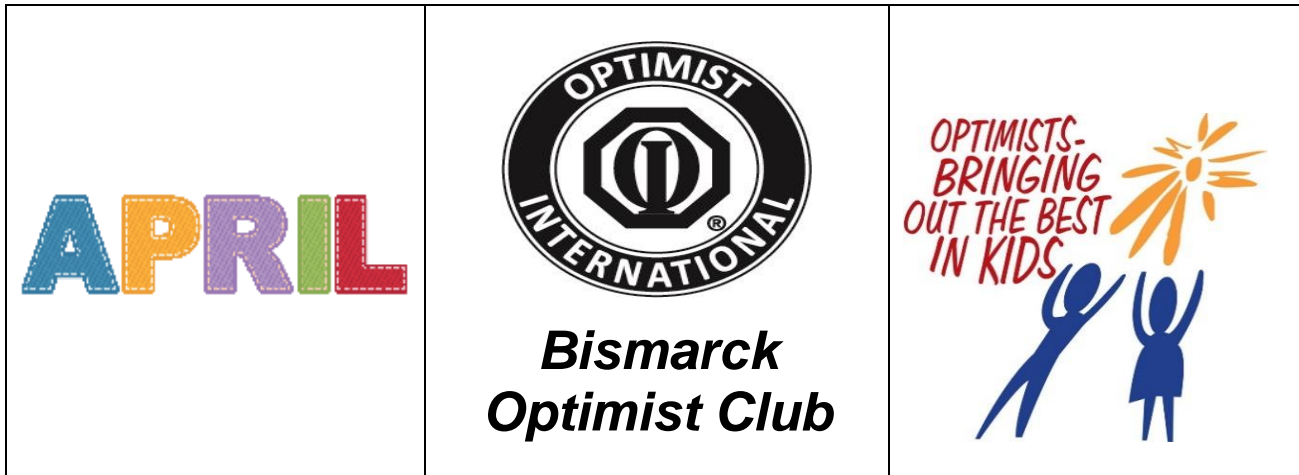


The Optimist Outlook – April 2025



A Look Ahead to...

April Programs, Brooks Grotte, Chair

April 1st – The Optimist Easter Coalition - Jerry H. & Amanda Y. with a Special Guest

April 3rd - Board of Directors meeting

April 7th – Fill Caring for Kids backpacks

April 8th - Asbury Camp - Ben Potter

- Non-Denominational Christian Youth Camp by Washburn, 100yr Celebration in June

April 13th – Easter Egg Hunt at the Capitol Grounds

April 15th - Rightside Up Foundation - Laycie Geis

- Bismarck non-profit, supports those needing a new beginning, www.rightsideupfoundation.org

April 22nd - Noon Meeting - Oratorical Contest winner to present speech and receive \$500 scholarship

April 22nd - Optimist Social - 4:30-6:30 at Send It! Cornhole/Chucker's Sports Bar

April 29th - Dakota Zoo - Allison

Recap of March Programs, Kyle Debertin, Program Chair

March 3rd – Fill Caring for Kids Backpacks

March 4th – Mark Ehrmantraut, The God's Child Community Engagement Coordinator

March 6th - Board of Directors meeting

March 11th - Shannon Straight, Executive Director of The Badlands Conservation Alliance

March 18th - Kendra Bachmeier, Cross Training

March 25th - Dr. Jeff Fastnacht, Bismarck Public Schools Superintendent

Upcoming Program Chairs:

May: Jerry Haas

June: How about volunteering?

Contact Julie jjeske@bravera.bank for more information

Member Anniversaries

Jerry Haas - 14 years

Dave Leftwich – 42 years

14th Annual Funds for the Future Grant

This grant provides funds to Bismarck and Mandan elementary schools to help with a specified project they plan to complete in the near future. This year's grant amount will be up to \$5,000 each for **two** schools.

Grant applications were sent to all Bismarck and Mandan Elementary schools on February 14th. The completed application package is due by **April 14, 2025**.

The unique application process involves the students as well as staff and PTO. There will be a celebration in the spring for the school(s) selected!

Committee Chair: Sylvia Burgess

Why Do Optimists Do That?

Optimist Fun Facts in our Newsletter

Optimist Creed

Written by Christian Larson, the creed was originally published under the title "Promise Yourself" in 1912.

The wife of Los Angeles Optimist James V. Westervelt saw the item in a newspaper and clipped it for her husband. After publishing it in his club's bulletin, Westervelt and other Los Angeles Optimists encouraged other California clubs to use the creed. Soon after, the creed's popularity grew. Optimists in California found the Optimist spirit well-expressed in the 10-line statement and pushed to have it adopted organization-wide.

In 1922, the Optimist Creed was adopted as the official creed of the organization. It is printed every month at the end of our newsletter. We recite it at the end of every regular club meeting.

Bismarck Optimist Food Drive

Bismarck Optimist Club, in partnership with Great Plains Food Bank, is organizing a kid-friendly food drive to be held May 1-15, 2025. During the summer months, many school-aged children in our community are faced with food insecurity. Please see the **event flier on the next page** for more information.

Drop off Location	Address
BRAVERA	401 N 4TH ST
BRAVERA	INTERSTATE AVE
BRAVERA MANDAN	MAIN STREET MANDAN
BISMARCK EVENT CENTER	648 S 8TH ST
CAPITAL CREDIT UNION	204 W THAYER AVE
FIBT - BISMARCK	1601 N 12TH ST
FIBT - MANDAN	4530 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY STE 201; MANDAN
FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST	304 E FRONT AVE
GATE CITY BANK- DOWNTOWN	304 E ROSSER AVE BISMARCK
GATE CITY BANK-COUNTRY WEST	1725 GOLF DRIVE BISMARCK
GATE CITY BANK- GATEWAY	2710 STATE STREET BISMARCK
GATE CITY BANK- MANDAN	405 E MAIN ST, MANDAN
GATE CITY BANK - YORKTOWN	3204 YORKTOWN DRIVE BISMARCK
KIRKWOOD BANK & TRUST	905 TACOMA AVE BISMARCK
KIRKWOOD BANK & TRUST	122 EAST MAIN AVE BISMARCK
KIRKWOOD BANK & TRUST	2911 NORTH 14TH STREET BISMARCK
STARION BANK	2900 N WASHINGTON ST
STARION BANK MANDAN	MANDAN
BISMARCK TITLE COMPANY	207 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET
BREMER BANK	710 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET
BASIN ELECTRIC	1717 E INTERSTATE AVENUE

Committee members: Julie Jeske, Ron Walters, Jean Ball and Cindy Clairmont

Bismarck Optimist Club



Accepting Donations May 1 -15. 2025

Good nutrition is a building block for children to grow up strong and healthy. But did you know that during the summer, many youth in our community face food insecurity, as they no longer have access to free and reduced-price meals provided during the school year.

Bismarck Optimist Club, in partnership with Great Plains Food Bank, is proud to sponsor a food drive focused on feeding children in our community.

Kid Approved Suggested Food Donations

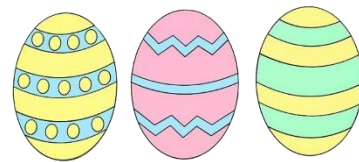
- Peanut Butter
- Shelf-stable jerky or beef/chicken sticks
- Single serve snack items
- Shelf-stable dairy products
- Cereal (individual or larger box)
- Canned soup and vegetables
- Tuna or chicken pouches
- Boxed or microwavable shelf-stable meals or mac and cheese
- Individual containers of applesauce, Jello or pudding
- Sports drinks (individual or larger bottles)
- Fruit juice individual or larger bottles

Please Do Not Donate:

- Leaking cans, bottles or packages
- Foods requiring refrigeration
- Open packages
- Food outside of its Sell Buy or Best If Used By Date



Optimist Easter Egg Hunt- an eggciting eggspereience!



Our 8th annual Optimist Easter Egg Hunt is just around the corner! This fun filled community event sponsored by our Bismarck Optimist Club will take place on April 13th at the ND Capitol Grounds. It is free and open to all kids age 9 & under. The **Egg Hunt flier** with all the details is at the **end of this newsletter**, so be sure to help us spread the word to your friends, co-workers and everyone you know!

A big part of planning this event involves stuffing the 12,000 Easter Eggs and we are pleased to report that our 3 egg stuffing nights on April 1st, 3rd & 8th are now full! Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer to stuff eggs, we couldn't do this without you. Special thanks to our egg coordinator, Sylvia Burgess for hosting the stuffing nights, we sure appreciate it!

We are also thrilled to be able to reveal the 3 Grand Prizes for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. One lucky kid in each of the age groups below will end up winning one of these prizes by tracking down an egg with a golden ticket:

- 3yrs & under - Toniebox audio player with Peter Rabbit
- 4-6 yrs - Toyota Power Packed Adventures Toyota FJ Cruiser
- 7-9yrs- Go Kart

We have a feeling that kids will be going for a mad scramble across the Capitol grounds to search for the eggs containing the 3 golden tickets! In addition to these awesome grand prizes, there will be over 43 other prizes for kids to win at this year's hunt. The Easter Bunny and Governor Kelly Armstrong will also be in attendance at the Egg Hunt, so you do not want to miss out!

If you are still interested in volunteering to help out at the Easter Egg Hunt, it is not too late to sign-up! Any help is much appreciated as we are still looking for a few Optimist volunteers to lend a hand with setting up for the event, scattering eggs and perimeter patrol. If you are interested in helping out, just let us know.

On behalf of our Easter Egg Hunt team, thank you for your support of this fun-filled event for the kids in our community. See you at the Capitol on the 13th!

Jerry Haas & Amanda Yellow

Easter Egg Hunt Committee Co-chairs





Caring for Kids Backpacks

Committee members Morgan Bruhn and Sylvia Burgess filled 36 backpacks on March 3rd for area homeless youth served by United Way agencies.

Optimist International Dime-A-Day

Your support of OI's Foundation helps the foundation live its mission and it only costs \$36.50; however, you can always give more. OI Foundation is a non-profit and you can potentially use this as a charitable donation.

If you decide to give, please mail your check and the completed form (next page)* to:

Bismarck Optimist Club
PO Box 511
Bismarck, ND 58502-0511

Your consideration and support of OI Foundation is greatly appreciated.

Optimist International Foundation Representative, Kyle Debertin

*Bismarck Optimist Club number is #35014, we will add your member number.



**OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
FOUNDATION**

Dime-A-Day

Optimist International and Optimist International Foundation coexist as two separate organizations that support each other. Optimist International Foundation is the fundraising arm of Optimist International, and works to develop funds to support the endeavors of Optimist International and its mission.

When Members and Clubs make a contribution to support Optimist International Foundation, they are, with that gift, supporting Optimist International itself and themselves as a Club as well.

With just one dime a day, you can become part of the movement of "Helping Optimists Help Kids" and become part of a large group of Foundation supporters who realize what a difference they make every day in the lives of children. Would you consider making a gift of just a dime a day to assist the charitable work of Optimist International?

The Dime-A-Day level is reached by a contribution of \$36.50 to the Foundation within one Optimist Year, and is recognized by the presentation of a pin.

Building a future where every kid counts
Can you spare a **dime a day?**

☐ Sign me up! Please accept my \$ _____ donation. (Enclose check, payable to Optimist International Foundation, referencing "Dime-A-Day" in the memo section.)

☐ Sign me up! Please accept my \$ _____ donation. Charge my ☐ MC ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Account # _____ Exp. ____/____ Signature: _____ Security Code _____

☐ Sign me up! Please deduct \$3.05 per month from my checking account.

Checking account number: _____ (Please include a copy of a voided check)

Name _____ Email _____

Club Number _____ Member Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Please return to: Optimist International Foundation • Dime-A-Day Campaign • P.O. Box 952126 • St. Louis, MO 63195



8TH ANNUAL

OPTIMIST CLUB OF BISMARCK

EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

1:30 PM - 3 & UNDER

2 PM - 4-6 YEAR OLDS

2:30 PM - 7-9 YEAR OLDS

Please arrive 30 min. prior to your hunt to register

FREE AND OPEN TO KIDS 9 & UNDER

ND CAPITOL GROUNDS LAWN

EASTER BAGS WILL BE PROVIDED

**12,000
Eggs!**



**Optimist Club of
Bismarck**
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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.