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Happy Optimist New Years to all the Optimist Clubs in Midwestern Ontario District!

I am hoping this address is finding you and yours all well during our current health crisis. As Clubs begin to meet under new executive boards, I am sure the first questions many of you are going to ask include:

- How are we going to meet?
- What are we hoping to accomplish this year?
- How are we going to do it?
- What do we do if our health crisis worsens and we once again face further restrictions?

These are all valid and very important questions to address. The key to your Club's success stares at you in the mirror every morning.....you! Your creativity and resiliency are going to aid you in your mission to serve your communities, your youth and yourselves.

There are many tools being provided to you this year to aid you in accomplishing your goals. While facing these uncertain times, your District team has promised to provide you with as much help as we can possibly offer to assist you in adapting or reinventing your programs to meet your target audience today.

Such items include:

- Several new Optimist International created activities for Clubs to offer communities
- A new Learning management system for members to use to update skills and training
- Multiple free seminars and learning workshops, from OI and from District
- Quarterly E-newsletter (The MWO Banner) to update and inform members while we connect you directly to programs, registrations, and more.

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- A brand new MWO website including Resources, and links to all of the above, as well as easier access to information for Clubs

While Covid may slow us down, we will not shut down! Your communities and your youth all depend on you to try to add some positivity to their daily lives.

The way we at District communicate and serve you will look a little different this year than most are accustomed to. Reason being is we at District are also being forced to change the way we serve Clubs within the District, the same way Clubs are being forced to adapt new ways to serve communities and youth.

Your new District team is in the process of contacting every Club in the District in order to offer assistance, guidance and reassurance. They will communicate to you the answers to many of your questions, or offer information where to get those answers. I wish all of you great success for the upcoming year.

Be safe, be happy, be resilient, be Optimistic! Be yourselves.

Yours in Optimism,

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