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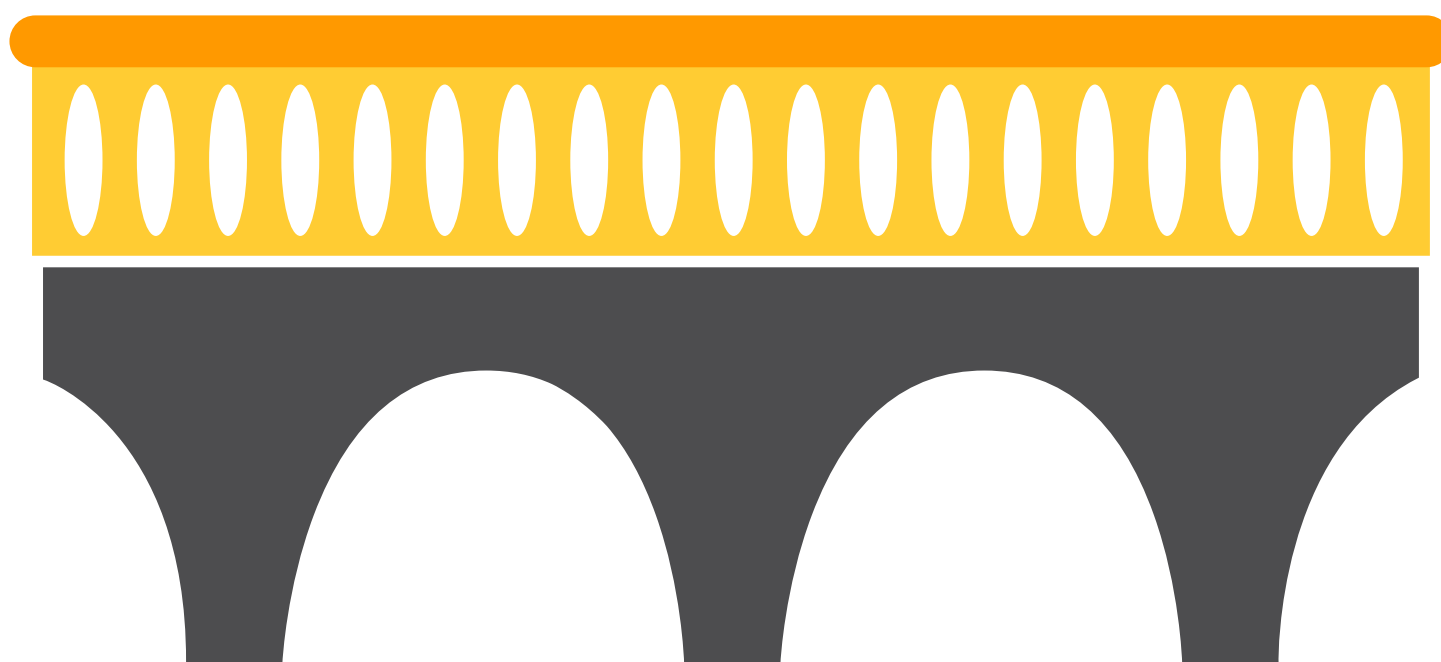
The OPTIMIST



**Optimist Strong –
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Let's Build Bridges...



Towards the 100th Optimist International Convention

Legend has it that if the sun shines on both shores of a body of water, it is possible to cross it like a bridge. This phenomenon is known as a “golden bridge” and the lower St. Lawrence is reputed to have the best golden bridges. St. Lawrence is also the home of 2017-18 Canadian Children’s Optimist Foundation President Raymonde Michaud. The Foundation was thus inspired by this marine setting and is starting this Optimist New Year with the theme, “With the Foundation, Let’s Build Bridges.”

We want to build bridges with our Members, participants and leaders – to be proud of their additional contribution to this wonderful Optimism cause. We want to build bridges for the beneficiaries – whether they be scholarship winners or young people through the Outsourcing and Spread Relief program. We want everyone involved to add to the building of this bridge.

To achieve this, we are building you a golden bridge! This is an interesting proposal which could lead you, should you participate, to the 100th Optimist International Convention held in Ottawa July 2018.

Optimist Members: be proud to make a donation to your Foundation. **To all the Dime a Day and other donors who have contributed before December 31, 2017, we will draw 10 basic registrations to the Ottawa International Convention.**

Be proud that at least 10% of the Members of your Club are Dime a Day donors and that your Club gave at least \$100. **Each Club where 10% of Members have all given a minimum of 10 cents a day will receive a ticket for a drawing for a basic registration to the Ottawa International Convention. In addition, each Club which has contributed a minimum of \$100 will receive a ticket for another basic registration. The Club which has reached these two goals and whose total donations reaches \$1,000 by March 31, 2018 will automatically receive a reimbursement of one basic registration to the Ottawa International Convention.**

Be proud that 10% of your District Members make a donation to your Foundation and the total of those donations increase by 10% over 2017-18. **We will refund a basic registration at the Ottawa International Convention and 3 free hotel nights to the District Foundation Representative who meets this goal by June 30, 2018.**

Be proud to use this golden bridge that is offered to you. Be proud to shine Optimism all around and to contribute to building a bridge, maybe a golden bridge, towards the 100,000 Members for the 100th Optimist International Convention.

With the Foundation, together, let’s build bridges... towards tomorrow!

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