



To: Executive, Club Presidents, and General Membership:

With the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is a time to reflect and read our Optimist Creed and try to implement it into the way we handle the challenges brought before us.

As the leader of the Midwestern Ontario District, I ask you to follow Health Ontario, and your local health department rulings for club meetings and social gatherings.

But now more than ever, we need to rise up and support one another. We owe a thank you to our front line health care workers, our emergency service personal, the clerks and staff in grocery stores and pharmacies and the people who are planning and preparing to deal with this pandemic for the long term.

I know that if we work collectively, we will get through this by supporting one another and offering to help where we can, by following the advice of the medical community and by being patient and understanding with each other.

As your Governor, at this time, I have made the decision to cancel our 3rd Quarter Board which was scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 9th, 2020 at the Optimist Hall in St. Pauls. However we have rescheduled the District Oratorical portion of this meeting for Saturday, June 6, 2020 at the Optimist Hall in Shakespeare. Unfortunately we will be limiting attendance only to the contestant, immediate family, judges and a few District Executive (unless otherwise announced).

Thank you, Be Safe and Wash Your Hands.

In Optimism,



**Governor, Paul (Buck) Mathieson**

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