

SWIS District 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Conference  
General Session  
Platteville, WI  
October 24, 2009

Governor Jerry Schewe called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M.

Immediate-Past Governor Barb Nelson led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Menomonee Falls Immediate-Past President JJ Selland provided the Invocation.

Mukwonago President, and District Tri-Star Sports Chair, Joe Mundwiler, announced the parade of banners.

Platteville City Manager Dave Berner welcomed the SWIS District Conference to Platteville.

Governor Jerry Schewe introduced Charter WINUM Governor and Past OI Leadership Chair Dave Gass, district officers, committee chairs, past Governors, and Illinois District Governor-elect Marty Schmidt.

Platteville High School English teacher Cheryl Schober introduced F-Troupe, a group of high school students who create and perform skits to create social awareness of hot topics. They performed two skits about online harassment - "Cyberbullying" and "Standing in the Rain". Governor Jerry presented F-Troupe with a check to support their good work.

SWIS District JOOI Governor AJ Cifuentes, of Monroe spoke about his vision for the JOOI year and asked the Optimists to support him.

Past OI Leadership Chair Dave Gass installed the SWIS Officers and the Club Presidents in attendance as the SWIS District Board of Directors.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved and seconded by the Executive Committee to approve the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Convention and the 2008-2009 year-end financial report. Passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Lt. Governor Tom Wohlleber, seconded by Lt. Governor Larry Barbera, to approve Bonnie Spindler as District Secretary-Treasurer and to approve Anchor Bank as the district depository. Passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Moved and seconded by the Executive Committee to amend the district policies by increasing the hotel reimbursement from \$60 to \$75 per night and decreasing the mileage reimbursement 40¢ to 20¢ per mile. Passed.

Moved and seconded by the Executive Committee to approve the 2009-2010 budget. Passed.

Governor Jerry noted that several clubs have not received the "Hello, My Name Is" program information. He asked that the Clubs designate a day for this activity after receiving the information and inform their respective Lt. Governor of their results.

#### DISTRICT REPORTS

Membership chair Gary Engelke was not present due to a family emergency. Governor Jerry recognized Maren Nelson, President of the Monroe Noon Club, for sponsoring a member in October. Jerry recognized eight members for attending their first conference; the four who noted this on their registration participated in a drawing for a free T-shirt, free lunch at the next conference, being seated at the head table, and a surprise (a bottle of wine).

New Community Growth chair Dwaine Sievers noted that our growth has been tied to growth in new communities and sponsoring a new club generally helps to rejuvenate the sponsor club. The Platteville Area club is scheduled to charter Wednesday (October 28); please forward him names of people to contact in new communities.

Past District OI Foundation Rep Fred Dorn presented awards to individuals and clubs for their 2008-2009 donations to OI Foundation. Current District OI Foundation Rep Andy LaVoi

thanked Fred for his service as the District OI Rep. He explained the various giving levels, explained how OI funds are used, and encouraged all members to at least join the Dime-A-Day club.

Community Project Awards (CPA) chair Rick Sill has information on the new requirements and reminded club presidents that a CPA submission is an Honor Club requirement.

Tri-Star Basketball chair Joe Mundwiler announced March 20, 2010 as the date for the SWIS District Tri-Star basketball competition at Mukwonago High School. Bucky Badger will be a special guest.

OI Ambassador Barb Nelson showed a DVD highlighting the attractions in Denver and encouraged all to attend the OI Convention July 8-10, 2010.

#### OI REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Past WINUM Governor and Past OI Leadership Committee Chair Dave Gass urged members to be positive and show you care. He used the behavior of a flock of geese to illustrate how we need to be encouraging and supportive; commit to be the best because you don't want to look at the face in the mirror and say you could have done better.

Governor Jerry thanked Dave for his comments and presented him with a small token of appreciation for his time.

The next general session will be February 6, 2010 at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Regional Vice President Joanne Ganske will be in attendance.

Governor-elect CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls led everyone in the Optimist Creed.

The general session was adjourned at 10:45 am; a PGI skills module and two roundtable discussions will follow.

Respectfully submitted,  
Howard Crofoot, for District Secretary/Treasurer Bonnie Spindler