

2008-2009 SWIS District 1st Quarter Conference

General Session November 1, 2008

Wisconsin Dells

Governor Barb Nelson called the session to order at 8:45 am at the Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells.

Becky Mischka, District Leadership Development, announced the Parade of Banners. Presenting their club banners were representatives from: Monroe Noon; Monroe Breakfast; Monroe JOOI; Janesville Tuesday Breakfast; Janesville noon; Beloit Breakfast; Delavan-Darien; Waunakee; and Sauk Prairie.

Michael Shields, Immediate Past Governor, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Steve Bailey, District Chaplain opened with a prayer. Barb Nelson introduced past governor, her team, and special guest, Mike Woodward, International Vice President. There were seven (7) first timers attending. The entire assembly - led by the past governors - sang, "Hail to Optimism" with great fortitude!

Roundtable discussions filled the morning.

SPECIAL GUEST REMARKS

After lunch, Mike Woodward spoke to the Optimists. He began by posing the question, "Why are we here?" What started out as a "me-centered" beginning, turned into "it's about the children". He challenged all the clubs to strive to be Honor Clubs, and for all Lt. Governors to reach Distinguished status, meaning they've helped build a new club.

INSTALLATION

Following his remarks, Mike Woodward installed the District Board of Directors.

SECRETARY-TREASURER

The Consent Agenda was presented with Jerry Schewe explaining the addition to the budget that the Board had passed in executive session on Friday night. **MOTION** to accept the Consent Agenda made by Al Hutchison, Past Governor - 2nd by Dave Hardy, President, Monroe Breakfast. **MOTION PASSED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our Foundation efforts were reported on for Unrestricted funding, the Football Raffle and CCC fund raising.

Michael Shields announced that the International Convention will be held July 8-11, 2009 in Orlando, FL.

Next meeting will be February 7, 2009..

The Optimist Creed was led by Jerry Schewe.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Bauman, Assistant to the Governor