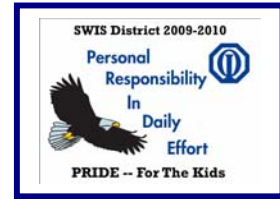




**SWIS District 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Conference  
General Session  
Whitewater, WI  
February 6, 2010**



Governor Jerry Schewe called the meeting to order at 8:30 am in the Old Main Ballroom of the Connor University Center at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Past Governor Al Hutchison announced the parade of banners. Immediate Past Governor Barb Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Governor Jerry Schewe introduced all past governor's present, had all new members or sponsors stand to be recognized, recognized the two newest clubs (Platteville Area and Cottage Grove), first time attendees, and OI Certified Trainer Paula Reyling. Don Rudolph was surprised with a 'Happy Birthday' song. The first timers received a Governor's pin and also participated in a 'secret envelope drawing' where three of them won a gift.

**Consent Agenda**

Moved by the executive committee to approve the minutes from the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter conference and the budget report. Passed.

**Special Presentations**

District College Clubs Chair, and UW-Whitewater Community club member, Kim Adams introduced three difference special arts presentations: UW-Whitewater Student club member Matt Wurzer played the piano, four UW-Whitewater TIFU Poetry students presented various poems, and the Whitewater High School Dance Club performed two Mexican dances.

**Old Business – None**

**New Business**

Governor-elect CoryAnn St Marie-Carls made the first call for 2010-2011 Governor-elect and 2010-2011 Lt. Governor nominations. A second call for 2010-2011 Governor-elect will be made at the next meeting and the election will be at the district convention. 2010-2011 Lt. Governors will be elected in May.

Governor Jerry Schewe announced that the executive committee had discussed possible contributions to relief in Haiti. It was decided that the SWIS District would not coordinate a group contribution, but clubs and individuals are encouraged to contribute organizations of their choice.

Moved by Brodhead President Julio Rodriquez, seconded by Delavan-Darien President Kevin Austin to approve the donation of \$500 to the McFarland-based Morton Curling Team if promotional materials for the team feature the OI logo. Passed.

**Committee Reports**

Membership Chair Gary Engelke was not available due to a family conflict. Governor Jerry shared details of OI's *Dollars for Members* program.

New Community Growth Chair Dwaine Sievers provided an update on communities interested in starting an Optimist Club. Governor Jerry Schewe reminded everyone that he will present every club that sponsors a new club with a certificate for one-week of resort accommodations in Orlando, FL; each recipient club can choose who will actually receive the certificate.

OI Foundation Chair Andy LaVoi explained how OI Foundation donations come back to the District in the form of CCDHH, Oratorical, and Essay scholarships, OI publications, etc. He also shared about the

'Dime-A-Day' program and encouraged all those present to be in it. Collection was made of those present for the foundation.

Builder of Excellence certificates were presented to Jim Kondrasuk and Joanne Ganske for building the Cottage Grove club and to Gary Engelke and Jerry Schewe for building the Platteville Area club.

Dwaine Sievers received a certificate and pin bracket for attaining Personal Growth and Involvement Level VII.

#### **PGI Skills Module**

Certified OI Trainer Paula Reyling presented information on *Leadership Styles and Profiles*, a Personal Growth & Involvement (PGI) module. The full presentation is available through the [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org).

#### **Future Leaders Training**

Certified OI Trainer Paula Reyling utilized a portion of the *Catch A Rising Star* program and had everyone break into five different groups: non-officers; club secretary-treasurer; club presidents; Lt. Governors; and Governor's. There was discussion on the value of each group, how they interacted and the opportunities that exists for each optimist to develop himself or herself to move to the next level, if they so choose.

International Vice President Joanne Ganske discussed the Five T's (Talent, Team Work, Time, Tone, and Turn) and explained how prospective members are everywhere and that it's the responsibility of each club, NOT OI, to get new members by 'just asking'.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on May 8 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

Immediate Past Governor Barb Nelson led the Optimist Creed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am

Respectfully submitted,

**Bonnie Spindler**

SWIS District Secretary-Treasurer  
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