

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

to the Centerville Noon Optimist Club for being named the 2015-16 Optimist Club of the Year!

Centerville Noon Optimist Club conducted many successful community service projects such as the Haunted Trail, a Club oratorical contest and essay contest, an Easter Egg Hunt, Tri-Star basketball and soccer, Fire Fighter EMT Recognition (Robert O'Toole Memorial), Respect for Law: Police and Sheriff Recognition (John Kalamam Memorial), Community Hero Recognition, Care Giver Award, Build a Bear Events for Childhood Cancer and Sickle Cell Children, numerous

scholarships including Will Cale and Educational Assistance, and Terry Blair Memorial, Fishing Derby, Safety on Wheels, CCDHH, Kids Day in the Park, Nation Hunting and Fishing Day, and Care Giver Breakfast.

Fundraising events include Christmas Tree Lot, Avenue of Flags, and Tom Frasier Tee Off for Youth. The fundraising events allowed Centerville Noon to donate in excess of \$100,000 to community events and programs for children in the community.

The Club's leaders and Members attended Optimist International Leadership Summits, the Optimist International Convention in Quebec, and participated in the PGI program. The Club received the AFLAC National Duckprint Award for "making a significant difference in the lives of children. They were also nominated by Dayton Children's Hospital for their commitment and work with the Hematology/ Oncology department. The Club won the "Club Showcase" category of the 2016 Reel Optimism video contest and voted the best overall video at the Québec International Convention. The Club also was voted best presentation at "Braggers Hall" at the Québec International Convention.

The Centerville Noon Optimist Club sponsored the Sinclair Optimist Club during the 2015-16 Optimist year.

THE CENTERVILLE NOON OPTIMIST CLUB 2015-16 LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Myron Rheäume, President

Gary Smiga, Treasurer

Larry Lynde, President-Elect

William Stone, Foundation Representative

Joseph Madden, Secretary



Congratulations to all 2015-16 Optimist Club of the Year finalists:

Apple Valley Optimist Club, Apple Valley, CA

Centerville Noon Optimist Club, Centerville, OH

Old Harbour Optimist Club, St. Catherine, Jamaica

Wilson Golden Circle Optimist Club, Bailey, NC

Optimist Club of the Year

The Optimist Club of the Year award is presented annually to the most outstanding Club in each Region based upon the following criteria:

- Service projects sponsored by the Club
- Member Development Programs a year
(i.e. PGI Program, Optimist International Conventions and Summit, etc.)
- Club Growth and Increased Community Awareness Campaigns
(i.e. NOW Program, Marketing Campaign, etc.)
- Increased Volunteer Member Base
- New Community Efforts



Overall Optimist Club of the Year

The Overall Optimist Club of the Year is the highest achievement an Optimist Club can attain in the Optimist organization. The eight "Optimist Clubs of the Year" will be judged and ranked by multiple judges. The recipient of this prestigious award will be chosen regardless of number of Members, or Region and will be known as the "Best Overall Club" in Optimist International.

Community outreach and impact on children and Members from projects throughout the year will be considered as part of the judging, using the same criteria as Optimist Club of the Year.

The Club named the Overall Optimist Club of the Year will receive one round-trip airline ticket to the Optimist International Convention, a banner patch, an award and an article in The Optimist magazine and on the Optimist website.

For additional information about the Optimist International Club of the Year, visit www.optimist.org.