



**M**argaret Barclay lived a life dedicated to helping others, particularly children. She spent 40 years in public education, the last 27 in the Centerville Schools, serving as a teacher, a university student teaching coordinator, Normandy Elementary Principal, and retiring as Principal at Magsig Middle School in 2000. The Optimist Oratorical Contest is named in her memory because of her selfless dedication and commitment to the youth of our community. Margaret's Noon Optimist accomplishments include being the second female President; the second member to become an International Vice President; NOC Co-Optimist of the Year; Lieutenant Governor; Ohio District Governor Honored; and the NOC Treasurer for many years. She was also an integral part of creating new Alpha and Junior Optimist Clubs in our schools, and an active member in both the NOC and Springboro Optimist Club. Margaret valued this community as well, serving as an Elder at Southminster Presbyterian Church, and a Charter Member of the Centerville Education Foundation.



MARGARET BARCLAY MEMORIAL

## Optimist Oratorical Contest

2017 TOPIC

**Where Are My Roots  
of Optimism?**

Noon Optimist Club of Centerville  
937-221-6720

Every Tuesday Noon  
at the Yankee Trace Golf Course Clubhouse  
[www.centervillenoonoptimist.com](http://www.centervillenoonoptimist.com)

## THE OPTIMIST CREED

### Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



## CONTEST RULES

- ☐ Prepare a 4 to 5 minute speech on the selected topic for the year.
- ☐ Contestants must be under the age of 18 as of October 1, 2017.
- ☐ To compete at any of the three club contests listed, the student must live in Centerville or Washington Township or attend Centerville City Schools, Incarnation Catholic School, Alter High School, Miami Valley School, Spring Valley Academy, or Dayton Christian School.
- ☐ Contestants must provide a copy their birth certificate, preferably at the time of application.
- ☐ At the time of the speech, contestants must provide a double-spaced typed copy of the speech, with contestant's name and sponsoring club included.

## SUGGESTED TIMELINE

Applications Due: January 8 thru 19  
 Prepare Outline: January 22 thru 26  
 Practice Speech: through February 3  
 Club Contests Begin: February 5

## INDIVIDUAL CLUB CONTEST WINNERS ADVANCE TO ZONE 14 ORATORICAL CONTEST

The winners at the club level will be able to compete at the Zone 14 Oratorical Contest on March 7 at the Centerville Library, 111 W. Spring Valley Rd.

Application with complete contest rules is available at: [http://www.optimist.org/Forms/17-18\\_Oratorical\\_Application\\_Fillable.pdf](http://www.optimist.org/Forms/17-18_Oratorical_Application_Fillable.pdf)

Sponsoring Club	Place	Time	Boys	Girls
<b>South Metro Optimist Club</b> Contact: Rise Davis 937.384.7086 rcd0474@att.net or Judith Keegans oreoboss@aol.com	<b>MCL Cafeteria</b> 4485 Far Hills Ave.	6:15 pm	Monday, February 5*	Monday, February 19*
<b>Centerville Noon Optimist Club</b> Contact: Liz Fultz 937.610.4480 lfultz@wcpl.lib.oh.us	The Gallery at <b>Yankee Trace</b> 10000 Yankee St.	11:45 am	Tuesday, February 6	Tuesday, February 13
<b>Centerville Evening Optimist Club</b> Contact: Roger Houck 937.439.5300 rhouck@woh.rr.com	<b>Chop House</b> 7727 Washington Village Dr.	6:45 pm	Monday, February 12	Monday, February 26

\*weather postponement date for South Metro Optimist Club is Monday, March 5