



The OptiMessenger



The Optimist Club of Calgary

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Lots of Opportunities to Participate!

AIBF

The Alberta International Band Festival has a volunteer program in place that enables individuals to contribute to the success of Alberta's junior high, high school, and community group musicians as they develop and showcase their performance skills. Those interested in assisting with the daily operation of the Festival may choose either a morning or an afternoon shift, during which you'll have the opportunity to hear great music in a beautiful venue, enjoy the company of other music loving volunteers, and cheer on young musicians from Alberta and beyond. The success of the festival relies on volunteers like yourself.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to volunteer and work with young people. *Possibly, even talk a friend or relative into joining you.*

There are a large number of positions and shifts available. **No prior music experience is required.** Many of the jobs are relatively easy. On the day of your shift, a Festival Coordinator will be able to walk you through your job responsibilities and will be on hand to provide assistance as needed throughout the day. Some of the volunteer jobs include:

- *band host* - helps the groups navigate the venue by leading the group from one area to the next
- *secretary* - helps adjudicators' stay organized, handing out and collecting required materials for each ensemble
- *check-in desk* - manning the administration desk as bands check-in
- *emcee* - announcing the performances and sponsors (from a script)

Our Next Dinner Meeting

Our next club dinner meeting will be on Monday, February 4, 2019, at the Danish-Canadian Club.

Lyle has arranged for us to have a speaker from the Association for the Rehabilitation of the Brain Injured (ARBI). ARBI is a unique organization that we are proud to assist financially.

Thank you Lyle!

Essay Contest

We are no longer accepting applications for the Club's Essay Contest. We have received 12 essays and the judges have begun reviewing them. The winners will be announced in mid-February.

AIBF (continued)

The Festival runs at three separate times in three different locations for Concert, Jazz, and Grade 1 portions of the festival:

Concert Band Festival:

February 20th to 26th, 2019

Rozsa Centre (University of Calgary)

Jazz Band Festival:

February 26th - March 1st, 2019

Doherty Hall (just north of Calgary Stampede Park)

Grade 1 Festival:

April 24th to 26th 2019

Calgary Arts Academy & TransAlta Performing Arts Studios (just north of Calgary Stampede Park)

Whether you can do one shift or multiple shifts, any assistance you can provide will be appreciated. In order to volunteer please contact Aaron Park at volunteer@aibfestival.ca.

Oratorical Contest

The Club is now accepting applicants for its single gender Oratorical contest. The age limit is under 19 as of October 1, 2018. Speakers will write and present a 4-5 minute speech on the topic **“Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?”**

Entries will be accepted on a first-come basis until ten positions are filled. An entry form containing all rules and other information can be found on our Club website: www.optimisttyc.org.

The contest will be held in Calgary on Saturday, March 9. Bob Steele, who is Chairing the contest needs several volunteers to assist on that day.

You are also encouraged to attend the contest to provide an audience for the speakers.

The location of the contest is yet to be determined. Please contact Bob at 403-252-8374 if you wish to volunteer or be part of the audience.

\$1000 Scholarship Opportunity for Junior Golfers

The Hugh Cranford All-Scholastic Team provides two special awards recognizing the Academic accomplishments and/or Community Service of five Junior Golfers:

- Academic and Essay Award (4 golfers selected)
- Community Service Award (1 golfer selected)

The team will consist of golfers between the ages of 16 and 18 as of July 31, 2019. Junior golfers selected to the team will receive an automatic exemption into the OI championship, complimentary registration which includes tournament entry, hotel accommodations and meals plus a \$1,000.00 scholarship. Those accepted must attend the championship to receive exemption and scholarship.

Golfers have a chance to apply for one or both awards. There are separate applications for each.

The applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2019 and received at Optimist International no later than April 5. All applicants will be notified of their status in writing by May 1. Applicants must also show that they have acceptable golf tournament experience to be able to compete.

For Applications or if you have any questions, please contact Sharon Parton, Junior Golf Senior Director, at golf@optimist.org, (314) 881-1307 or toll free (800) 500-8130, ext. 207.

Family Brunch at Heritage Park

Daryl MacDonald has made arrangements for our Annual Club Family Brunch at Heritage Park on Sunday, February 17 at 11:00 AM. The costs will be \$19.25 + GST + 18% gratuity for adults and \$11.75 ++ for children.

This is an excellent brunch at a very reasonable price. Please let Daryl know if you plan to attend. He can be reached at 403-274-1027.

2Q District Meeting

A reminder that the 2nd Quarter District Meeting will be held here in Calgary, February 8-9, at the Royal Executive Hotel hosted by the Calgary Dinner Optimist Club. It will be a celebration of the Dinner Club's 25th Anniversary.

Friday night is a fun night. So come as your favorite zoo animal.

Please plan to attend. The Club will reimburse the \$140 Early Registration Fee for Members that attend the Saturday Meeting and Workshops.

Optimist Day

Optimist International celebrates Optimist Day throughout the world the first Thursday of every February to promote our efforts in bringing out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.

On Optimist Day, February 7, 2019, Optimists are asked to wear Optimist attire - shirts, pins, hats, etc. and to post a Club Optimist activity on their social media accounts.

Up Coming Dates

Feb 1-3: U18 Curling Area Play-downs, Calgary CC

Feb 4: Club Dinner Meeting, Danish-Canadian Club

Feb 7: Optimist Day

Feb 8-9: 2Q District Meeting Royal Executive Hotel

Feb 17: Club Sunday Brunch, Heritage Park

Feb 25: Board Meeting teleconference

Mar 4: Club Dinner Meeting, Danish-Canadian Club

Mar 14-17: Alberta Optimist U18 Curling Championships, Medicine Hat CC

Mar 25: Board Meeting teleconference

April 1: Club Dinner Meeting, China Rose

April 25-26: Club Casino at Elbow River Casino

April 29: Board Meeting teleconference