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Governor Merritt's Theme: 'Batting 1,000 for the Children' for the District this year.

The 100th International Convention was held in Louisville, Kentucky, Jun-30-Jul 3, 2019 at the Renaissance Shumberg Center Hotel, truly, a centennial event. Our District was significantly represented: Great fun was had by all.



Our District Convention is scheduled for Aug 15-18, 2019 at the Best Western Inn, Madison, AL. See our website for registraton (www.amoptimists.org). This is request for financial assistance by Clubs and members to conduct a project for foster kids during our convention. Assistance will be needed for registration and food service. Finalize your plans to be with us.

Foster Kids Program: Saturday Aug 17th, 9-11:00 AM

Gov Merritt has planned a project providing foster kids food and fun at a local Insanity Complex Entrainment Center with exclusive access during these hours. At 11:00, the facility will be opened to the public at which time a pizza party will be held for these kids. Activities at this complex include skating, laser tag, rock wall climbing or miniature golf. Each kid will be provided coupons for 2 activities. Parents may purchase additional coupons for \$5 each.

An arcade is contained in this complex and these kids will be able to purchase 200 tokens for games at a reduced rate of \$30, normally \$50. The kids can continue to use any coupons that they obtained for rest of the day.

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Estimated Cost

Estimated cost is \$15 per foster child: \$10 for activities of choice and \$5 for food and drink: Total Cost of \$2,500-\$3,000.

An invitation has been extended to all foster children in Madison county and other children residing with the foster care families. Depending on availability of funds, we would like to pay for the foster parents. There are 90 foster children available to participate. Number of potential children living within the foster families are unknown.

Yes, the adult conventioners are invited to mingle, play and enjoy being with the kids. Home baked cookies, muffins, etc will be welcomed and I assure each that only crumbs will be leftover. I will be the first in line.

The Governor's contact for questions and/or information is:

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For the Clubs and members that can assist in this project, please indicate your support by informing or remitting your contribution to:

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Please forward this Newsletter to each member of your club.

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District Convention Registration is on the District Website



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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 that 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 to 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.

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