

**OPTIMIST STRONG  
“Be the Difference”**

**As Governor-Designate for the Great Ohio District of Optimist International, I agree with the goal of our President-Designate Nick Prillaman to create an environment of empowerment throughout the District, which provides our leadership and each of our members a level of fulfillment that exceeds any of our competition. Providing knowledge, inspiration, guidance, and support will develop a strong organization from the top down, enabling it to sustain itself and continue to strengthen Optimist International.**

**The training of my team will be held at two conferences, the first in August at the District Convention for incoming Lt Governors, Club Presidents, and Secretary/Treasurers, and the second at the Optimist Strong Conference in October of 2017 for the entire team. Our team strength will be to start strong and attack growth, leadership development, team building and marketing Optimism. At each of these sessions, my goals will be clearly defined, in hopes that it will make our clubs more successful.**

**Optimist Strong-Be the Difference”, will be my motto for the Great Ohio District in the 2017-2018 Optimist year. I want every Ohio Optimist to be Optimist Strong and I want every one of them to be the difference. By being the difference, every Ohio Optimist will make the Ohio District great again.**

**I will have fun and fellowship at every single meeting, conference and convention in the Great Ohio District in 2017-2018. If it is not fun to volunteer to help children, and be a part of an organization of like-minded individuals, then no one will want to be an Ohio Optimist. I am the Opti-mist most into fun and fellowship in the Great Ohio District, and everyone knows that, yet they elected me to be your Governor.**

**Get ready to have fun!**

**Tom Kendo  
Ohio District Governor  
2017-2018**