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A. CLUB RECOGNITION

- 1. "Bringing Out the Best" Club
 - (Banner Patch the year bar thereafter)
 - a. Complete two or more service projects each year
 - b. Complete the President's Pride Report
 - c. Be Current on District and OI dues
 - d. Add two or more members
 - e. Conduct a Membership Recruitment Drive (i.e. NOW Program)
 - f. Recognize a Club member or local community individual

2. Honor Club

(Banner patch, year bar with Club President's name and year; thereafter a year bar with Club President's name)

- a. Complete three or more service projects each year
- b. Complete the President's Pride Report and Club Officer-Elect Form
- c. Recognize a Club member or local community individual
- d. Grow Club by Net of + 3 in membership
- e. Appoint a Club Foundation Representative and make a non-restricted contribution to the OIF or CCOF
- f. Conduct a Membership Recruitment/Drive (i.e. NOW) Program
- g. Club President, Club President-Elect (or two Designees) attend District Convention (or two other District meetings/conferences)
- h. Be current on District and OI Dues and Fees
- 3. Distinguished Club

(Watch for Club President and Secretary and/or Treasurer, a banner patch with the Club President's name; thereafter a year bar with Club President's name and watch)

a. Meet Honor Club Criteria plus one of the following:

b. Add Net + 15* in membership

OR Build one or more new Clubs OR

Increase by Net + 8 and build two or more JOI Clubs

*These are the total amounts of net member increases required. The +3 required for Honor Club is included in the +15 or +8 required for Distinguished Club.

B. DISTRICT RECOGNITION

1. Distinguished Lt Governor

(Desk Clock)

All Clubs in Zone are Honor Clubs OR

- a. Net + 6 in membership and charter one or more Clubs (JOI Clubs do not fulfill this requirement)
- b. All Clubs current on District and OI Dues (all financial obligations paid by September 30)
- c. All reports filed with Optimist International on a timely basis

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- d. 50% of Clubs appoint a Club Foundation Representative and make an unrestricted donation to the OIF or CCOF
- e. Attend 75% of all District meetings/conferences
- f. Attend all Club meetings once or more, including any new Club that is built.
- 2. Honor District (Governor)

(Lapel pin for Governor and District Secretary/Treasurer and District banner patch)

- a. Grow District by Net + 10 in membership
- b. All reports filed with Optimist International on a timely basis
- c. All clubs current on District and OI Dues (all financial obligations paid by September 30)
- d. 50% of Clubs appoint a Club Foundation Representative
- e. \$7500 or more raised in Unrestricted Funds on behalf of the District
- f. Charter one or more new adult Clubs (JOI Clubs do not fulfill this requirement)
- 3. Distinguished Governor

(Governor's Ring plus a District banner patch with the Governor's name and year)

- a. Grow District by Net + 25 in membership
- b. All Clubs current on District and OI Dues (all financial obligations paid/submitted by September 30)
- c. District to Build three or more adult Clubs (JOI Clubs do not fulfill this requirement)
- d. All reports filed with Optimist International on a timely basis
- e. 50% of Clubs appoint a Club Foundation Representative and make an unrestricted donation to the OIF or CCOF
- f. \$7500 or more raised in Unrestricted Funds on behalf of the District
- 4. Distinguished Secretary/Treasurer
 - ("Bringing Out The Best In Kids" logo folder with ink pen)
 - a. Grow District by Net + 25 in membership
 - b. All Clubs current on District and OI Dues (all financial obligations paid/submitted by September 30)
 - c. District to Build three or more Clubs (JOI Clubs do not fulfill this requirement)
 - d. All reports filed with Optimist International on a timely basis
 - e. 50% of Clubs appoint a CFR and make an unrestricted donation to the OIF or CCOF
 - f. \$7500 or more raised in Unrestricted Funds on behalf of the District
- 5. Governor Pacesetter Award
 - a. Grow District by Net + 15 in membership by June 30.
 - b. District to build two or more new adult Clubs by June 30.

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- C. ROOKIE ROCK STAR AWARD (Can be earned ONLY in the first twelve months of membership as recorded in the records of Optimist International) (an Optimist pin)
 Serve on a Club Committee
 Work on a Service Project
 Sponsor a New Member
 Attend one of the following:
 District meeting
 Regional Summit
 Ol Convention
- D. BUILDERS OF EXCELLENCE

Up to four Builders of Excellence can be named for each new adult Club, regardless of the number of Sponsor Clubs.

E. SPONSOR PIN INCENTIVE

Sponsor pins shall be awarded to Members when sponsoring 1, 5, 15, 20, and 35 New Members.

Notes:

- 1. Recognition of the Administrative Year will not be announced until after January 10 of the following administrative year,
- 2. Submission of the President's Pride Report is required for proof of completed service projects.
- 3. All reports for Distinguished Governor are to be received for year the Governor served.

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