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OPTIMIST CONVENTION TO HAVE INTERNATIONAL FLAIR

Jamaica and Canada to be highlighted

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St. Louis, MO — The Pacific Northwest District of Optimist International will host International President Designate Theodore “Theo” Golding of Kingston, Jamaica at the annual convention on August 16-18. The meeting is being held at the Valley River Inn.

Golding is a well known member of the business community in Jamaica where he has served on some 33 Boards of Directors, mainly in the financial and banking industry. He holds a BSc Honours Degree, Management Studies, and a MSc, Accounting, from the University of the West Indies. He has professional certificates in Competition & Strategy from Harvard University Graduate School and Corporate Restructuring from Arthur D. Little School of Management.

As a volunteer leader with Optimist International, Golding has served on the Club, District and International level. Since 1999, he has been in strategic positions for finance, governance and visioning for the organization. On October 1 he will formally become President of Optimist International.

Golding hopes to connect Optimist Clubs with the communities they serve during his tenure. One way is to explain Optimist projects and programs to the communities they visit. To that end, the District has chosen to highlight curling at the Eugene Convention. Curling is an Olympic sport, highly popular in Canada played on the ice with brooms and stones. A curling demonstration will be held on Thursday, August 16, 1:45 PM, at the Lane County Ice Center. The exhibit is free with Lane County Fair admission. A limited number of people will be able to participate in curling for an additional \$11.00 fee. Participant registration will begin at 1:15 PM.

The PNW District of Optimist International is made up of fifty-five Optimist Clubs in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, Canada. Optimist Clubs conduct projects on a local level that build community by bringing out the best in kids. Please visit www.pnwoptimist.org to find a club near you or call 208.861.2310 to learn more.

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