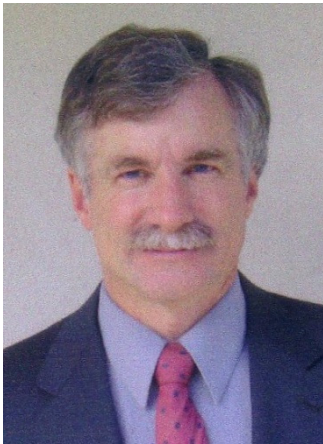


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"Count on Us"***

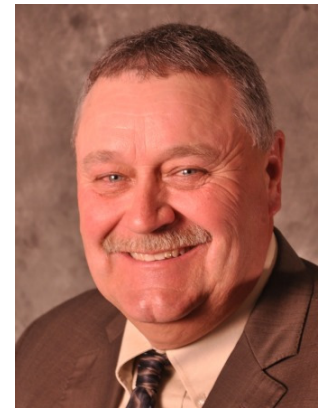


Governor Mark "Mario" Wilson



**Mark Weinsoff
OI Board Member**

**Bob Floyd
OI Vice-President
Middle America Region**



Featured Luncheon Speaker

Richard Propes

Since 1989, Indianapolis activist Richard Propes has wheeled nearly 5,000 miles raising thousands of dollars in what he calls a grassroots effort to create a kinder, more inspired world through The Tenderness Tour. Come hear his story!



Indiana South District 1st Quarter Conference



Governor Mark and the Leadership Development Team encourage all Optimist members to attend our 1st District Conference. It is scheduled for November 3-4, 2017, at the Holiday Inn Airport, 8550 Stansted Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46241. The conference will roll out the Optimist Strong program from Optimist International. Governor Mark will introduce his 2017-2018 team. He will announce his goals and incentive plan for the new year.



Message from OI – Paula Reyling, OI Leadership Development Committee **Optimist Strong Conferences: Coming Soon!**

Make an investment in yourself. Attend an Optimist Strong Conference in your District and find out how to bring out the best in you. This conference is designed to bring the training to our Members and not ask you to attend an additional meeting. The Optimist Strong conference is held in conjunction with a District's first quarter meeting. Optimist International is providing a trainer for our conference. Mark Weinsoff will join us from California. Mark is currently serving on our Optimist International Board of Directors, he is a past International Development Chair, has served in numerous capacities at the International level as well as within his club and district. Mark brings a wealth of information to our Optimist Strong Conference, providing a learning experience that you won't want to miss!

Inspirational Luncheon Speaker

"The Hallelujah Life" author Richard Propes is the founder and publisher for The Independent Critic, a communal film website combining film criticism, insightful and entertaining interviews and a strong devotion to peace, nonviolence & justice issues featuring "Reel Hope," an online database of celebrity philanthropy and community service. The Independent Critic is ranked in the Top 20 of all web-based film review websites.

Propes is an award-winning child rights advocate and internationally recognized peace activist with a growing following of readers who appreciate his unique ability to blend a compassionate heart with an insightful critique on movies, past and present.

A longtime freelance film critic for a variety of publications, Propes is the founder and Executive Director for the Tenderness Tour, an international community of artists & activists dedicated to ending violence in the lives of children through creative acts of social action. Propes has won numerous awards for his child advocacy, most notably the highest awards for service in Indiana and Kentucky, "Sagamore of the Wabash" and "Order of Kentucky Colonels" along with the Donna J. Stone Award, Prevent Child Abuse America's highest award nationally for volunteer service in the area of child abuse prevention.

In addition to the recently released "The Hallelujah Life," Richard is the author of "Imaginary Crimes" and "Secret Heart" along with four produced plays.