

## *From the Desk of Karen K. Morris*

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*September 25, 2008*

*Dear Friends in Optimism,*

*Wow, it's hard to believe how quickly my year as President-Elect flew. I wanted to begin my year in service as your President by saying "Thank you" for your vote of confidence in leading our Down Town Optimist Club. Don, thank you for another fabulous year of leadership. You have set the bar high.*

*Congratulations to Ron Eberhart for being awarded the "Optimist of the Year" award. Ron embodies the spirit of our mission as Down Town Optimists with his "Can Do" attitude. I'm inspired by Ron's commitment to our cause and to the children we serve, and issue the challenge to our membership to set their sights on the prize. . . .being named "Optimist of the Year" for the 2008-2009 year.*

*Thank you to Marilyn and Byron Robinson for hosting a memorable evening at the Kirby.*

*My mantra for the year is "Making a Difference, One Child at a Time". With your help, the gift of your time and your encouragement and support during times when you can't be present, we have the potential to make a huge difference in the lives of many of our children. If we take care of today, we insure tomorrow. Our youth are our future.*

*To my fellow officers, thank you in advance for your commitment to serve. You each play a vital part in insuring the success and longevity of the Down Town Optimist Club. While I may challenge our group to "aspire to new heights", I ask that you hold me accountable and challenge me for this coming year.*

### *Officers*

*Jerry Vaughan- President Elect*  
*Shannon Marshall— Vice President*  
*John Campbell— Secretary*  
*Todd Wahl— Treasurer*  
*Roger Heathcotte— Sergeant at Arms*

### *Board Members*

*Eric Thornton*  
*Ann Pendley*  
*Gary Burk*  
*Dan Phillips*  
*Emily Baxter*  
*Mike Wall*

*I welcome your suggestions and comments on ways to take our club to the next level. You can reach me at 812.465.8837 or [karen.morris@oldnational.com](mailto:karen.morris@oldnational.com). I look forward to working with each of you this year. I invite all to attend our next regular meeting, Wednesday, October 1, 2008, in the Blue Gold Room of Old National Bank. I hope to see you there.*

*Optimistically yours,*

*Karen K. Morris*