

## *Optimist Club Members receive as much as they give:*

- The fellowship of people who get things done—and the example they set for embracing a similar optimistic mindset
- New social and working relationships with individuals from a cross section of our communities
- The opportunity to develop and demonstrate leadership skills locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally
- And the satisfaction of making a difference in lives of children as well as our communities

Whether you are searching for an outlet to help your community, personal development, or rewarding camaraderie, you'll find what you're looking for in your local Optimist Club.

## *Just a few of the many projects conducted by Optimist Clubs:*

- Working directly with local schools to enhance education
- Conducting substance abuse prevention programs
- Coaching youth sports teams
- Tutoring and mentoring young people
- Painting the homes of the elderly and needy
- Providing food baskets to needy families
- Assisting disaster victims
- Reading to children



## *The Optimist Creed*

### **Promise Yourself—**

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.  
To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

To learn more about activities of your local Optimist Club, contact:



Optimist International  
4494 Lindell Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63108  
(314) 371-6000  
(800) 500-8130  
[www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)

or contact your local Optimist club directly at:

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## *Purposes of an Optimist Club:*

*To develop Optimism as a philosophy of life utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed; to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; to inspire respect for law; to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people; to aid and encourage the development of youth in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world.*



# Member Invitation



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**O**ur positive approach, our upbeat outlook, and our commitment to creating a more optimistic future for kids is what differentiates Optimist Clubs from any other volunteer opportunity.

Communities in the United States, Canada, the nations of the Caribbean and other countries throughout the world have been touched by the powerful, positive force of Optimist Club members.

From sponsoring youth athletic leagues to weatherizing the home of the elderly to conducting oratorical contests for young people—Optimist Clubs are responding to the special needs of our local communities.

Although we come from all walks of life, Optimist Club members share one common trait. We know that we can make a difference in the lives of others.

Please type or print clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Home Address

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Business Address

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Years with firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in this Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Wedding Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and Ages of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Past or present civic or service club membership, including other **Optimist clubs** (offices held): \_\_\_\_\_

In what **Optimist club** were you last recorded as a Life Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature indicates your acceptance of this invitation.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Propose for membership in

\_\_\_\_\_ Optimist Club of \_\_\_\_\_

Dates approved by committee: \_\_\_\_\_ by Board of Directors: \_\_\_\_\_

*Individuals who have committed sexual offenses against children may be denied membership and/or have their membership revoked.*