

Who are we?

An Optimist Club is a volunteer organization of civic minded men and women banded together in the modern tradition for progressive thought and action in community service. A member fulfills his or her role by attendance at weekly meetings, participation in special projects, serving on club committees or boards, assisting in service projects and by inviting others to join in the club's pursuit of the club purposes.

Question and Answers

How much of my time is required?

From as little as an hour every few weeks to attend our meeting or help with a project, to as much as 2 hours or more a week if you hold office or are running a project. You can personally gear your time commitment to your individual needs.

Is attendance at meetings required?

No, but it is generally encouraged. It is the best way to stay abreast of what is happening in our club.

What is the cost?

Current dues are \$60.00 per year.

How is the club funded?

We have two sources of revenue:

Membership Dues

Fund Raising Projects

Membership dues cover administrative costs, while all monies from fund raisers go directly to area youth and community service.

When are the meetings?

We meet every Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Elks Club

33 E Sheboygan Street

Fond du Lac, WI

We find it convenient to meet at the end of the business day. After a good meal and a short business meeting, we have interesting, informative and many times, entertaining programs.

Who can I call for more information about the club?

For the name and phone number of the current president, please call Quantum Communications at 920-923-1847.

Optimists in Action

Essay Contest - A program promoting writing skills for Junior High and High School youth.

Youth Appreciation - A program honoring the youth of our community.

Youth Sports - A program supporting local programs for soccer, baseball, basketball and hockey.

Salvation Army - A program that assists with the bell ringing program during the holiday season.

Fund Raising Projects - Programs that help to underwrite the Optimists' youth and community service projects.

Financial Assistance - Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Clubs, Shop with a Cop, plus many more.

The Optimists at a Glance

Founded: June 19, 1919

Membership: 130,709 (As of March 3, 1999)

Total Clubs: 3,805 (As of March 3, 1999)

Six Million Young People Served Each Year
65,000 Service Projects Conducted Annually
\$78 Million Spent Annually on Community Service Projects

Invitation for Membership

I understand that the purposes of the Optimist Club are to develop optimism as a philosophy of life, to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; to inspire respect for law; promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people; and to aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of man, his community and the world.

I, accept this invitation and, upon acceptance by the club, will participate to fulfill the purposes described above.

Return your invitation to any Evening Optimist member or mail, along with dues payment, to the address on the front.

Let's Make a Difference Together!

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 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.

