

## 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.



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**JOIN US!**

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PAPILLION -  
LA VISTA  
OPTIMIST CLUB

*BRINGING OUT THE  
BEST IN KIDS*



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**Friend of Youth**

## 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.

## WHAT WE DO IN THE PAPILLION - LA VISTA OPTIMIST CLUB:

- Volunteer at various activities such as Academic Decathlon, College World Series, Halloween area events and Salvation Army Bell Ringing.
- Have speakers at meetings on various topics concerning the local communities and personal development.
- We are a BEST Partner with La Vista West and Papillion-La Vista Schools.
- We have one fundraiser during the year - fireworks sales from June 25 - July 4. This fundraiser supports the projects we do and the donations we make to other area organizations and schools.
- Members serve on the board of the Metro Area Youth Foundation which supports the Hope Center Carnival and Summer Bash for Childhood Cancer.
- Sponsor the Optimist International Essay and Oratorical contests, Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH), Junior Optimists (JOOI) and other Optimist sponsored events.

## WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

The Papillion-La Vista Club meets twice a month. Dues are \$80 a year and there is a \$15 initiation fee. You give of yourself however much you can give.

Every Optimist Club was formed by people who wanted to reach out to help youth and the community. People like you and me. Members of an Optimist Club usually live in or work in the community. Members have joined together to serve others and to promote Optimism as a way of life.

Each Optimist Club is chartered as a Member of Optimist International. This gives the Club the right to use the Optimist name and provides each Club with services and programs offered by Optimist International.

Each Optimist Club operates autonomously. This means they operate independently of each other. They choose their own activities, elect their own Officers and raise their own funds.

A Club's service activities are based on the needs of the community. What a Club can do is limited only by imagination and resources of the Members. Optimist Clubs do share certain similarities. This offers you, the Member, the assurance of knowing wherever you are, should you wish to attend an Optimist Club's meeting, certain components will be the same.

The programs and guest speakers offer the Members an opportunity to learn, grow and improve themselves. The program features the youth in the community, as in the Essay and Oratorical Contests or in the Youth Appreciation Week. These meetings help to reinforce our commitment and allow us to take pride in our accomplishments.



## OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL MEMBER INVITATION

*Please type or print clearly*

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

Were you ever a JOOI Member?  Yes  No

Are you currently a full-time college student?  Yes  No

### HOME ADDRESS

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_

### BUSINESS ADDRESS

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

Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you at work?  Yes  No

YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS INVITATION.

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

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

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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.*