



CENTERVILLE NOON OPTIMIST

2019 - 2020

WELCOME Visitors Guide

"By providing hope & positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids!"



WELCOME

On behalf of all the members, I would personally like to welcome you to the Centerville Noon Optimist weekly lunch meeting. I hope you will enjoy your experience. We strive to have fun and camaraderie as we foster our efforts to “be the friend of youth, and bring out the best in kids”.

I realize you will be in an unfamiliar setting, so let me preview what to expect.

1. We start each meeting ringing the “Bell of Optimism”, a prayer and the salute to the flag.
2. Your host will introduce you and share a little bit about you with our Club Members.
3. We will have committee and activity reports.
4. If time permits, the Sergeants at Arms will levy fines for various infractions, “mostly silly”. The money collected all goes to the Optimist International Foundation. Our Club commits \$10.00 per year, per member to the Foundation to support childhood cancer research, scholarships and grants.
5. Happy Bucks – members contribute a dollar for an event in their lives they wish to share. This money also goes to the Foundation.
6. We will have a 20 minute program, usually a speaker, but occasionally a club activity or community service award.
7. 50/50 – Your host should have purchased a 50/50 ticket for you. ½ the money in the pot goes to the winner who’s number is drawn. The other ½ goes to the Foundation.
8. We close the meeting by reciting the Optimist Creed (on back of this card), and a ringing of the bell.



OPTIMIST 2.0
Centerville Noon Optimist Club

TRADITIONS

in the spirit of fun and camaraderie.

1. Attempts will be made to steal the President's bell and gavel. Don't be surprised if you are asked to assist in this activity. If I lose either item I will have to buy them back by contributing to the fine basket.
2. If a member becomes "verbose" in a report, happy buck, etc., you may hear the ringing of a cow bell.
3. If a member's birthday falls on the day of our meeting, and the member is present, you will experience the worst rendition of "Happy Birthday" you have ever heard.
4. A member called on to speak on an activity or report may be greeted with a "round of applause", consisting of a random clap or two. This is in no way meant to be derogatory.

ACROYNMS

1. **AOF** – Avenue of Flags
2. **CCC** – Childhood Cancer Committee
3. **CNO** – Centerville Noon Optimists
4. **OI** – Optimist International
5. **Tri Star** - Athletic skills competition (*We currently do basketball and soccer.*)

As a club, we hope you find your visit fun and informative. Please consider joining us as a member in or mission to serve the youth in our community. Don't hesitate to ask for more information or an application.

ONCE AGAIN WELCOME!

Yours in Optimism,

Greg Griffin

Greg Griffin | President

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We'd love to connect with you!

Optimist 2.0 is another great opportunity to stay connected with the Club. Join us every Third Thursday of the Month for food, drinks and an inspiring speaker. Locations vary throughout the year, so follow us on Facebook for updates.

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.

