



## Join Our Shenanigans!

In the spirit of fun and camaraderie, we have a few traditions that liven up our gatherings:

- 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 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.
- A member called on to speak or present may be greeted with a "round of applause" consisting of a random clap or two and occasional heckling.
- Silly and creative "fines" levied by our Sergeants at Arms.

## 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.



## Welcome Guide



*As a friend of youth, our mission is to provide positive programs and activities to benefit youth in local and surrounding communities to help them grow and prosper as future leaders.*

## What is an Optimist Member?

As an Optimist Member, you will be welcomed into a Club of individual citizens who share a desire to “Bring Out the Best in Kids.” We organize and participate in activities that benefit the youth in our community. These projects range from Oratorical Contests to Youth Appreciation activities. We organize 3 major fundraisers: Avenue of Flags, Christmas Tree Lot, and Tom Frazier Golf Classic.

Some of our activities include:

- Fishing Derby
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Safety Village Square
- Haunted Trail
- Safety on Wheels
- Tristar Basketball and Soccer
- Scholarships



## What Can I Expect at a Meeting?

We would like to welcome you to the Centerville Noon Optimist meeting. We hope you will enjoy your experience. Through fun and camaraderie, we foster our efforts to “be the friend of youth, and bring out the best in kids.” Here is what you should expect (order sometimes varies):

- A meal and time to get to know those at your table
- Opening the meeting with the ringing of the “Bell of Optimism,” prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of guests & new members
- Committee and activity reports
- Sergeants at Arms— collects money through “fines” and “Happy Bucks” to send to Optimist International in support of scholarships and grants
- A 20 minute program (outside speaker, club activity, or community award)
- We close the meeting by reciting the Optimist Creed and a ringing of the bell

## How Can I Get Involved?

We have a number of ways you can join! Membership in the club entitles you to attend social activities, meetings and to receive the Optimist Magazine.

- **Full membership** includes ALL weekly luncheon meetings on Tuesdays @ noon and attendance at Optimist 2.0 & St. Leonard meetings.
- **Social membership** includes one lunch per month for those who cannot attend on a weekly basis.
- **Optimist 2.0** includes a meeting every third Thursday @ 5:30PM at various local venues.
- **St. Leonard** includes a meeting every third Thursday @ 2:00PM at St. Leonards

If you are unsure about joining, we invite you to attend another meeting or one of our events. There is opportunity for everyone to have fun and give back to our community!

As an Optimist Member, not only will you be connected to your local community, you’ll also boast affiliation with Optimists around the world.

### For more information:

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