

~ **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.

Christian D. Larsen

Optimist International Member Invitation

Name: _____

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: _____

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 St. Paul

A one-time \$30.00 application fee is required with application.

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

St. Paul Optimist Club



Quarterly Youth Events:

Friend of Youth is our mission, and we at the St. Paul Optimist club take that to heart. Our premier event is a scholarship program where we recognize 15 students within the St. Paul schools, and award multiple scholarships. These scholarships are funded by our foundation, the "Friend of Youth Foundation". Other events include:

- ✓ *Essay Contest
- ✓ *Oratorical Contest
- ✓ *Communication contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (*Based on topics chosen by Optimist International.)
- ✓ Holiday dinner for the families at the Neighborhood House, a local community center.
- ✓ Taking under-privileged youth to the Science Museum, bowling, and St. Paul Sporting games.
- ✓ Sponsorship of a Junior Optimist Club at the Neighborhood House community center.
- ✓ Sponsorship of a special needs Boy Scout Troup.
- ✓ Sponsor youth in Optimist Golf Tournament

Friend of Youth Foundation:

This foundation, while legally separate from our club, was founded by the St. Paul Optimist Club in 1996, and supports our scholarship program.

Childhood Cancer:

Optimists have become a champion for those dealing with childhood cancer! Through this unique program, Optimists are building awareness of the disease that kills more children than any other. In addition, members provide support for children with cancer and their families, and support research to find a cure.

Meetings:

Meetings are held at the Town and Country Club, 300 Mississippi River Blvd N, (651.646-7121). We typically meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month for breakfast, but have a lunch meeting at least once a quarter. Breakfast meetings are held at 7:30 – 8:30am, and lunch meetings are held from 12:00 noon – 1:00pm. The schedule is published in our social media, our newsletter, the MIST, and web page we have calling teams dedicated to reminding everyone of our upcoming meetings. We often have speakers from many interesting organizations around the St. Paul area.

Fundraising:

We have one major fundraiser every year – our Cadillac Dinner. Each member is required to purchase one ticket good for dinner for 2, and is asked to sell at least one additional ticket. The evening includes a dinner, prize drawings, Bingo and a raffle, and almost everyone goes home with a prize.

Dues:

Dues are billed quarterly at \$50 per person and cover the cost of our meeting meals. We also have a spousal membership, where quarterly dues are \$75 per couple.

Communications:

Members  Facebook and  LinkedIn social media connections.

Our newsletter, "The Mist" contains important information regarding upcoming events, and other news within our club.

Fellowship:

Sprinkled throughout the year are events designed to promote fellowship among our members.

Beyond our Club:

Optimist International is one of the largest and most active community service club organizations in North America. It is comprised of more than 110,000 members in 3800 clubs. Promoting the motto "Friend of Youth", the Optimists conduct positive community service programs, dedicated to "Bringing Out the Best in Kids", that reach in excess of 6 million young people each year.

The St. Paul Optimist Club was chartered in 1924 and is part of the DMM district, which includes 65 clubs from Minnesota, the Dakotas and Manitoba. The district holds quarterly meetings and a convention once a year. It is an excellent opportunity to gain leadership skills and meet new people. www.optimist-dmm.org

We are also part of the Metropolitan Council of Optimist Clubs (MCOC). With members from all over the Twin Cities, it provides an excellent venue to meet other local Optimists.

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