



## About Optimist Club:

**Optimist Clubs** began in 1911 in Buffalo, New York. In 1919, eleven clubs gathered in Louisville, Kentucky to officially establish Optimist International. Today, this thriving international service organization of more than 2,500 local clubs is headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri.

**Optimist Clubs** conduct programs that teach communication, respect for law and build friendship and international accord. And they work with children to help them develop their full potential.

**Optimist Club of Van Wert** was established in 1981 and is made up of men and women dedicated to the community, friendship, fun, service to youth, and the promotion of Optimism as a way of life.

**You are invited to join us.**

Please help us make a difference in our community!

# Make a Difference

## #Be An Optimist!

### Meeting Information

**Day:** Every Thursday

**Time:** Noon - 1 p.m.

**Place:** Willow Bend Country Club

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@OptimistVW

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**Dues:** \$80/year



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**Our positive approach,** upbeat outlook, and commitment to creating a more optimistic future for kids is what differentiates Optimist Club from other volunteer opportunities.

Our members receive as much as they give.

- The fellowship of people who get things done and the example they set for embracing a similar optimistic mindset
- New social and working relationships with individuals from a cross section of our community
- The opportunity to develop and demonstrate leadership skills
- The satisfaction of making a difference in lives of children and the community

Whether you're looking for a way to give back to your community, personal development, or rewarding camaraderie, you'll find it in Optimist Club.



## Optimist Club Projects

### Sponsorships/Activities:

- Essay and Oratorical Contests
  - Safe, drug & alcohol-free after-prom events for each county high school
  - Scholarships for high school seniors
  - Plush animals for children treated at Van Wert Health
  - Bicycle safety rodeo
  - Christmas Lights at Fountain Park
  - Community service projects
  - Youth baseball team
  - Community project - **Avenue of Flags**
- Learn more:



## The Optimist Creed



### Promise Yourself

- To be so strong that no one 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 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 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 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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