

New Officer Installation

Fellow Optimists, when the _____ Optimist Club was formed it was created with high ideals. It was established to promote the purpose of our organization and all that it symbolizes; to accelerate active interest in good government; to plan and participate in needed community service activities; to inspire respect for law; to promote patriotism; to help develop friendship and understanding toward people throughout the world; and, to the maximum extent of your ability - both personally and as organized Optimists - to aid and encourage all activities and measures that contribute to a better future for the youth of our nation.

Board of Directors:

(names) _____,
as members of the Board of Directors you have the important responsibility of determining the destiny of the Club. Your duties include assisting the President, being open-minded to suggestions from members, and making wise decisions for solving any and all problems for the good of the Club and Optimist International.

Secretary-Treasurer (or Secretary and Treasurer):

(name) _____ and *(name)* _____, next to the President, as the Secretary and Treasurer you have a most important position - to keep the record of Club activities - to make timely reports to Optimist International - to handle necessary correspondence - to handle financial affairs to serve the best interests of your Club - to receive, handle, and account for all funds.

Vice-Presidents:

*(name)*_____ and *(name)*_____, the office of Vice President is as important as you choose to make it. Your duties include assisting the President, accepting delegations of important Club duties, encouraging member participation in meetings and projects, and presiding at Club meetings when the President is unable to be in attendance.

President-Elect:

*(name)*_____, the President-Elect has the responsibility of not only assisting the President and the Board of Directors, and presiding at Club meetings when the President is unable to be in attendance, but just as importantly, learning, planning and getting ready for your coming year, so as to ensure the continued success of the Club and the continued positive impact on your community.

President:

*(name)*_____, in years to come, the members of your club won't refer to this coming year as the 2006/2007 year, it will be referred to as *(name)*_____'s Year. The members of your Club have chosen you to be their leader for this coming year. No higher compliment can be paid to you by your Club. It is now your responsibility to continue your Club's outstanding record of accomplishment, to lead your Club to even great achievement, and to settle for nothing less than a Distinguished Club that makes itself felt in the community.

As the new Officers and Members of the Board of Directors of the
_____ Optimist Club, please repeat the Oath of Office with me.

I hereby solemnly promise, on my honor as an Optimist, that I will carry out the duties of the office, to which I have been elected, to the best of my ability, in loyalty to my Club, and in harmony with the constitution, of my Club and Optimist International. So help me God.

On behalf of the authority vested in me by Optimist International, I am happy to declare you duly installed to your respective offices.

My compliments to each of you and best wishes for a most successful year!

Congratulations to you all!

New Member Induction

It is our pleasure today to welcome _____ as a new member of the _____ Optimist Club. This Club has a tradition of fellowship and citizen involvement. We invite you to share your talents and resources by serving on Club Committees and working on projects. Sharing common interests and aspirations is one of the many satisfactions of membership. We ask that you support your Club and its objectives freely, and enjoy and participate in the true fellowship of Optimism.

Please join me in the following pledge:

I, _____, pledge to develop Optimism as a philosophy of life, 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 encourage development of youth, in the belief that, giving of oneself in service to others will advance the well being of my community, humankind and the world.

President _____ will now place the Optimist membership pin upon your lapel. Wear it with always and with pride as it identifies you as a community leader and it is a testimonial to your commitment to service the community. By the authority vested in me by the _____ District Optimists and Optimist International, I declare you inducted into the _____ Optimist Club. In the spirit of Optimism, it is a pleasure to personally congratulate and welcome you.