



WHAT WE DO!

We are called Optimists because we follow a creed of Optimism. Please read our creed in this brochure.

Our charitable emphasis is on supporting youth programs.

- On a national scale we sponsor;
 - Oratorical Contests
 - Essay Contests
 - Internet Safety Programs
- On a community level we support:
 - Respect for Law
 - School Citizenship Awards
 - Poster Contests
- In addition our club has provided baseball equipment, cheerleading uniforms, backpacks, school supplies, computers, tricycles for disabled youngsters, sent disabled youngsters to summer camp, and adopted families at Christmas.

Each Optimist club has its own methods of raising funds. Our club's primary fund raiser is working a concession stand at many of the Ray's home games.

This year we are participating in a new Optimist International Internet safety program. Check out our web site to learn more about the program; It is "FREE".

<http://optimistclubofstpetersburg.org>

Look for the Internet Safety Tab.

Or email: Optimist4StPete@yahoo.com

Here is some of what we do to benefit our Community.

- Lealman Elementary School Support:
 - Purchased a popcorn machine and provided popcorn
 - Provided t-shirts for the "Mind Club"
 - Provide bumper stickers, buttons and certificates for monthly Citizenship Awards
 - Support the principal's Student Improvement Program
- Donated \$500 to the *Mason Dixon Christmas Wish Fund* (we are proud to state that we have been doing this for the past 4 years)

- Support Contestants for the annual Optimist Essay and Oratorical scholarship programs (Four \$2500 scholarships are awarded in North Florida every year)
- Provide an annual \$1000 scholarship to a student in need through the College Fund
- During Halloween we participate in the *Trick Or Treat Trail* in Pinellas Park
- For Easter we support an annual Optimist Easter Egg Hunt in Pinellas County where bicycles are given away
- Provide bumper stickers, buttons and certificates for monthly Citizenship Awards at Frontier and Southern Oak Elementary Schools (Our Citizenship programs recognize over 900 students each year.)

We have wonderful times raising money for our charitable gifts by working a pizza booth at “RAY’S” games; All volunteer help is appreciated.

We are an all-volunteer community service group. If you would like to know more visit us here on the second or fourth Monday at 6:30pm most months.

This coming season, why don't you come out and have fun working with us? You too will feel the joy in helping our youth. You do not have to be an Optimist member to volunteer at the Rays games. Many who help are not members. You do have to be at least 16 years old, however.

The Optimist Club of St Petersburg, the oldest in the southeast, needs your help! We are looking for new members and volunteers, men and women who want to make a difference.

You are invited to attend one of our meetings. For further information call: (727) 596-1464 or visit our web site at:

<http://optimistclubofstpetersburg.org/>

Meeting schedule: 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 pm – Denny’s Restaurant, 4999 34th Street North, St Petersburg, FL.

(All meetings are tentative please check the web site or call to verify meetings)

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.