

Mission Statement



Optimist International's mission is to foster an optimistic way of life, through a network of optimists, dedicated to the full development of their potential in order to provide ever-expanding service to youth, the community and the world.

The Optimist Club of New Ulm is part of the DMM (Dakotas, Manitoba, and Minnesota) District of Optimist International. www.optimist-dmm.org

We invite **you** to become an Optimist. Please complete the following form and mail it to the Optimist Club of New Ulm, PO Box 301, New Ulm MN 56073. Remember, we buy the meal at your first meeting!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail _____

I became interested in the Optimist Club through

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

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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.

The Optimist Creed was written in 1912 by Christian D. Larson, an advocate of positive thought. It was adopted as the Optimist International Creed in 1922.

Thank you ... FRIENDS OF OPTIMISTS

Too busy but want to be a part of a financially sound, child oriented and fun local club? OR if there is not a club in your area, you may show support by becoming "Friends of Optimists." For just \$100 annually, you can support the programs Optimist Clubs do for the youth in their communities by "Bringing Out the Best in Children," inspiring millions of children around the world to be the very best they can be. Thank you to our Friends of Optimist who support our club, you are key to our success.

For more information: Visit the Optimist website at www.optimistclub-nu.com or www.optimist.org

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OPTIMIST
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Friend of Youth

"Bringing Out The Best in Children"



OPTIMIST CLUB OF NEW ULM

GENERAL MEE TINGS

2nd & 4th Tuesday
6 p.m. Social; 6:30 meeting
New Ulm Country Club

www.optimistclub-nu.com

OPTIMIST CLUB OF NEW ULM SPONSORED EVENTS

Oratorical Contest – A speech contest designed to inspire youth of today to motivate and inform others on the art of public speaking. New Ulm has been represented at the District level.



Communication

Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) – A contest offering an opportunity to youth who are hearing challenged to present their thoughts on specified topic in a public forum. A student from New Ulm won a \$1,500 scholarship on the District level. ***Each of the winners in the Oratorical Contest and CCDHH advances to the Zone and District level where they compete for college scholarships.*



Essay Contest – Offering students an opportunity to write their own opinions about the world in which they live. Winners have a chance to compete for a scholarship at the District level and advance to the International level. More than 1,000 clubs compete in this contest each year.

Junior Golf Championship

Tournament – Annual Optimist Club hosted qualifying tournament for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship (OIJGC). Top golfers compete at the District Tournament to advance to the OIJGC in Florida.



Honors Breakfast – Annual student recognition breakfast for grades 9 through 12 who achieve at least a 3.6 cumulative GPA (and their families) from ISD #88, Riverbend Alternative School, NUACS, MVL, and the Christian School.



Childhood Cancer

Campaign - An Optimist International program providing support to children with cancer, their families, care partners, and healthcare providers. Through this program, Optimists are

raising public awareness of the disease that kills more children than any other. The Board of Directors has proclaimed June as OI Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The goal of this program is to rid the world of childhood cancer. Please ask about Spinoza Bear.

OI Foundation – Financial support for the Optimist International Foundation. OI Foundation provides scholarships to participating students in the District and National OI Oratorical, CCDHH, and Essay Contests.



LOCAL PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF NEW ULM

- **6th Grade History Tour** – Provide bus transportation, funding and volunteers to serve lunch for the New Ulm Public School 6th Grade History Tour of New Ulm.
- **Healthy Community/Healthy Youth and S.P.O.T.S** – Students Performing on Tough Situations – donated to provide training and supplies.
- **Scholarship Funds** – Established funds at all New Ulm area High Schools
- **Highway Cleanup** – The club volunteers to cleanup a 2-mile stretch of Highway each year.
- **Pro Kinship Day** – Sponsor a field trip to Putting Green and Flandrau Park – followed by a picnic lunch.
- **Family Fitness Night** – Sponsor a free family fun night at Vogel Fieldhouse.
- **Oktoberblast & Winterblast** – Co-sponsor a day of fun activities through New Ulm Park & Rec. Dept.

Why consider joining NU Optimist Club?

*Because we LIVE for the purpose of
Bringing the Best out in Kids!*

** Reference our WEB site @ www.optimistclub-nu.com for more information. Send us a note or email us.

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

The following projects provide the financial resources to support our programs for the youth of the New Ulm area. We wish to thank everyone for making these projects a success.

Ring Toss – The Optimist Club sponsors a ring toss game at the Brown County Fair, Oktoberfest, and at various other community events. ~ *Fun for all ages* ~

Cheese curds – The Optimist Club sells homemade deep fried cheese curds at the Brown County Fair, Oktoberfest and Winthrop Fun Days ~ *Must have Curds* ~



OPTIMIST CLUB OF NEW ULM COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

- Adopt A Family at Christmas
- Riverbend Student Recognition
- Habitat for Humanity
- Santa's Closet
- Send a Kid to Camp
- Scholarships
- Special Olympics
- United Way
- New Ulm Food Shelf
- NU Jr. Baseball; Girls Fastpitch
- NU Soccer Assn
- After Prom Parties
- American Legion Trick and Treat
- Coats for Kids
- International Kids Against Hunger
- Families at Risk
- NUACS Safety Patrol
- Rolling Thunder Wrestling
- Autism Support Group
- ECFE Community Baby Shower
- ECFE Halloween Party
- ECFE Daddy/Daughter Dance
- ECFE His and Her Hoe Down
- River Valley BMX & Summer Camp