## What should I expect?

Every Optimist Club was formed by people who wanted to reach out to help youth and the community. People like you and me. Members of an Optimist Club usually live in or work in the community. Members have joined together to serve others and to promote Optimism as a way of life.

Each Optimist Club is chartered as a Member of Optimist International. This gives the Club the right to use the Optimist name and provides each Club with services and programs offered by Optimist International.

Each Optimist Club operates autonomously. This means they operate independently of each other. They choose their own activities, elect their own Officers and raise their own funds.

A Club's service activities are based on the needs of the community. What a Club can do is limited only by imagination and resources of the Members.

Optimist Clubs do share certain similarities. This offers you, the Member, the assurance of knowing wherever you are, should you wish to attend an Optimist Club's meeting, certain components will be the same.

The programs and guest speakers offer the Members an opportunity to learn, grow and improve themselves. The program features the youth in the community, as in the Essay and Oratorical Contests or in the Youth Appreciation Week. These meetings help to reinforce our commitment and allow us to take pride in our accomplishments.

## **Optimist International Member Invitation**

*Please type* or *print clearly* 

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Name:						
Were you ever a JOOI Member?	Yes	No	Are you curren	tly a full-time college student?	Yes	No
HOME ADDRESS						
Street:						
City:		Sta	ate/Province:	Zip/Postal Code:		
Home Phone:		Fax :		E-mail:		
<b>BUSINESS ADDRESS</b>						
Firm Name:						
Type of Business:						
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City:		St	ate/Province:	Zip/Postal Code:		
Business Phone:			E-mail:			
Fax	Business Position or Title:					
May we contact you at work	Yes	No				
YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES Y	OUR ACCE	EPTANCE OI	F THIS INVITATION.			
Signature:				Date:		
Sponsor: Optimist Club of						
Dates approved by committee: by Board of Directors:   Individuals who have committed sexual offenses against children may be denied membership and/or have their membership revoked.						

Please complete and give to your local Optimist Club.

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