

## The Optimist Creed

### Promise Yourself --

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to everyone 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 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 Purposes of Optimism

### To Promote:

- Optimism as a way of life
- Involvement in community affairs
- International accord and friendship among all people
- Respect for law
- Citizenship and good government
- The belief that in the giving of one's self to the benefit of others makes the world a better place to live.

## How Can You Benefit?

Members grow as individuals by learning leadership skills. We stay in touch with community events at our weekly meetings, enjoy fellowship and support, and develop strong friendships.

### **The Evening Optimist Club of Albuquerque**

*We meet Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM.  
Guests are welcome! For meeting details  
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## Are you an Optimist?

### Here's a Group Just For You

The members of The Evening Optimist Club hope you have enjoyed today's activities as much as we have enjoyed sponsoring them. We are a service organization with members from diverse backgrounds and a shared interest in serving youth in Albuquerque. For 50 years, each member has touched the lives of more than 30 young people every year through our activities. To strengthen our role in the community and reach even more of our youth, The EOC always welcomes applicants for membership.

# WE ARE ...

## A CARING ORGANIZATION

Optimists are committed to programs that have a positive impact on the lives of today's youth, so that they will have a positive impact on tomorrow's world. We do small things, like helping small cancer patients celebrate Easter, and donating turkeys for the City's Merrymakers Thanksgiving ...



We do larger things. We've been known to rebuild kids' play areas, and we donate as many as 100

bicycles each year to improve kids' self esteem, and in many cases, provide families with their only transportation.



We sponsor character-building events such as Oratorical contests. To extend our reach, we partner

with organizations like Mile High Little League, the Scouts, Roadrunner Food Bank, the YMCA's Camp Shaver, and the public schools. Our adopt-a-school partner is Grant Mid School.



## A PRACTICAL ORGANIZATION

Some of this work involves our time and labor, so the larger the membership, the more we can accomplish. At the same time, all of these activities cost money. So we have fundraisers.

Of course, there's the familiar Christmas tree lot, but we also usher athletic events, sell tickets at the New Mexico Arts and Crafts Fair, and help with parking and admission at the Balloon Fiesta.



Once in a while, we'll have a flea market



sale. Most often, the fund raising, the support work, and the socializing go hand in hand.

And are kids optimistic? Just ask the members of our Junior Optimist Club at Grant Mid School. JOI club members will brighten your day with their enthusiasm for life and the future. They meet every Tuesday after school, but you might see them anywhere, anytime lending a helping hand to others.



## A SOCIAL GROUP

Optimism just wouldn't be the same without the fun, and we are a very social group. In addition to our regular weekly meetings, we have fun events throughout the year ...

Picnics and campouts are a favorite – a requirement for those members who



have travel trailers. This talented group includes amateur cooks and bartenders. Talk about useful skills!

We have lots of parties, too. There's



corned beef and green beer at our St. Patrick's Day get-together. Then there's our annual Charter Party to celebrate the Club's birthday -- on Halloween, no less!

A progressive dinner at Christmas time is a fun way to stay in touch with friends and families, and a great way to begin the holiday season.

