



An OPTIMIST CLUB is a voluntary organization of civic-minded men and women banded together for progressive thought and action in community service. Membership, which is by invitation only, is composed of citizens drawn from business, industry, agriculture, and the professions. Members are motivated by the desire to contribute to the community from which they and their families draw daily benefits. There is no greater opportunity for participation in community affairs and service than in an Optimist club.

To develop Optimism as a philosophy of life utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed; 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 aid and encourage the development of youth in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world.

MEMBER INFORMATION

Please print clearly

Name _____
First Middle Last Nickname

Home Address

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Business Address

Firm Name _____ Type of Business _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Business Phone _____ Email _____

Business Position or Title _____ Years with firm _____

Birthdate _____ Place of Birth _____ Years in Community _____

Spouse's Name _____ Spouse's Birthdate _____ Wedding anniversary _____

Name and Ages of Children _____

Past or present civic or service club membership, including Optimist clubs (offices held) _____

In what Optimist Club were you last recorded as a Life Member? _____

Your signature indicates your acceptance of this invitation. Please complete the Member Interest Finder on the reverse of this form.

There is a \$40.00 New Member Fee required at the time of the submission of this application.

Signature _____ Date _____

Sponsor _____ propose for membership in

_____ Optimist Club of _____

Dates approved by committee _____ By Board of Directors _____

All individuals seeking membership in BOCK will have background checks performed requesting information regarding sexual offenses against children. Membership will be denied and/or revoked should a crime against children be documented. Based on the results of the check, the Board may deny or revoke membership for other felonies.



MEMBER INTEREST FINDER

Indicate your degree of interest: **H**=high, **M**=moderate, **L**=low, **O**=none

Greater satisfaction and benefit come from participation in club activities through committee membership. Assignments may be based upon your interest and committee openings.

- _____ **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Determines, plans and supervises community service project. A special committee conducts each project.
- _____ **FELLOWSHIP:** Stimulates attendance, greets members and guests, arranges for meeting facilities and menus, plans social functions. Promotes fellowship beyond club and community.
- _____ **FINANCE:** Plans and supervises the budget. Researches and recommends fund raising projects.
- _____ **MEMBERSHIP:** Plans and executes a year-round program for acquiring new members. Maintains a strong program of education and involvement for new members.
- _____ **NEW CLUB BUILDING:** Conducts all activities involved in sponsoring a new Optimist club.
- _____ **PROGRAM:** Develops and executes plans to provide interesting programs for club meetings.
- _____ **PUBLICITY:** Creates a new program that will build favorable community responses. Edits and publishes club bulletin. Compiles club scrapbook.
- _____ **YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Determines, plans and supervises youth serving projects. A special committee conducts each project.
- _____ **CONVENTIONS, _____ SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, _____ CLUB BULLETINS, _____ FUND RAISING, _____ SCRAPBOOK**

ABOUT YOU

Hobbies _____

What is your experience in community betterment, church work, sports and youth serving activities that could help our club? _____

What projects or programs would you like the club to consider? _____