

BREAKFAST OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. PETERSBURG, FL

Founded in 1963



WHAT IS AN OPTIMIST CLUB?... WE'RE IN THE KID BUSINESS!!!

An Optimist Club is a voluntary organization of civic-minded men and women banded together in the modern tradition for progressive thought and action in community service.

We are having fun serving youth and the community.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL®, our parent organization, founded in 1917, is one of the largest and most active service club organizations with over 125,000 members in 4,300 Optimist Clubs in the United States, Canada and other nations. Carrying the motto, "*Friend of Youth*" Optimists conduct positive service projects which reach five million young people each year.

Locally, you can find an Optimist Club just about anywhere! We list a good sampling of the Optimist Clubs in the area Attendance at meetings is encouraged, but not a requirement of membership.



As an Optimist, you will find several things true, but none more so than these:

By serving, one grows. In serving, one reaps pleasure from the results. From service, one gains a sense of accomplishment For serving, one gains respect of the community.

The Purposes of the Optimist Club are:

To develop optimism as a philosophy of life;

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 the service to others will advance the well-being of man, his community and world.

The Optimist Clubs in the Greater St. Petersburg area, supported by Optimist International, sponsor a wide range of events for youth.

These International programs include:

Essay Contest (high school)

Oratorical Contest (middle school)

Communication Contest for the Hearing Impaired

"Just Say No" Poster Contest (elementary school)

Bicycle Safety Program

Junior World of Golf

Youth In Sports Programs

Respect for Law Week

Youth Appreciation Week

Optimists in Action Day

Additionally, every Optimist Club chooses projects which serve the youth needs particular to their Community. The Breakfast Optimist Club's major projects include:

All Children's Hospital

Little League and Youth Sports

Citizen-of-the-Month Programs in the Schools*

Get Downtown Music Series

Cubmobile Competition

All forms of Scouting

St. Pete Fish-a-thon

**This program recognizes thousands of students in 17 participating schools. Students receive certificates, badges and bumper stickers and needed school supplies.*

Optimist Clubs actively support the needs of the general local Community by aiding:

Scholarship Program
Police Athletic League
Brookwood Young Women's Residence
Toys for Christmas
Family Resources
Youth and Family Connection
Safeplace
Salvation Army
Hospice
Suncoast Epilepsy Association
Ronald McDonald House
Adopt-A-Highway
Southside Boys & Girls Club
Gulfcoast Jewish Family Services
Maintenance of Local Parks
Donations
...and many others

HERE'S WHERE YOU'LL FIND US... www.breakfastoptimist.org

**BREAKFAST OPTIMIST CLUB of ST. PETERSBURG, FL
Every Thursday Morning @ 7:30 a.m.
Kissin Cuzzins Restaurant • 951 34th Street N. • St. Petersburg, FL**

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Ask us about other Optimist Clubs meeting in the local area:

Downtown Optimist Club
Raymond James Optimist Club
High Noon Optimist Club
Gulfport Optimist Club
St. Pete Optimist Club
Sunset Optimist Club

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____@_____

Business Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Business Phone: (____) _____

Business Position or Title: _____

E-Mail: _____@_____

Birth date(month/day): ____/____/____

Spouse Name: _____

Anniversary Date: ____/____/____

Children's Names: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Optimist Sponsor: _____