

Welcome to ~

INTRODUCTION TO PGI

PERSONAL GROWTH AND INVOLVEMENT

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Personal Growth & Involvement Program

- ⑩ **Better known as PGI.**
- ⑩ **PGI recognizes Optimists for service and encourages them to get involved, all while fostering personal growth.**

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1. To define the standard of a good Optimist Member.
2. To offer every Member an opportunity to receive personal benefits when joining an Optimist Club.
3. To make sure every Optimist Club offers every Member the challenge they need to become a better leader.

Why was PGI developed as an OI program? Continued...

4. To give the proper recognition to every Member of the Club, based on clear challenges.
5. To promote a better understanding of O.I. at every level of the organization.
6. To help everyone promote the Optimist philosophy throughout the world.
7. To help the Club President receive all the support he/she needs to accomplish a successful year.

Benefits of the Personal Growth & Involvement Program

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- ⑩ Allows Club Members to be recognized and appreciated for personal and professional accomplishments.**
- ⑩ Gives Members an opportunity to participate in long-term involvement in the Club's activities.**

Benefits of PGI continued:

- ⑩ Gives each Member the personal responsibility for his/her involvement in the Club's activities**
- ⑩ Offers personal growth opportunities to each Member.**
- ⑩ Provides members with Club meeting, membership recruitment & retention ideas.**



ATTENDANCE

ACTIVITIES

GROWTH

KNOWLEDGE OF ORGANIZATION

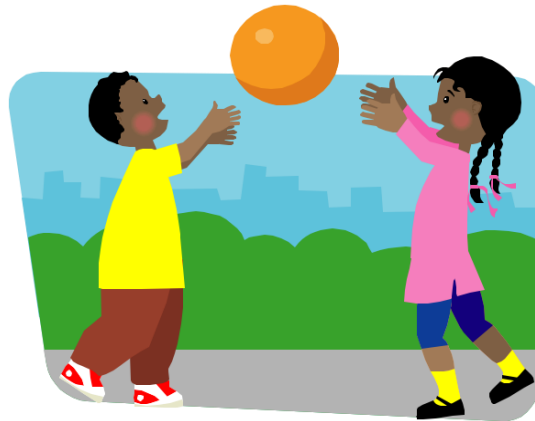
SELF DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNICATION

Elements of PGI

Have you attended six or more meetings or activities?

- ▶ Equipped
- ▶ Engaged
- ▶ Empowered
- ▶ Energized



Have you sponsored a new member?

**That member may be in your own club or in
another Optimist club.**

What are the five Purposes of an Optimist Club?

The 5 purposes of all Clubs of Optimist International (OI):

- ✓ **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 the 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.**



Learn about the founding of Optimist International

Facts about Optimism:

⑩ **First Optimist Club begun where and when?**

Buffalo, New York in 1911

⑩ **The First International Convention & founding of Optimist International was held in? ...When?**

Louisville, Kentucky, June 1919

⑩ **First slogan?**

Friend of the Delinquent Boy (1923)

⑩ **Followed by ?**

Friend of the Boy (1924)

Friend of Youth (1972)



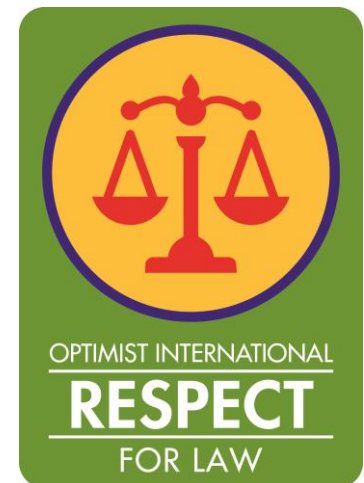
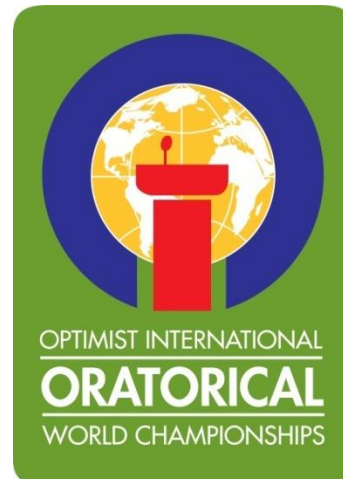
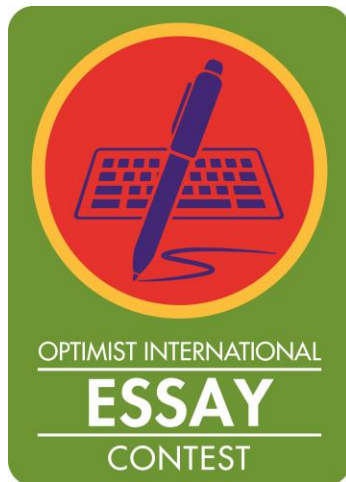
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL MISSION STATEMENT:

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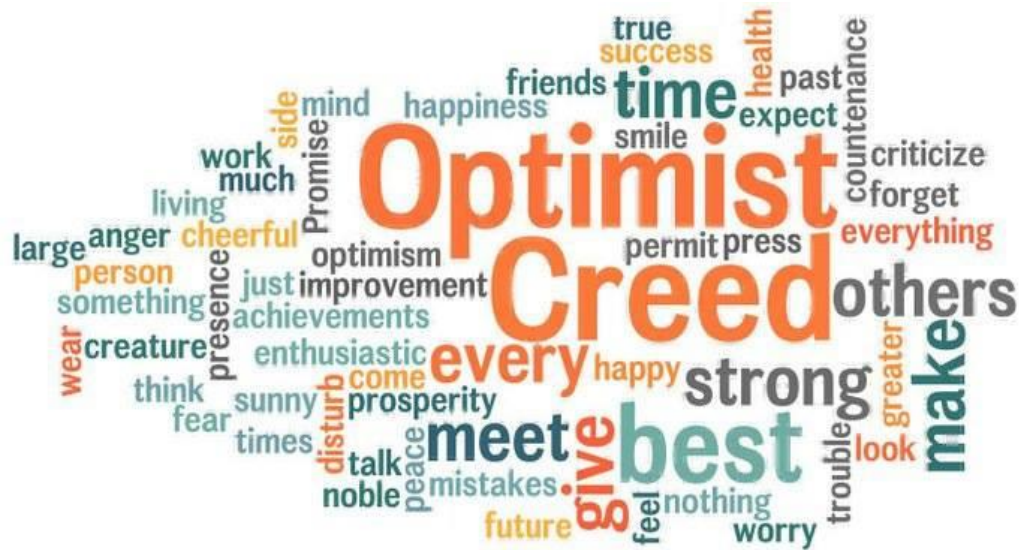
Our Branding Logo:



Have you served on a committee in your Optimist Club?



Do you know the Optimist Creed by memory?



Do you know the names of the following?

- ✓ **O.I. President ?**
- ✓ **O.I. Vice President for your region?**
- ✓ **The Districts in your Region?**
- ✓ **Your Governor?**
- ✓ **Your Lt. Governor?**

**Do you know
Optimist International's
structure for District's, Zone's,
and Clubs?**



Optimist International Structure



My Name & My Club's Name
Southfield-Lathrup Village #17005

My Club President
Cherryl R. Thames

My Region 2 AG/Zone 12 Lt. Governor
Asst Gov- Wilma VanLoo / Lt Gov.- Sean Mueller

My District Governor
Daniel (Dan) J. Mills

My Vice President & Region
Sue Armstrong & NE & Great Lakes Region

OI & My OI President
OI President – Patsy Gardnew

Skills & Personal Development Modules

Why?

Members get involved...

Members grow in OI knowledge...

Members grow personally...

It's FREE!!!

Skills & Personal Development Modules:

- ❖ **Choosing Optimism**
- ❖ **Creative Problem Solving**
- ❖ **Managing Change**
- ❖ **Mentoring**
- ❖ **Orientation to Optimism for New Members**
- ❖ **Protocol**

DOCUMENTATION

Passports/Tracking Form are signed as level is completed:

✓ **Levels I – VII**

Signed by Club President or Secretary

✓ **Levels VIII – X**

Signed by District Officer

Documentation Continued:

⑩ Club PGI Tracking Form

Maintained by the Secretary/PGI Committee Chair for all members participating in PGI Program.

⑩ Passport

You maintain possession and responsibility for keeping current.

Documentation Continued:

⑩ PGI Recognition Form

Club PGI/PDP Committee Chair Mail completed form to your District PGI chair following completion of each level.

District Chair records level(s): forwards completed form to the Leadership Development Committee at Optimist International.

Documentation Continued:

⑩ Recognition

LD Department returns appropriate pin backing to District Chair for appropriate public recognition at District Conference or before.

Members attaining Level X are recognized onstage at an International Convention following completion.

Who to contact if I have questions:

**Optimist International
Leadership Development & Growth Coordinator
4494 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63116
(800) 500-8130 ext. 227
(314) 371-6006 Fax**

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Who should we contact at the Canadian Service Center?

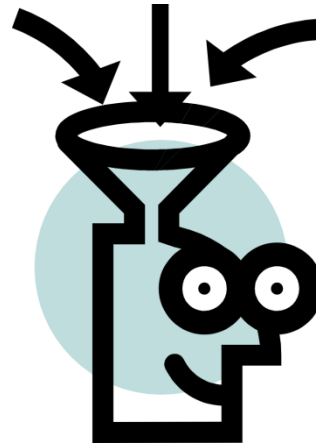
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Where do I look for information?

- ⑩ www.optimist.org
- ⑩ www.optimistleaders.org
- ⑩ www.oifoundation.org
- ⑩ www.michiganoptimists.org



Thank you for joining us!

- ⑩ **Cherryl R. Thames**
- ⑩ **2021-2022 PGI/PDP Michigan District Committee Chairperson**
- ⑩ **PGI Level 10**
- ⑩ **Certified District Trainer**
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The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself:

- ⑩ To be so strong, that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- ⑩ To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- ⑩ To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- ⑩ To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- ⑩ To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.
- ⑩ To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- ⑩ To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- ⑩ To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- ⑩ To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- ⑩ To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.