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THE OPTIMIST CREED

PROMISE YOURSELF

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

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person 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 of the best, to work only for the best and 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 the 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

Purposes of the 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 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.



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1928 - 2018

In Our 90th Year of Service
To Youth & the Community

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays

12:15 PM

Alabama Power Company
600 North 18th Street
Birmingham, AL 35203



The concept of the service club is as old as culture itself. For centuries, community and business leaders have joined with congenial companions to solve community problems.

Because the life-style and governments affirm each citizen's initiative and responsibility, service clubs flourish on the North American Continent. Individual Optimist clubs existed as early as 1911.

Leaders of those pioneering clubs soon recognized the benefits and prestige to be gained from the creation of an international organization. In June of 1919, representatives of 11 Optimist clubs met in Louisville, Kentucky to discuss mutual objectives and activities. This was the beginning of Optimist International and the establishment of Optimist clubs throughout North America.

Today, Optimist International is a federation of about 2,600 clubs and 75,000 club members. Its chief objective is to help Optimist clubs increase the effectiveness of their community serving activities. Officers, at all levels of the organization, are selected by representative elections. Annually, Optimists conduct 65,000 service projects and serves well over six million young people. The International Office is located in St. Louis, Missouri.



YOUTH FOUNDATION

The Birmingham Optimist Youth Foundation is a nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c) (3) corporation set up to receive and distribute funds to support the club's various service projects for the community, particularly its youth.

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Optimist Club of Birmingham Service Projects

Youth Appreciation Day - Held in November for deserving high school students.

Essay and Oratorical Contests - Held January through March for middle and high school youth.

Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Held in April for high school students who have been designated as deaf or hearing impaired.

Childhood Cancer Campaign – Meals served for cancer patients, parents and siblings at Ronald McDonald House.

Respect for Law - Conducted in May or June to honor outstanding law enforcement officers or organizations promoting respect for law.

Kards for Kids - Christmas Gift Cards for Foster Care Teenagers

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership - Weekend training workshop held in the spring for outstanding high school students.

Salvation Army Christmas Kettle - Members ring the bells during the Christmas season to assist the Salvation Army to collect funds for the needy.

Sickle Cell Walkathon – Supported by the club in various ways.

Community Youth Sports – Providing sponsorship for Huffman Baseball Park and Association and the youth playing on the Freshman League teams.

Jefferson County DHR – Serving as volunteers as Santa's Helpers.

Teen Summit - Conference to inspire youth's respect for law enforcement, self-well-being, and awareness of laws that affect teens.

Olivia's House – Club is developing a library / game room for children of women clients undergoing substance abuse rehabilitation and updating computer room for use by clients.