

PROTOCOL FOR GUESTS

1. Register online prior to event to reserve seat & pay Elks Lodge Lunch Fee at <http://tcoptimist.org/about-us/events-calendar/>
2. Check in at door upon arrival, receive club brochure, register for attendance if you have not already and pay for your Elks Lodge lunch
3. Fill out a name tag and attach it to your shirt or jacket
4. Pick a table to sit at and partake in lunch and conversation
5. Enjoy lunch, ask club members questions if you have any
6. Enjoy community speaker event, most speakers stay after to answer additional questions
7. Be considerate of speaker, it's an informative event, not a debate!
8. Come back and visit us again! We appreciate your participation!
9. Consider Joining Our Cause for the Betterment of Local Youth and Community.
<http://tcoptimist.org/about-us/application/>



VISION STATEMENT

The Optimist International organization will be recognized worldwide as an organization of people committed to optimism and self-development for the improvement of youth and community.

Traverse City Optimist Club



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Introducing The

TRAVERSE CITY
OPTIMIST CLUB
COMMUNITY
SPEAKER PROGRAM

**A Weekly Public
Awareness Speaker
Series Promoting
Community Engagement**



**Fellowship - Camaraderie
Community Service
~ friend of youth ~**

TC Optimist - About Us

The Traverse City Optimist Club membership is fully dedicated to the support of our youth, and youth organizations throughout the region in an effort to encourage and enable our young population to become leaders and productive citizens into the future.

Our Purpose:

- ❖ Serving Youth
- ❖ Promoting Fellowship
- ❖ Being well Informed Community Members on Local Topics
- ❖ Promoting a Positive Optimistic Attitude as a Way of Life.

MISSION STATEMENT

Optimist International's mission is to foster an optimistic way of life, through a network of optimists, dedicated to the full development of their potential in order to provide ever-expanding service to youth, the community and the world.

Learn More on Our Website

<http://tcoptimist.org>

Supporting Local Youth and Youth Organizations Throughout the Grand Traverse Region

Membership Benefits:

Our membership meets for lunch every Monday (except July) at the Elks Lodge or at such time and place as determined by the Club Board of Directors.

Members enjoy exclusive access to the Optimist Cabin Property, an environmental youth education acreage parcel located near Chums Corners on Beitner Creek - with Hiking Trails, Pavilion, and Historic Cabin.

The Cabin Property is also open to use by youth and youth related organizations.

Members may participate in several annual Optimist Club Fellowship Picnic Outings, Christmas Dinner, and Installation Dinner.

Members may participate in any of our community service and fundraising events the TC Optimist Club hosts including:

Optimist Club Target Christmas Shopping Benefit for Underprivileged Youth

TC Optimist Club Boardman River Rubber Duck Race Community Fundraiser

Weekly Community Speaker Programs

Members are rewarded in their efforts through the TC Optimist Club

* By the differences we make every day in the lives of those less fortunate.

* By the gratitude we continually receive from youth organization leaders due to our support of their efforts for the betterment of local youth and family.

* By the fellowship and camaraderie enjoyed each time we gather together in the purpose of positive community involvement.

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 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 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.

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