

## Quarterly Youth Events

The mission of Optimist International is to bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves. By providing hope and positive vision, we at the St. Paul Optimist Club take this mission to heart.

Our premier event, funded by the Friend of Youth Foundation, is our annual **Youth Appreciation** program that honors and awards scholarships to 15 students from Schools in St. Paul. More than \$400,000 has been awarded since the St. Paul Optimist Club established this legally separate entity in 1996.

[www.stpaulfriend.dollarsforscholars.org](http://www.stpaulfriend.dollarsforscholars.org)

### **Additional events include:**

- Sponsored Scholarship Competitions  
*Topics chosen by Optimist International*
  - Essay Contest
  - Oratorical Contest
  - Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- The Jeremiah Program  
The goal of the Jeremiah Program is to successfully transform single-parent families from poverty to prosperity two generations at a time. St. Paul Optimists regularly prepare and serve meals for families at Jeremiah House.
- SafeZone at Face to Face  
SafeZone aims to assist at-risk youth in St Paul with access to food, clothing, shelter, health care and counseling. St. Paul Optimists regularly volunteer and sponsor clothing drives to support this outreach.
- Venturing Scout Troop
- Optimist Golf Tournaments  
The St. Paul Club sponsors youth participants.

## Childhood Cancer

Optimists are building awareness of the disease that kills more children than any other and have become champions for those dealing with childhood cancer. Through this unique program, members provide support for children with cancer and their families, and support research to find a cure.

## Meetings

The St. Paul Optimists meet twice a month at the Town and Country Club, 300 Mississippi River Blvd N, (651-646-7121). We typically meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month for breakfast (7:15-8:30am) and have occasional lunch (11:45-1:00pm) or evening meetings (6:00-8:00) throughout the year. . The schedule is published on our web site [stpauloptimists.org](http://stpauloptimists.org) as well as via social media and email newsletters. Calling teams remind members of upcoming meetings that regularly feature speakers from interesting organizations around the Twin Cities area.

## Fundraising

We have only one major fundraiser every year – our Cadillac Dinner. Each member is expected to purchase one ticket, good for a dinner for 2, and is asked to sell at least one additional ticket. The evening includes; dinner, a silent auction, prize drawings, and games. Each ticketholder goes home with a prize!

## Dues

Dues, billed quarterly at \$65 per person, cover the cost of our meeting meals. Spousal membership quarterly dues are \$95 per couple.

## Communications

Member's only  Facebook and



LinkedIn social media connections.

## Fellowship

Sprinkled throughout the year are events designed to promote fellowship among our members, friends, and the community.

## Beyond our Club

Optimist International is one of the largest and most active community service club organizations in North America with more than 80,000 members in 2900 clubs. Optimist International is recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps them develop to their full potential. Optimists conduct positive community service programs, dedicated to *Bringing Out the Best in Youth, Our Communities and Ourselves*, reaching more than 6 million young people each year.

The St. Paul Optimist Club was chartered in 1924 and is part of the Dakotas, Manitoba and Minnesota (DMM) district, which includes 60 clubs. The district holds quarterly meetings and an annual convention. Involvement in the Optimist program provides excellent opportunities to gain leadership skills and meet new people. [www.optimist-dmm.org](http://www.optimist-dmm.org)

The St. Paul Club participates in the Metropolitan Council of Optimist Clubs (MCOC). With members from all over the Twin Cities, it provides an excellent venue to meet and discuss youth projects with other local Optimists.

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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 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.*

**Optimist International Member Invitation**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME ADDRESS**

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS ADDRESS**

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Business / Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you at work:  Yes  No

**YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS INVITATION**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Member Optimist Club of St. Paul**

A one-time \$30.00 application fee is required with application.

*Individuals who have committed sexual offenses against children may be denied membership and/or have their membership revoked.*

9/5/19



**Optimist Club of St. Paul**

Club Chartered in 1924



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INTO THE NEXT CENTURY

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