Weekly Meetings:

We Invite You to Join Us!

Wednesday Mornings: 7:30 - 8:30 AM
Clarkston United Methodist Church
6600 Waldon Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

Our meetings center around:

- Timely local issues
- New businesses in the area
- Concerning social issues
- Acknowledging our community achievements from youth activities and/or recognitions

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Misson Statement:

By providing hope and a positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.

Vision:

Optimist International will be recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps them develop to their full potential.

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.

Purposes of Optimism

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 service to others will advance the well-being of mankind.

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club



What is an Optimist Club?

- **An Optimist Club are people like you,,,**

Individuals who care enough to volunteer a portion of their time and energy, simply to help others in their community.

Volunteers in action for the “Good of the Youth” for others and their own communities.

We’re in the “Kid Business.” Showing by example.

What does an Optimist Club do?

Our mission is to help make a better future for the young people of the community. We help kids grow and develop. Each club determines its own projects based on input from club members and the community.

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club supports programs such as:

- Clarkston Independence Day Parade
- Holiday Lights Christmas Parade
- Essay and Oratorical Contests
- Annual Winter-Fest and Opti-Fest
- Depot Park Ice Rink
- Outstanding Student Recognition
- High School College Scholarships
- Junior Clubs for K-12 students
- Junior Golf
- Opti-Socks Program
- SCAMP Field Day
- Renaissance High School Field Day
- Respect for Law Program
- Support School programs through Financial Grants

Join the largest organization serving our youth in Clarkston today!

What will you gain by joining the Clarkston Area Optimist Club?

Opportunity

• To be involved with our youth in our community.
• To make our community a better place to live.
• To meet other civic minded adults sharing the same ideas.
• To work with today's youth, making a difference for our tomorrows.
• To improve leadership skills.
• To develop social contacts with others in your community.
• To have fun and fellowship with people who share the same interests.
• To be a part of a world-wide organization with over 80,000 members strong.

Meetings/Get-togethers*

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club meets every Wednesday morning, from: 7:30 to 8:30 AM at the Clarkston United Methodist Church

The hour long get-togethers include programs of interest, with local speakers relating to our community, youth, or other topics of interest; Updates on Optimist project announcements; and there is always time for fellowship.
**There are no attendance requirements.*

Dues:

Annual dues are $180 per year and are prorated every quarter to match the time of year when a new member joins.

We invite you to share your talents and time as you are able to assist.

Membership Invitation for the Clarkston Area Optimist Club

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Sponsor: _____

Email address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Birthdate: _____

Interests: _____

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Thank You for your Interest in the Clarkston Area Optimist Club!