

## The Optimist Creed



### Promise Yourself

- To be so strong that no one 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 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 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*



## The FIVE CITIES OPTIMISTS CLUB

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CLUB  
OF GROVER BEACH, CA.

# Who We Are:

## Mission:

*By providing hope and 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.*

## Purposes:

*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.*

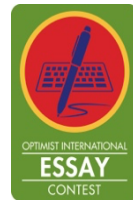
An Elected Executive Board (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and board members) keep the club moving forward and on track, to keep the club and its members "Bringing Out the Best in Kids"!

# What We Do:

Through our **Konnect With Kid\$** program we receive requests from students for funding extracurricular activities.



Each month during the school year we honor a 6th grade student who provides hope and a positive vision daily and helps to bring out the best at school and in the community.



Each year we host an Essay Contest for Jr. High and High School students. The 700-word essay is written on an assigned topic.



Each year we host an Oratorical Contest for Jr. High and High School students. The 4 – 5 minute speech is given live on an assigned topic.

Our club winners receive cash scholarships and advance to the regional's competition and beyond!



- We also participate in International Outreach projects that benefit Kids directly and Optimist International programs throughout the world.
- We work with other local Service groups to improve and benefit our community,

# How We Do It!

Utilizing our many and varied talents, our event teams plan and support our philanthropic efforts to ensure that we have funds to disburse to youth in our in our community.

Our Optimist members sell Gourmet Hotdogs at local community events throughout the Five Cities and conduct a major fundraising event annually, which allows us to provide continued outreach throughout the year.

The Executive Board meets to review funding applications and approve our support of the student's request. The presentation of the monies requested, occurs at our Monthly General meeting, where we also present our Student of the Month award and meet their teacher and family members. Past recipients may also stop by to share their successfully funded endeavor. Students or groups may choose to present an in-person request at this time.