

## New Member Induction and Pledge

Friends and Fellow Optimists:

This occasion marks the beginning of your opportunity for participating through fellowship and friendship, in the activities of your Club on behalf of your community. Through your personal service as an Optimist, you will have the opportunity to help repay, in many ways, the debt we all owe our community for the privilege of enjoying its many benefits. You will learn the Optimist Creed and its significance, a genuine challenge to the life of all. You will be inspired by our mission statement: to provide hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, their communities and themselves.

In all these things we seek to make our indelible mark on the life, progress and welfare of our communities, our nations and our peoples. But only by engagement in meetings, committees, personal development, fellowship and active participation in your Club's activities, can you be rewarded with a fuller life and the self-satisfaction that comes to each of us as we serve youth, our community and bring out the best in ourselves.

We therefore ask, as we admit you to the fellowship of Optimism, if you too, will join our company, our friendship and our fellowship, to strive toward these objectives of being an optimistic inspiration to all.

If you agree please respond with "I do"

- Do you promise to always do your best to live by the teachings of the Optimist Creed?
- Do you promise to support the activities of your Club, District and Optimist International to the best of your ability?
- Do you promise to be a good steward of the values of Optimist International by conducting yourself with respect and integrity?
- Will you approach life from a place of optimism?
- Will you be ever aware that your place in the world influences our global community?

We hope you will embrace these promises and explore your membership to its fullest potential and bring out the best all around you. On behalf of your Club and Optimist International I am happy to welcome you to the world of Optimism.