# Northridge Optimist Club

*Serving our community since 1964*

*Northridge Optimist Club (#24-305) Ohio District, Zone 11*
*Mailing address: PO Box 131211, Dayton, Ohio 45413*
*Meetings: Noon Tuesdays - Brixx Ice Co., 500 E. 1st St., Dayton, OH 45402*
*see Bulletin Board page at www.NorthridgeOptimist.org for location updates, schedules and meeting announcements*

**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.

## Youth & Community Service Projects

The Northridge Optimist Club is active in initiating youth and community projects locally, as well as bringing youth activities organized by Optimist International to the local level. Some examples of the activities that are currently being held are as follows:

***Youth Scholarships*** - This is our primary focus for serving Northridge area youth. The club oversees two scholarship programs that benefit Northridge High School students. One is funded by club investments with The Dayton Foundation and distributes about $12,000 in scholarship money among several students annually. The other is funded by Cargill Corporation in conjunction with our club and provides two year scholarships of about $1200 per year, per student for up to six students each year. A third scholarship program benefits one or more MVCTC students from the Northridge area with a total of $2000 in scholarships. About two hundred Northridge students have been awarded scholarships over the past thirty years.

***Optimist International Essay Contest*** - Optimist International assigns a new topic each year and provides the rules and guidelines for holding this essay contest for students. Our club conducts a local level of the contest in conjunction with Northridge schools. The winning contestant's essay is then eligible to compete for scholarship awards with other student essays at the Optimist District (state) level. Our club has also held club level Optimist International Oratorical Contests as well as hosting zone and regional contests.

***Christmas Sharing*** - The club buys food and delivers it to as many as two dozen needy families during the holiday season.

***Youth Sports*** - The club conducts an annual **Pass-Shoot & Dribble basketball skill contest** for elementary school kids.

***Donations*** - The club makes donations to several youth and community serving organizations, such as, Crayons for Classrooms, Muse Maching, and College Promise and also supports various school activities.

**For membership information and more club details, check out our website at *www.NorthridgeOptimist.org***

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