

Optimist clubs are members of a world wide civic organization that is interested in serving the youth of their own communities.

The purpose of the Manhattan Breakfast Optimist Club is to develop Optimism as a philosophy of life. Our motto is "Friend of Youth" and our goal is to aid and encourage the youth of our community. To this end we also work to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs: to inspire respect for the law; to promote patriotism and international accord; and to advance the well-being of mankind, the community and the world.

The membership of our club represents a cross-section of the business, public, social, and cultural life of Manhattan and the surrounding area. The club is open to all adults of good character and community standing generally compatible with the membership of all Optimist clubs.

The Manhattan Breakfast Optimist Club is always looking for new members interested in helping the youth of our community succeed in life. Applications are available from any Optimist member. Acceptance in the club requires the payment of a one-time initiation fee and annual dues determined by the Board of Directors each year.

Our Club has sponsored and/or assisted in a number of projects some of which include the following:

SPORTS

Optimist Park
Girls Traveling Softball
Manhattan Cross Country
Youth Basketball
Youth Baseball & Softball
Girls On The Run
"T" Ball
Manhattan Marlins
Manhattan Optimist Kids Wrestling

EDUCATIONAL

Early Expressions Kids Art Fair
4-H Lawn Mower Safety
Dr. Waddel Cancer Book
Boys State and Girls State
Children Theatre/MAC
Pops Choir
Gold Orchestra

RECOGNITION

Youth of the Month
Respect For Law

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Boys & Girls Club
Ogden Friendship House
Boy Scouts Camp Fund
Pawnee Mental Health Camp Stars
Sunflower CASA

and many other projects

The Manhattan Breakfast Optimist Club is able to sponsor these and other projects because of our major fund raiser--the sale of Christmas trees each holiday season. This fund raiser is a long standing tradition in our community. Trees were first sold by the Manhattan Breakfast Optimist Club during the 1959 Christmas season and has been an annual event ever since. All of the profits from the sale of trees go directly back into the Manhattan Community.

We invite you to help support the youth of your community by purchasing your Christmas tree at our Tree Lot at Optimist Park, 317 Plymate Lane.

The Manhattan Breakfast Optimist Club wishes to extend our thanks to all of you who make youth projects a success by purchasing your Christmas trees from us.



"Friend of Youth"

**The
Manhattan Breakfast Optimist
Club
2016-2017 Officers**

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For further information call:

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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 on the sunny side of everything and make 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.

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**Manhattan Breakfast Optimist Club
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meets every Wednesday at
RC McGraws - Blue Hills Room
2315 Tuttle Creek Blvd
Coffee and Socializing--6:00AM
Breakfast--6:30AM
Meeting--7:00AM