



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS *about the* **Optimist Club of Rock Hill**

What is the mission of the Optimist Club of Rock Hill? *To develop optimism as a philosophy of life using our Optimist creed as our guide *To aid, support and encourage children *To inspire respect for law and promote patriotism * To offer friendship to all people * To promote the belief that giving of oneself in service to others will advance the improvement of our community life and the world.

What is your club motto? Friend of Youth

What are some of the local charity groups do you support? Children's Attention Home, Police Worthy Boys and Girls Camp, Camp ARC, Miracle Park, the Boys and Girls Clubs of York County, junior golfers, Fostering the Family, York County Foster Children and more.

What Optimist International Programs do you support? The Optimist Junior Golf Program and a Respect for Law Program that awards and recognizes outstanding law enforcement officers

Do you do any "hands on" projects with children? We genuinely enjoy projects that directly impact children...face to face, hand to hand. Sometimes projects vary, but every year we work with Children's Attention Home, we feed the special needs campers at Camp ARC, volunteer with Special Olympics, provide a Christmas Party for the children in foster care in York County and other events through the year. We also partner with local elementary schools to read to children.

How much time do I need to volunteer? There are no minimum requirements, and we will accept any time you have to offer. We only have one meeting a month and one, annual fundraiser. You can volunteer to help with one service project or all, whatever your time and interests allows.

How do you raise the money to donate to local charities and fund the club's activities? We have one big fundraiser. Each March we host our annual Optimist Club of Rock Hill Charity Golf Tournament and Auction.

Where and when do you meet? We meet once a month, usually on the first Tuesday of each month, at 12:00 noon, at the Little Café on Cherry Road.

When was your club started? January 1948 the club was organized in Rock Hill. In 1949 it was chartered by Optimist International.

Who may I call if I have more questions? You may contact any of our members or call our current club president, David Angel, at (803) 327-1000 to ask questions or to plan a visit to one of our meetings or events.

How much are the club dues? Our dues are voluntary. We ask everyone to pitch in \$100 a year to cover the national and state dues our club is required to pay. However, we do not want anyone to feel they cannot be a member if they cannot afford the dues. We will gladly take the contribution of your time in lieu of a dues payment.

Do you have a Facebook page? Yes- Please check for updates at "Optimist Club of Rock Hill" on Facebook.

