

Bright's Grove Optimist Member Invitation

Please type or print clearly

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS:

Street: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ How long at this address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail : _____

NOTE 1: Applicants will be required to have a "Vulnerable Sector" police check. Cost of police check will be reimbursed by the Bright's Grove Optimist Club.

CONTACT REFERENCE INFORMATION

NOTE 2: Character Reference Contacts should not be related and should be known to the applicant for at least 2 years.

Contact's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ # Years known to Applicant _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS INVITATION.

Please complete and give to your local Optimist Club.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

FOLLOWING CLUB INPUT ONLY

Optimist Club Sponsor: _____

Optimist Club of: _____

Date approved by Board of Directors: _____

Signed on behalf of Board of Directors: _____

Note 3: Club President will issue notification of acceptance.

OPTIMIST CLUB OF BRIGHT'S GROVE

HISTORY– OPTIMISM in your COMMUNITY

**Goal of Optimist Clubs has been since their inception in 1919
"Bringing Out the Best in Kids".**

BACKGROUND: Early in 1900's as industrialization and urbanization brought problems to the urban centres in the US, citizens began to form groups to address the needs of their communities. Some of these groups were often referred to as "Optimists" because of the positive changes they sought to bring about in their communities.

The first Official Optimist Club was formed in 1911 in Kentucky. In 1922 they adapted the Optimist Creed.

1924 - First Canadian Optimist Club formed in Toronto. Today there are 87,000 individual members who belong to 2,900 autonomous Clubs. Optimists conduct 65,000 service projects each year, serving six million young people.

In Canada, there are almost 20,000 members, volunteers who strive to improve, to participate in, to influence and to contribute to the healthy development of young people.

INTERNATIONALLY THERE ARE:

North American Districts

40 Districts in the US.
4 in Ontario & 5 in Quebec.
The Bright's Grove Club is in
Zone 5 of the SWONT DISTRICT.
In SWONT there are 10 Zones and in
these 10 zones there are 81 clubs

Zone 5 has 5 Clubs:

- 1 -Bright's Grove
- 2 - Camlachie
- 3 - Harmony
- 4 - Point Edward
- 5 - Sarnia Lakeshore

International Districts:

- 5 in Africa,
- 2 in Russia,
- 1 in Iraq,
- 1 in Cambodia
- 1 in the Ukraine

International Clubs with non-district designation

- 1 Club in France
- 5 Mexico
- 1 Thailand
- 3 Africa

Being part of an International Organization provides Optimists in all regions access to top quality universally applicable Leadership Training and Mentoring programs that are open to all members. To find out more about Optimists go to optimistcanada.org, or optimistinternational.org

The Optimist Club of Bright's Grove Annual Events:

- * Easter-in-the-Park
- * Red Cross Babysitting Course
- * Bike Safety Program with Sarnia Police Educators
- * 2-Pitch Baseball Program for children 12 & under
- * Canada Day Celebration - Bright's Grove Community
- * Golf Tournament for local youth golf players.

Winners go on to compete in the Optimist's S.W.Ont. Tournament and winners from there go on to compete in the prestigious

Optimist International Tournament in Florida - as did Mike Weir.

- * Breakfast-with-Santa

IN ADDITION, the Bright's Grove Optimists contribute funds to support the Bright's Grove Scouts, Guides & Pathfinders We give funds to local area Charities and Service Organizations that provide services to youth in the Bright's Grove Community. Provide support to local community initiatives. Provide assistance where needed within our community.

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.

FOR MORE INFO ON HOW YOU CAN BECOME MEMBER:

contact bgoptimists@live.com or visit us on FACEBOOK