

## Optimism:

The expectation of a better tomorrow — is universal, according to a new worldwide Gallup poll.

Around the world, 95 percent of people expect their lives in five years to be as good as or better than they were five years ago, according to the survey analyzed by a Kansas University graduate student.

“The instillation of hope is the biggest factor that causes change,” said Matthew Gallagher, a clinical psychology student who came up with the idea to find out how optimistic people were.

## How Do I Join the Optimists?

The only requirement is that you are asked to join. The person who gave you this brochure is asking you to join them in developing a new Optimist Club right here in Tonganoxie. You can become a Charter member. Please fill out the application with this information brochure and return it to the person who gave it to you.



Tonganoxie Optimist Club (TOC) attracts a group of men and women who help EMPOWER community youth programs. Weekly meetings provide for dynamic fellowship among engaged coaches, mentors and tutors actively concerned with our local community's sustainable wellbeing.  
(health, safety and environment)

Tonganoxie Optimist Club

Tonganoxie Public Library

RSVP Phone: (913) 669-3088

Club-INFO: (785) 843-0097

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Tonganoxie Optimist Club

*Friend of Youth*

**Stranger Creek  
Watershed  
2010 2011  
Kansas District**



*We Save Lives and Enhance Self-Esteem*

**Tonganoxie Optimist Club  
Charter Membership Invitation**

Please type or print

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female

**Home Address::**

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (Month/Day/Year)

Years in this community: \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Address ::**

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Send mail to  Home  Business

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

You are invited by: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

**Mission**

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.

**Vision & Values**

Optimist International will be recognized globally as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps them develop their full potential

**Established Optimist projects include:**

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Essay Contest          | Oratorical Contest        |
| Respect for Law        | Youth Safety              |
| All-Star Sports Skills | Youth Appreciation        |
| Junior World Golf      | Childhood Cancer Campaign |

Each LOCAL CLUB determines its own projects based on a community needs assessment and club members input.

**For More Information:**



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