



# Evening Optimist of Greater Beaumont

Beaumont, Texas

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[www.eveningoptimist.com](http://www.eveningoptimist.com)

## Club Newsletter

August, 2008

### *President's Corner*

This Optimist Year is coming down to the final weeks and we are looking to close this year out with a positive outlook for next year. We are in the process of increasing our membership to be on the plus side going into next year.

This past month was been an exciting time for our club, when we had a visit from our Limuru, Kenya Club President Thaiya Wallace, and we learned about his plans to expand the clubs in Africa. This Limuru, Kenya Club is the club that we sponsored in 2004, and things look exciting for the future in Africa.

Frank G. Praznik  
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### New Meeting Place

Lone Star Steakhouse & Seafood  
6685 Eastex Fwy  
Beaumont, TX 77706  
Second & Fourth Tuesday  
7:00 PM

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## Limuru, Kenya Optimist Club



THAIYA WALLACE

On July 8, 2008 we had a special program presented to our club by the President of the Limuru, Kenya Optimist Club which our club sponsors in Africa. Thaiya Wallace presented his vision of building more clubs in Africa to help the youth of that country. He was in the U.S. and attended our OI International Convention to try and get some ideas about the future of Optimist Clubs in his country of Africa.

He was seeking for information from Optimist International to help him complete his dream for expansion of additional clubs in South Africa. He was asking for any guidance from our club and Optimist International.

He will be returning to Africa with enthusiasm to having his dream come true. Our club will be making every effort to help him and his club, make his dream a reality. With the help of Optimist International we should be able to make it possible.



**SOUTH TEXAS  
DISTRICT**

*Optimists Bring Out the Best in Children*

*Les Optimistes inspirent le meilleur chez les jeunes • 2007-2008*

**SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTION**

August 15 - 17, 2008  
Marriott Houston Westchase

[Please attend our 1<sup>st</sup> South Texas District Convention](#)

## *More Membership Will Help Us Serve More Youth*

As this year winds down let us keep our eyes on the main purposed of Optimist Clubs and finish the year with a positive attitude. Remember our goal to increase the number of members, which will in turn let us service more youth in our community.

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Remember the Optimist slogan

**"Bringing Out The Best In Kids"**

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Visit our Website

We would like to remind our membership that we have three (3) websites where you can get information about our Club, District and Optimist International.

Club Website: [www.eveningoptimist.com](http://www.eveningoptimist.com)

District Website: [www.stxd.org](http://www.stxd.org)

International Website: [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)

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## How to get new Members



Charles C. Humphrey, Editor

# 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.

Many have found inspiration in The Optimist Creed. In hospitals, the creed has been used to help patients recover from illness. In locker rooms, coaches have used it to motivate their players. Optimist International adopted this creed in 1922. It was originally published in 1912 in a book titled: "Your Forces and How to Use Them." The author was Christian D. Larson, a prolific writer and lecturer who believed that people have tremendous latent powers, which could be harnessed for success with the proper attitude.

