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*President's Corner*

November has been a busy month for us getting ready to make the year 2009-2010 a banner year for our club. Membership is what we are putting our attention on for the new year. If you visit our website [www.eveningoptimist.com](http://www.eveningoptimist.com) you will find that we have added a link, explaining what an Optimist Club is, and what they do for the community.

We also had a Food Drive for Thanksgiving and we will be doing another Food Drive for Christmas.

Your "Cow Drop" sales are going along real good and we have decided to extend the "Cow Drop" until December 17, 2009, because we have had an indication that more sales will be coming in early December. Please return all of the tickets and money in by December 14, 2009.

Frank Praznik  
Club President  
Evening Optimist Club of Greater Beaumont

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**OPTIMIST – BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN KIDS**



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

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



**New Member**  
**Evening Optimist of**  
**Greater Beaumont**

**RETURNING MEMBER**  
**R. Wayne Barefield**

Our club has had a problem as many clubs have had of getting new members. It dawned on us that a good source is going after old Optimist Club members who have dropped out of Optimist Clubs and were good members, but left because of different reasons. We went to Optimist Leaders Online and with the help of this good tool we were able to find past members of Optimist Clubs, and invite them to join our club. One such member was R. Wayne Barefield, a Past President and Life Member of West End Optimist Club here in Beaumont, Texas. After many contacts with him he became a member of our club and has been active in our projects and has made an excellent new member. We look forward to getting additional members with this exciting way of obtaining new members.



PLEASE VISIT EVENING OPTIMIST WEBSITE  
[WWW.EVENINGOPTIMIST.COM](http://WWW.EVENINGOPTIMIST.COM)

"WHEN YOU'RE THROUGH LEARNING, YOU'RE THROUGH!"



## DISTRICT MEETING

Frank and Carla Praznik attended our South Texas District Meeting in Corpus Christi, Texas, on November 6 - 8, 2009. They reported back to the club, that it was a very successful meeting, and the training was outstanding. Carla is our Lt. Governor for Zone 13 for this Optimist year 2009-2010. She said that many exciting things are being planned for our District for this year. She also reported that the District Meeting will be held here in Beaumont, TX for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meeting, on May 7-8-9, 2010 at the MCM Elegante Hotel & Conference Center. We will need help from our club & clubs in Zone 13. Please make your plans to attend.

Visit our Website

Remember to visit our website for announcements of the Club & District activities. Our Website Address is:

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



**Cow Drop**

Remember that our annual Cow Drop Fundraiser is going on and has been changed to December 17, 2009. Please get your tickets and money turned in by December 14, 2009.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



I hope each and every member of your family have a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.

# 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.

