

# Lima Noon Optimist Dues

- Application Fee \$ 35.00
- Quarterly Dues \$110.00 (includes weekly lunch)
- Optional: Foundation donation \$4.00 per quarter

## Lima Noon Optimist

Meeting every Wednesday  
at the Lima Elks Lodge  
Noon – 1:00 pm

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

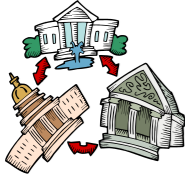
***Lima Noon Optimist Club members receive as much as they give:***

- The fellowship of people who get things done and the example they set for embracing a similar optimistic mindset
- New social and working relationships with individuals from a cross section of our communities
- The opportunity to develop and demonstrate leadership skills locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally
- And the satisfaction of making a difference in lives of children as well as our communities

Whether you are searching for an outlet to help your community, personal developments, or rewarding camaraderie, you'll find what you are looking for in the Lima Noon Optimist Club



The Lima Noon Optimist Club sponsors the basketball competition for elementary students in the Lima area. Recently as many as 460 students from 16 schools participated with about 80 competing for trophies in the 8-13 age groups.



## Youth In Government

Every year the **Lima Noon Optimist** holds a "Youth in Government Day." This is where youth of the Lima/Allen County high schools shadow a government official for the morning. Eleven of our high schools participate in this program with approximately 40 students taking part.



## Youth Appreciation

Each year, local high school juniors and seniors in Allen County are recognized for showing strong leadership skills and for being fantastic role models for their peers. The Lima Noon Optimist Club is pleased to yearly acknowledge these outstanding teens and 30 young people were recently recognized for their achievements.

### Lima Noon Optimist Club

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## Lima Noon Optimist Club

*"the difference...it's all in our name!"*

Our club was officially chartered in February, 1949. Our members are men and women from many types of local businesses, industries, and social agencies. We all have one common bond – **we care about KIDS!**

New membership is offered by invitation of current members. Our only "requirement" is that each member is expected to help out for a few hours at the Home Show and Business Expo held the second weekend in March. Each member is also encouraged to attend weekly meetings, youth programs of interest, and to recommend others for membership.

## Safety City

The Optimist Safety City complex is located at 700 S. Collett Street in Lima. This partnership between the Lima Noon Optimists and the Lima Police Department began in 1976 and has benefited thousands of school age children. Local schools bring children to the Safety Academy for pre-D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), bike safety, fire safety, rural and urban traffic issues as well as "stranger" education. (Recently a young girl, remembering what she had learned at Safety City, reported her contact with a "stranger" and her prompt action resulted in his capture.) Officer Dave Vastano from the Lima Police Department has coordinated this project since 2000.

## Toys for Tots

The Optimist Club works closely with the Salvation Army on the *Toys for Tots* campaign raising toys for hundreds of children in the Lima area.

## Home Show and Business Expo

# Home Show and Business Expo

The Lima Noon Optimist Home Show and Business Expo is the major fund raiser for this service organization. The proceeds from the show support numerous Lima area youth activities some of which can be found in this brochure. The Home Show is held annually at the Allen County Fairgrounds the second weekend in March. It features various home improvement products and services, ranging from windows/doors and siding to new painting and concrete techniques and from landscaping ideas to hot tubs and spas. Many businesses in our community also have booths to showcase their product or service. Each year there are over 190 booths featuring more than 120 vendors.



## Symphony

Forty years ago, the Lima Youth Symphony Orchestra was initiated through a collaborative effort of the Lima Noon Optimist Club and the Lima Symphony. The orchestra consists of over 70 members from a surrounding area of over 30 miles and statistics show that nearly one half of the Youth Symphony personnel are composed of home-schooled youth.

### Purpose of the Optimist Club

- To develop optimism as a philosophy of life;
- To promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs;
- To inspire respect for law;
- To promote patriotism and work for International accord and friendship among all people;
- To aid and encourage the development of youth, in belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of man, his community and world.

### 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.

# Lima Noon Optimist Membership Request Form

Please print clearly

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

Were you ever a JOOI member [ ] Yes [ ] No

## Home Address

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

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

Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Business Address

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you at work [ ] Yes [ ] No

YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS INVITATION

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Optimist Club of: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates approved by committee \_\_\_\_\_

by Board of Directors: \_\_\_\_\_

*Individuals who have committed sexual offenses against children may be denied membership and/or have their membership revoked.*