



# Optimist Club of Villa Rica

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## Message from the President

Hi Folks,

Thank you for your commitment to service in our community. For 22 years, the Optimist Club of Villa Rica has provided help and guidance to the youth in our area. With your help, the 2008-09 year will be another great year in Optimism.

The Optimist International and Georgia District slogans have been announced for the year. Respectively, they are:

- Give Me “Five” for the Kids  
and
- Helping Georgia’s Youth to Shine

For our club this year, I have chosen the following slogan:

- Back to Basics, Building for Tomorrow

The past year has not been a good one for our club. We did little in the way of activities, and attendance at our meetings was almost non-existent. It’s not that we couldn’t have done these things, we just didn’t. So my goal for this year is simple – for us to do what it is we would normally do.

That’s right. Nothing glorious. Nothing fancy. Just the basics.

And what are the basics? First, there’s the Essay Contest. We’ve been doing this one for years and it’s one of the simplest, easiest projects we do. It’s generally done around October or November so it will probably be the first project we tackle.

Then there’s the Oratorical Contest, another project we’ve done many times in the past. It’s not quite as easy but we’ve had great success with this one, sending contestants on to Zone, Area, and District competitions.

I’d like us to do a third project as well, and we have plenty of choices. Respect for Law, Youth Appreciation, and the Junior Golf Championships are just a few of the many projects we have done successfully in the past. Let’s pick one and do it.

As for our meetings, they will be true Optimist Club meetings. We’re going to locate the bell and the banners, we’ll start with an invocation and the pledge, and we’ll finish with

the Optimist Creed. And the meetings will be worth coming to because there will be a planned program each time.

By the way, in case you weren't aware, a few months ago we moved our meeting location. We are now meeting at the Dinner's Ready Restaurant which is located in the middle of the ball fields down at the Villa Rica Sports Complex on South Hwy 61. The food is so good I eat there regularly outside of club meetings. If you haven't tried it yet, I'm sure you'll love it too. We still meet on the same days and times, the first and third Wednesdays at noon.

So those are my goals; nothing glorious, nothing fancy, just the basics. Even so, once we've accomplished these things, we will have done our community a full year of good service, and that's something we can all be proud of. As I said earlier, with your help, the 2008-09 year will be another great year in Optimism.

Speaking of your help, I'm sure you're wondering how you will be expected to contribute. First and foremost, come to the meetings. All of our potential rests upon our combined efforts as a group and that potential can only be realized if we come together as a group. Our meetings give us the opportunity to do that.

Also, please review the projects I mentioned earlier and let me know which one you want to help with. If you don't see something that interests you, tell me what you would like to do. Everyone who ever joined this club did so with some thought going through their mind about how they could help the community through our activities. Let me know what it is that you truly believe this club should be doing and together we can make a difference in Villa Rica.

Please feel free to contact me about any of the above or any other club related subject. My contact information is as follows:

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Thank you again for your commitment to service in our community. Together we will make our optimism come true and build a better tomorrow.

Mike