

“New Community Growth”

Someone asked you to become an Optimist member. Someone at some point helped form the club where you are a member. Someone was there in the past. Years from now that someone to others can and should be you. Are you and your club working toward offering the opportunity of a new community club to others? Governor Jack has a district goal of eight (8) new community clubs by September 30, 2010. As of December 31, 2009, our district has not built a new community club but Sam Saenz has a target date of the second quarter meeting in Houston to charter the “Optimist Cub of Cypress”, Thank you Sam.

Each Lt Gov has presented a list of potential club areas. Of the sixteen zones we have identified more than forty areas that are prospects. Our goal is only one new club per every two zones. This is possible. Each new twenty-five member club means at least eight hundred more kids in South Texas will be touched by Optimism.

We do not build clubs for contests; we build clubs because it is the right thing to do for other communities and the children the new club will serve. Building a new club energizes the club that is the new club's sponsor. It energizes the individual members, the district, and all concerned. Building a new club helps overall membership not just because of the new twenty-five members, but also because it generates enthusiasm and pride in a job well done.

We have so many reasons to build new clubs in new communities. The biggest is the kids we will touch and the future results of getting kids involved in Optimist club activities. Remember, you are an Optimist because you were asked and someone at one time took the time to build your club. Duplicate yourself and duplicate the Optimist mission of providing Hope and Positive Vision to kids.

Ron Graves, New Community Growth Director

PAR or Better



The South Texas (West) Qualifier for the 2010 Optimist International Junior Golf Championship will be held June 3rd at Onion Creek Club in Austin. The entry form and info will be available at golf.optimist.org/stx. Please assist and pass this info to all junior golfers, golf courses, your school golf coach, or any interested person. I also hope your club will sponsor a Junior Golfer for this event. For further information: pbjg@swbell.net or 210-655-6620.

Thanks,

Paul Greenwood, District OI JGC Chair