

# DO YOU REMEMBER?

Do you remember the day you became an Optimist? How did that experience begin? Chances are, someone asked you to attend an Optimist Club meeting. And then they asked you to join the Optimist Club.

If you are like me, every day since then has been different. Every day I think about ways to assist kids who need our help. And it seems the world continues to become a more complex place than when I joined, and as a result the kids need us even more. And since I have joined, I have personally benefited in many ways including the joy of numerous hands-on projects with kids, including presentations from kids giving their oratorical or reading their essay or reporting on their wonderful experience at the GOLD Leadership Development Conference, including the myriad of Optimists I now call friends, including some informative and entertaining Club, Zone, District and International meetings.

If you do remember these things, why not share the joy with others you know. Young or old, their life may be waiting for someone to ask them to get involved. You are the key to their future – their future in community involvement and Bringing Out the Best in Kids.

I am sure you remember – so spread the word and ***Continue the Excellence...***

**-Jack Hopkins, Governor**

