

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

PRESENT THEM WITH THEIR NEW MEMBER PIN & PACKET:

- Official OI Packet
- New Member Pin
- OI Member's Guide
- Club Roster (Name, spouse, phone, business)
- List of Club Officers & Committees, including Members of Committees, and Brief Description of Committees
- Calendar of Events/Meetings for Year
- Current Year Club Budget
- Club Bylaws
- Description of Club and International Projects & Fundraisers
- List of New Member Expectations

- Suggested Informational pamphlet for New and Prospective Members
 - Front and Back Covers, Name of Club, Optimist International Logo & Symbol, Name of Pamphlet, include "Bringing Out The Best In Kids, Right Here, Right Now!"
 - Inside front cover – "The Optimist Difference, it's all in our Name!"(Bit of Philosophy"
 - Back cover – Optimist Creed
 - Inside Back cover – PGI Highlights
 - Contents – Welcome – including info about organization, Benefits of membership
 - Purposes of Optimism, Mission Statement, Vision Statement
 - Why join an Optimist Club? What's in it for me?
 - Milestones of Optimist International
 - When people join together . . . great things happen! (more philosophy)
 - Inside section – personalized info relating to club, officers, activities, etc.
 - More info re: OI awards, OI Magazine, OI structure, list of positions and job descriptions
 - Diagram of Basic OI Structure – Flow chart
 - How Your Optimist Club is Organized – description of officers, committees and their functions, etc.
 - Flow chart of local Club Structure
 - List of Member Expectations
 - Typical Agenda

OUTLINE NEW MEMBER EXPECTATIONS:

- Get Involved – They are Expected to Share Time and Talents.
- Attend Meetings – Encourage Frequent Attendance at Club Meetings (and also Zone and District).
- Paying Dues – Demonstrates Good Stewardship of Club.
- Participate In Projects/Fundraisers of Their Choosing.
- Leading and Supporting – Accept Leadership Challenges as Presented and Support Others Who are in Leadership Positions.
- Sharing Friendships – Enjoy the Support and Friendship of Other Members and Make an Effort to Get to Know All of Your Club's Members.
- Recruiting Members – Instill Urgency in New Member of Need to Always work on recruiting New Members. Challenge new member to get another new member in 90 days. (They are so excited & enthusiastic and don't know it is supposed to be difficult to recruit new members. Take advantage of their new found "optimism")