

## 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 to happy to permit the presence of trouble.



## The Optimist Club Of Maquoketa

Club Meeting Date:  
Every Wednesday – 7:00 AM  
Eagles Club in Maquoketa

For More Information  
About the club and  
The Avenue of the Flags  
Contact Lois Ann Fischer  
Secretary / Treasurer  
563-678-2832

The Avenue Of Flags  
For \$35 A Year,  
The Maquoketa Optimist Club  
Will Place A 3' By 5' American Flag In  
Front Of You Home On  
FIVE NATIONAL HOLIDAYS:  
Memorial Day,  
Flag Day,  
Independence Day,  
Labor Day,  
Veterans Day.  
Club volunteers deliver flags at dawn and  
retrieve them at dusk.  
*You do not have to be present.* A receptacle  
is installed near the curb in front of each  
home. The club is responsible for  
replacement of any flag soiled, damaged or  
stolen.  
Proceeds of the Avenue of Flags are  
donated to *qualified organizations aiding  
local youth* in becoming tomorrow's better  
citizens.



## MAQUOKETA OPTIMIST CLUB

Presents

## AVENUE OF FLAGS

Please join your neighbors by  
subscribing to this colorful and  
patriotic program.

Yes, We Would Like To Subscribe To  
The Avenue Of Flags.

Enclosed is our check for \$35.00  
payable to the  
**MAQUOKETA OPTIMIST CLUB**  
P.O. BOX 803  
MAQUOKETA, IA 52060

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have underground lawn sprinklers?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have an underground pet fence?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT...

- Avenue Of Flags
- Community Recreation Bulletin
- Father's Day Fly In Breakfast
- Festival Of Trees
- Firemen's Appreciation Dinner
- Jackson County Fair Food Stand
- Little Dribblers Basketball Program
- Local Girl Scout Troups
- Maquoketa 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Program
- Maquoketa Chamber Fireworks
- Maquoketa Fire Department
- Maquoketa High School Yearbook
- Maq. Middle School Cards Club
- MCHS Essay Contest
- MCHS Oratorical Contest: Local And Zone
- Men Who Cook
- Ohnward Fine Arts –Children's Theatre
- Respect For Law Appreciation Dinner
- MCHS Scholarships And Awards –
- Shop with Cop
- Sponsor Baseball & Softball
- Sponsor Soccer League
- Support Am. Education Week
- Support Christmas Star Program
- Support DAC, INC.
- Support MCHS After Prom
- Support Sunshine Day Care
- Support The Maquoketa Education Foundation
- Support The Maquoketa Ymca
- Youth Appreciation Activities

## CLUB HISTORY

Districts were first formed by Optimist International in 1923. The first Optimist Club in Iowa was organized in Waterloo in 1929; followed by Des Moines in 1934 and Cedar Rapids in 1937. The first clubs became part of district nine; comprised of the states of Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, together with the province of Manitoba.

The Iowa district was created at the Duluth convention in May 1965, with an official birth date of July 1, 1965, making it District Forty. The Iowa District has grown to thirteen zones, 91 clubs, and at the beginning of 1997-98: 3,608 members. The Maquoketa optimist club was chartered on April 19, 1961 and is currently located in Zone #11.

### OPTIMIST OBJECTIVES...

- \*Develop Optimism as a philosophy of life.
- \*Promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs.
- \*Inspire respect for law.
- \*Promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people.
- \*Encourage development in youth the belief that in giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well being of man, his community and the world.

A small percentage of the proceeds from our fundraisers are used for the operation of the club.