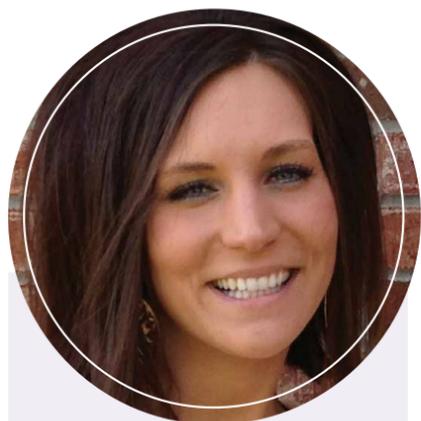


# Welcome NEW Optimist Members

New Members help Clubs reach more children and provide service to their communities. They lighten the workload, bring new ideas and make activities more fun. Plus, they help ensure a brighter future for their Club. Here are a few of the newest Optimists.



**SHANNON STAFSLIEN** Optimist Club of Sakakawea Area, North Dakota

**OCCUPATION:** Marketing/TV Ad Sales

**REASON FOR JOINING:** For several years I had been "looking" for an opportunity to take part in a club/organization that shared similar values and focused on community when Jean (our Club President) approached me. I took home the pamphlet and looked into Optimist International. After learning about the projects and realizing that they focused on the youth of their communities, I decided to join. Since joining, I have met great, fun people with great attitudes who are willing to take time out of their busy schedules to participate.

**FAVORITE LINE FROM THE OPTIMIST CREED:** To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

**GREATEST THING ABOUT BEING AN OPTIMIST:** To be given the opportunity to make the difference in a child's life as well as the community.

**GOAL:** To help organize and establish a yearly event to raise money for the Beads for Bravery program.

**FUN FACT:** I love to travel and meet people.



**BRON AUSTIN DEAL** Optimist Club of Collin County, Texas

**OCCUPATION:** Business Owner

**REASON FOR JOINING:** I had the pleasure of being in a JOOI Club while in high school. With the persistence of Sandy Larivee, Patsy Garner and Margaret Davis, in 2014 I was ready to build a new Club in Frisco, Texas, where I live. We chartered our Club, the Optimist Club of Collin County, on May 1, 2014. I joined to bring the movement of service to a new community because it's a cause I believe in.

**FAVORITE LINE FROM THE OPTIMIST CREED:** To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

**GREATEST THING ABOUT BEING AN OPTIMIST:** The opportunity to serve kids with like-minded people.

**GOAL:** Our Club has many goals including building six JOOI Clubs and two adult Clubs over the next couple of years. By giving back to the community and bringing out the best in kids, our goal is to raise awareness of what Optimists do.

**FUN FACT:** I am in the finishing stages of writing my first fiction novel, "Letters From My Heart."



**ALANA PATRICE ALLEYNE** Optimist Club of Bridgetown, Barbados

**OCCUPATION:** Attorney-at-Law

**REASON FOR JOINING:** As a secondary school student I acted as vice president of the school's JOOI Club. This helped to strengthen my leadership, interpersonal and time management skills. It also afforded me the opportunity to interact with my peers outside of the classroom. As a result, I decided that on completion of my legal studies, I wanted to join an Optimist Club. A few weeks after I was called to the bar in Barbados I attended a business meeting of the Optimist Club of Bridgetown and I have been attending ever since.

**FAVORITE LINE FROM THE OPTIMIST CREED:** To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

**GREATEST THING ABOUT BEING AN OPTIMIST:** Joining with persons from many different walks of life to work toward achieving the common goal of "Bringing Out the Best in Children."

**GOAL:** To help as many children as I can to reach their full potential in life; to overcome obstacles, such as poverty, which might hinder their progress

**FUN FACT:** When I was growing up I wanted to be a professional ballet dancer.

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