

# Personal Growth and Involvement Program For A Better You

The Personal Growth & Involvement (PGI) Program is taking the Optimist world by storm. Thousands of Optimists are already earning recognition in this unique program that allows you an opportunity for personal growth at your own pace while providing new avenues for involvement in Club activities.

## Here's what some Optimists are saying about PGI:

*"It will re-motivate you and rekindle the spark of Optimism."*

*"It's wonderful! It has a way of introducing you to new areas. Times are changing, it's a tough time to get younger Members, but this is the kind of thing that may get them interested in joining."*



*"It's a motivational thing to do. You not only grow, but your Club grows too. We've all been doing these things; the PGI Program just makes you more aware."*

*"It's talked about at every meeting. One Member gave his speech today and right away the President marked it in his passport in front of the whole Club. We're urging everyone to bring their passports to the Club meetings. It's a program everyone can do because it's self-paced."*

Request a Passport from your Club Director of Personal Growth, District Director of Personal Growth or call the International Office at 1-800-500-8130, extension 214. Your District Director of Personal Growth serves as the administrator of the program in your District.

# Benefits of the Personal Growth & Involvement

- Allows Club Members to be recognized and appreciated for personal and professional accomplishments
- Gives Members an opportunity to participate in long-term Club involvement while learning more about Optimism
- Offers personal growth opportunities to each Member
- Provides Members with Club meeting, membership recruitment and retention ideas

## Added Benefit

PGI introduces you to Optimist International's Skills Development Modules on Public Speaking, Effective Time Management, Creative Problem Solving, Choosing Optimism as a Philosophy of Life, Orientation to Optimism for New Members, The Meeting Will Come to Order! A Parliamentary Procedure Manual, Team Building, Leadership Styles & Profiles and Mentoring - How to Build & Nurture a Relationship!

## How PGI Works

- When a Member enrolls in the PGI Program, they receive a Passport and enter his/her name, Club name and Club number on the front.
- As a Member completes a step in each level, the Club Director of Personal Growth, Club President or Secretary-Treasurer should initial beside the step completed on the Passport. The official initiates a Club PGI Tracking Form and enters the Member name, Member number and date each level is completed on the form. The Club then forwards a signed copy of the PGI Recognition Form to the District Director of Personal Growth for processing.
- Round colored tabs (which fit behind the lapel pin) representing the level attained will be distributed at the Member's next District conference upon completion of each level. A Presidential Certificate of Personal Growth will be given to each Member upon completion of the seventh (gold) level and Members will be recognized on stage at the International Convention by the International President upon completion of the tenth level.

