

Sawnee-Cumming Optimist Club District 21, Zone 4, Club 546

What makes the Sawnee Cumming Club a Success?

- Leadership
 - We have a Leadership team willing to lead and do what it takes to succeed. We fill the leadership positions with those members that accept the responsibility of their position. What does that mean? We sign up leaders, not because no one else will, but because they truly believe in our Creed and cause. Our leaders have come to grips with, at the leadership level we are a business. We must grow the membership, raise funds, be visible in the community and serve the Children of our Communities through service projects.
 - Our Leaders set the example of Optimism
 - Our leaders give respect and in turn they receive respect.
- Enthusiasm and Encouragement
 - We are excited and we demonstrate in every interaction with the community, neighbors, friends, relatives and constituents that we are Optimist and we make a difference in Children's lives.
 - We make every program a media event.
 - We encourage our members to "Just ask" rather than asking someone to join the club or looking for sponsors to support our programs. The Just ask program is not dead, we often forget how important it is and we encourage our member to do it!
- Attitude
 - We maintain a mentality that in order for us to succeed that we must go beyond the old traditional ideas.
 - We have gotten rid of the ideas that that's the way we always did things, we put new twists on old ideas and it works.
 - We are not satisfied with being the "best kept secret in the Charity world. You know what happens with secrets; remember that exercise where the first person in the line tells something to the next person and so on and so on, what happens to that secret. It gets convoluted changed and loses its value and significance. Often it is a completely different thought at the end of the line.
 - We believe that without us, the kids will not be taken care of!
- Dedication and Determination
 - We are dedicated to the optimist cause and purpose. We talk about it we train for it. We are determined to think only of the best, work only for the best and to expect only the best! Nothing else will suffice.
 - We know only too well that there is always a reason, not to do something; we make an opportunity out of the negativity!

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- Every member is empowered; if we are empowered we feel ownership!
- Execution
 - We execute flawlessly. And if we don't we do post mortems, review and change. We have a plan and execute to the plan. We say what we are going to do and we do it! Ever had meetings where you talk about great ideas, just to talk about them all year long. We must execute on those ideas, not just talk about them. We assign owners, time lines, responsibilities and accountability.
 - We enlist and send information to the news papers and online communications publications. The Communities loves feel good stories and events and we give them to them and then we tell them what we did...
 - We believe that the creed is not just something that we memorize but a guide for our lives, that others can see and invite them to be part of it!
- Rejuvenation
 - Our work is not done by just a few, ever heard that it's time for the new members to step up and run with the torch. Well now is the time for us to work together even more, don't let the experience of our seasoned members be a thing of the past; we can't afford to re-invent the wheel. Everyone must be "In it, to win it!"
 - We are open to member's new ideas.
 - We believe that there is an urgency to solve the problems facing us today and it's beholding on every member to address and resolve these problems in a timely fashion. Hence the Latin Term "Tempest Fugit" Time Flies or time is of the Essence" Roman Poet Virgil

One might say that this sounds a lot like work, well it is! Imagine if we were not here to provide for our Children, who would do it? One might say no one, but the fact is if we aren't leading the challenge, we are following the competitors, the Kiwanas, the Lyons, Children's miracle league, the Mason's and on and on!

Most of all and Most Important: What makes us successful is that we have many members willing to work for the Children! Members that have changed their lives to be of assistance to others in service to their community!

We must be the example by which all others follow! And our club does just that!

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