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Greetings Fellow Optimists!

As we move into the 2016-17 Optimist Year, we will continue to work toward 100,000 Members by our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! This will be the third year of this target for the Optimist organization. When we reach our goal, it will mean that we will be serving over one million more youth than we are today. This is the primary reason we want to keep moving toward the “100 By 100” goal – to serve more youth and communities.

The overall theme for next year will be **“TOGETHER WE CAN!”** As Optimists, we work together to serve more youth and communities, and grow personally through our service. The focus next year will be on our Clubs, and what we can accomplish by working together. The Club is really the heart and soul of the Optimist organization. We must remember, there are few things in life which can return so much to you, your club, your community, and to the kids we serve than the Optimist organization, and the Optimist philosophy.

The overall goal for all Clubs is to strive for and achieve Honor Club status. This is a time-tested and proven way to keep our Clubs thriving, serving and growing. The basic Honor Club criteria have been around for almost 60 years – they represent what we do BEST as Optimist Clubs. The achievement of Honor Club status keeps a Club healthy, active and strong. If our Clubs are strong, we all prosper.

Good luck to all as we carry the momentum built over the past couple of years into 2016-17 – OUR year – the “Year of the Honor Club.”

**“TOGETHER WE CAN!”**

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