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OPTIMIST CLUB OF ROCK HILL RECORDS

1948-1999

7 boxes, 30 folders

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The Optimist Club of Rock Hill records were deposited to Winthrop University Archives and Special Collections on January 23, 1997. The donor is James G. Weaving via David Angel. The charter was later donated by Tom Webb on January 28, 2016.

Linear Feet of shelf space occupied: 1.75
Approximate Number of Pieces: 3,500

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Scope and Content Note: **This collection consists of the records of the Optimist Club of Rock Hill which was founded in 1948 and chartered by Optimist International on January 15, 1949. The Optimist Club of Rock Hill “provides funds through charitable activities to assist the youth of Rock Hill in a number of programs.” The organization sponsors scholarship essays and oratorical contests for youth. The collection consists of a history of the organization, the original charter, pamphlets and flyers, photographs, Optimist International paperwork, Monthly magazines and pamphlets, programs from various dinners, and other records related to the club.**

II

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

ROCK HILL OPTIMIST CLUB

- 1948 Group of businessmen from Charlotte and Rock Hill got together to discuss forming an Optimist Club in Rock Hill. Later that year, a club was organized in Rock Hill.
- 1949 An international charter was issued for the Rock Hill optimist club
- 1958 A Breakfast Optimist Club was organized.
- 1960 Optimist Youth Park built
- 1966 Bylaws revised
- 1979 30th anniversary celebration
- 1989 40th anniversary celebration

III

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1-2	GENERAL HISTORY AND CHARTER The history consists of information on the forming of Optimist International and the Rock Hill Optimist Club. Included are various copies of the Optimist Creed and pamphlets on 'What is an Optimist?' Also included in this series is the original charter dated January 15, 1949 (<i>Charter is in Oversize: Drawer 30, Folder 109, Item 727</i>).	1948-1999
1	3	MINUTES This folder contains minutes from one meeting. It also contains meeting agendas, and a program from an awards dinner. There is also a list of outstanding members and their achievements.	1986-1990, nd
1	4	NEWS PAMPHLETS This folder contains copies of 'Opti- News', which was the monthly news pamphlet of the Optimist Club.	1968-1989
2	5-6	ANNUAL HORSE SHOW This folder contains pamphlets, donation logs, pictures, and packets for the Optimist Horse Show.	1976-1992, nd
2	7	ANNUAL FALL LADIES BANQUET This folder contains the pamphlets and information about the annual banquet.	1983-1989
2	8	CHRISTMAS TREE SALES This folder contains receipts, pamphlets, and papers from the Christmas tree Sales.	1985-1989
3	9	RESPECT FOR LAW WEEK This folder contains stickers, posters, packets, correspondence, and general information about Respect for Law Week.	1976-1990, nd
3	10	YOUTH APPRECIATION WEEK This folder contains stickers, packets, information, and a congratulatory letters about Youth Appreciation Week.	1976-1990
3	11	PEANUT SALES, AUCTION AND COOKOUT This folder contains packets, flyers and information about the peanut sales cookouts of the Optimist Club.	1985, 1989

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
3	12	OPTIMIST MAGAZINE This folder contains copies of "The Optimist" magazine. It contains copies from various months.	1972-1989
3	13	MEMBERSHIP This folder contains all of the club rosters, lists of Charter Members, and past presidents.	1961-1989, nd
4	14	BIKE SAFETY WEEK This folder contains letters of appreciation from the mayor, and stickers and information of Bike Safety Week.	1977-1982, nd
4	15	MEMORANDUM This folder contains papers and information about various Optimist members who have died, and any donations that can be made in their honor.	1966-1990, nd
4	16-17	PHOTOGRAPHS This folder contains a collection of photographs from Optimist activities and members.	1964-1990, nd
4	18	NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS This folder contains newspaper clippings from various Optimist members and Optimist activities.	1961-1992, nd
5	19	MISCELLANEOUS This folder contains floor plans, a flyer about Optimist Light Bulb sales, The Oratorical Contest, The Scrapbook Competition, The Oakland Baptist Church roster, and projects and awards entry forms.	1968-1991, nd
5	20	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY/ PARADE This folder has packets and flyers from the Annual Christmas Party and a drawing of the Christmas Parade.	1988-1990, nd
5	21	WHAT IS A BOY? This folder has information on What is A Boy?	nd

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
5	22	CORRESPONDENCE This folder contains different handwritten notes and correspondence to members of the Optimist Club.	1975-1991, nd
5	23	BOY SCOUTS This folder contains Boy Scout emblems.	1964, 1989, nd
5	24	ORDER FORMS This folder contains the Optimist Catalogue and order forms for the items inside.	1989-1990
5	25	CERTIFICATES This folder contains various certificates that the Optimist Club used over the years for various activities.	1980-1989, nd
5	26	ANNIVERSARIES This folder contains pamphlets and folders about the 30 th and 40 th anniversaries.	1979, 1989
5	27	FINANCIAL REPORTS This folder contains financial information from the Optimist Club.	1991, nd
5	28	STICKERS AND CUTOUTS This folder includes stickers and cutouts of the Optimist Club emblems.	nd
6	29-30	OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL This folder contains paperwork, membership handbooks, banquet pamphlets, directories, service reports, and life membership plans.	1966-1999, nd
7	--	PLAQUES This box contains plaques with pictures of sports teams supported by the Optimist Club. It also contains a plaque for treasurer. Item 1: Youth Soccer Team, Item 2: Cheer for Children thank you plaque, Item 3: Girls Softball, Item 4: Optimist Youth Soccer team, Item 5: Youth Soccer Team, Item 6: Treasurer Award	1993-1994, nd