

## **CLUB RESPECT FOR LAW WEEK / DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE COMMITTEE**

**PURPOSE:** To provide the community a focus against local violence issues, particularly those involving children and families, to recognize youth who assist law enforcement and recognize local law enforcement officials in the community. To include children and youth as awardees or as program participants in all Respect for Law activities. (P.S. for information only This inclusion of youth was the basis of this program and has somehow been overlooked by many Clubs in recent years.)

**PERSONNEL:** The Committee should consist of 1-6 members including the Chair. Committee members should be willing to organize programs with public information access.

### **DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- To plan new, and continue developing existing Respect for Law Week / Day of Non-Violence Programs annually for the Club.
- Usually held near the American Bar Association's Law Day, May 1 of each year.
- Cooperate, where possible and appropriate, with the local Bar Association's observance of Law Day, promoting the inclusion of the education of children in our freedoms protected by independent courts and the bill of rights.

**RESOURCES:** "Web-site" <http://www.optimist.org/> and click on Forms & Publications.

- Review the on-line directives of the Optimist International Programs Planning Guide at "Club Programs of Community Service." Select Respect for Law Week / Day of Non-Violence tab.
- Review the existing Respect for Law Week / Day of Non-Violence Program Planning Pages.

**ACTION PLANS:** Plan, promote and conduct a Respect for Law Week / Day of Non-Violence Programs activity that will inspire respect for law and extol the virtue of non-violence toward the youth of the community.

- a) What is going to be done?
- b) Who is going to do it?
- c) When is it going to be completed?