

MAYBERRY NCB SKIT

OPEN WITH THEME SONG

OPENING SCENE IS RECORDED

SCENE OPENS WITH ANDY, BARNEY AND GOMER TALKING WITH HELEN AND THELMA LOU. GENERAL CONVERSATION WHEN.....

Aunt Bee yells, "Supper's ready....Andy, can someone please help me bring it to the table."

Andy, "Sure, Aunt Bee, we'll be right there."

ENTER

EVERYONE ENTERS THE ROOM CARRYING DISHES OF FOOD TO THE TABLE. THEN, THEY SIT DOWN AND PASS THE BOWLS AROUND WHILE TALKING.....

Helen, "Some people from the Optimist Club of Webster County came to the school today and gave a dictionary to each student. You know, things like that are so important for the kids. It makes them feel very special. You should have seen their faces. They also gave one to each teacher so we would all be using the same edition. See, I have mine right here."
(SHE PULLS A DICTIONARY OUT OF HER PURSE AND SHOWS IT.)

Helen adds, "They said that they are looking for a community like ours that needs a Service Organization to help the area youth. They said that they are committed to Sharing the Spirit of Optimism with other towns. I don't know about you, but I think Mayberry is perfect."

Thelma Lou exclaims, "WOW, it would be great if we had the same kind of commitment those folks do! There's so much more that we could be doing."

Helen, "Andy, will you try to find out something about them? We really could use an Optimist Club in Mayberry. A group committed to serving young people sounds wonderful to me. We just need to do it."

HELEN LOOKS AT ANDY ADORINGLY

Andy, "Welllllll,

Barney interrupting, "Now hold on just one minute. We don't need strangers comin' in here tellin' us what to do! We can take care of our own without bringin' outsiders in. Besides, have any of you heard of an Optimist Club? Who knows, they might be some sort of secret society!"

Andy, "Well now Barney, Helen and Thelma Lou just might be on to something here. The least we can do is check 'em out."

Clara enters the room and says, "Hello everyone. What are you guys talking about?"

Everyone at the dinner, "Oh, hello Clara."

Aunt Bee, "Helen was just telling us about some nice folks from the Optimist Club of Webster County coming to the school today and giving every student and teacher a dictionary to use in their studies. Barney isn't so sure it's a good idea.....them bein' strangers and all."

Gomer, " They seemed nice enough when I saw 'em! Shucks! They even bought gas from me! Said thanks and everything, had a good sense of humor, Optimist Clements asked if I could do an oil change. Told him I just wasn't sure, cause I've never done hair before! I didn't see anything wrong with 'em. Said they were looking for someone in town to talk to about havin' a fishin' derby for kids. I told em they ought to talk to Mayor Stoner and the councilmen. "

Clara, "I think Barney's right. You better be careful! We wouldn't want them comin' in here and causing a ruckus! We've got a nice quiet little town here. You know.....you can't judge a book by its cover. You just never know...."

Barney, "I'm tellin' ya', The only thing I've even heard about Optimist Clubs is that they have meetings every week and ask you for money!" I'm tellin' ya', it sounds like some sort of secret society to me Andy! I just don't trust em', they might be up to something!"

Andy, "Now..... Barney, you can't go around thinking everybody you don't know is in a secret society. You have to give people a chance, after all....they did do a good thing for the kids today, givin' em those dictionaries and all ."

Thelma Lou, "Andy's right Barney, They seemed like very caring people to me, you could be just a little nicer."

Barney, "Nicer?!!!! ME?..... Why,I'm the nicest guy I know!"

Helen, "Andy, if you think they check out alright, maybe you could talk to them about showing us how to do things for Mayberry's kids."

Andy, "Now Helen, they might be too busy to come way over here and mess with us."

Helen, (LOOKING ADORINGLY AT ANDY) "Andy.....PLEASE!!!"

Andy, "Oh, all right, I'll see what I can find out."

ANDY, BARNEY AND GOMER GO TO THEIR POSITIONS.
EVERYONE ELSE PUTS THEIR HEAD DOWN ON THE TABLE TILL
THE FOCUS IS AT THE BARBER SHOP. THEY THEN LEAVE THE
SCENE.

THEME SONG

FADE FROM DINNER ---- REOPEN IN BARBER SHOP IN THE
CORNER

FLOYD IS STANDING BY THE CHAIR, HOLDING SCISSORS AND
COMB WHILE TALKING WITH MAYOR STONER, COUNCILMAN

WHITAKER AND COUNCILMAN TELTOW ABOUT THE STRANGERS THAT WERE IN TOWN.

Andy comes in, "Mornin' fellas', what are ya up to?"

Floyd, "Oh, hi Andy, we're just trying to figure out those strangers,you know they came to town, gave away a bunch of dictionaries to the kids and.....well, who knows exactly what they're planning."

Andy, "Well.....I don't think it's anything for us to worry about, I'm gonna see what I can find out about 'em. Helen and Thelma Lou have been goin' on about 'em ever since they were here. They're real impressed with them. They think we could use something like that Optimist Club right here in Mayberry. Gomer sent 'em over to see Mayor Stoner and the councilmen to get permission to hold a fishin' derby for the kids. Have they talked to you yet?"

Mayor Stoner, " No, I haven't heard from them yet, how about you fellas?"

Councilman Whitaker, "I haven't seen them."

Councilman Teltow, "Me either."

Councilman Whitaker, "If they're doing something good we may want to join in and help."

Councilman Teltow, "Yeah, it's always good to be involved with folks that want to help others, don't you agree Mayor Stoner."

Mayor Stoner, "Why, yes I do!"

Andy, "Well,.... you can bet I'm gonna check em out real good."

Floyd, "Okay, well Andy, have a seat and lets trim your hair a bit, gotta keep ya lookin' good you know."

ANDY SITS IN THE CHAIR, FLOYD DRAPES A BARBER CAPE AROUND HIM JUST AS BARNEY RUSHES IN ALL FLABBERGASTED AND EXCITED:

Barney, "They're back,.....Andy,..... they're back, come on I saw 'em over at Howard's and I arrested 'em, I got 'em over at the jail."

Andy: "Now Barney....calm down.... just calm down. I better come back later Floyd.....Barney, why did you have to go and arrest those folks?"

Barney: "Well Andy, they were over at the County Clerk's office asking Howard to join their club, they wanted money from him, and you KNOW what I think about those kinda GROUPS!"

Andy, "Barney, how many times do I have to tell you that you can't just go around arresting people? Especially when they are trying to do good things for kids."

Barney, "Andy,.....I'm tellin' ya', I just don't trust these guys!"

Andy: "Well, Barney, we'll get to the bottom of this, you go get Howard and meet me at the jail." "Mayor Stoner, why don't you, and the councilmen join us."

Floyd, "I'm coming too."

Barney, "Don't worry, I'll get Howard and he'll tell ya I'm right! Ya have to be careful about strangers."

THEME SONG

AS THEY ARE WALKING TO THE JAIL, THE MAYOR AND TWO COUNCILMEN SCOLD ANDY ABOUT BARNEY GETTING OUT OF CONTROL AGAIN.

SCENE CHANGES TO JAIL:

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE JAIL, OTIS IS LOOKING THE PLACE OVER TO MAKE SURE THERE'S ROOM FOR HIM LATER THAT NIGHT WHEN ANDY ENTERS.....

Andy, "Otis,.....what are you doin' here already?"

Otis, "Andy, who are these people and what are they doin' in my room? They won't still be here tonight will they? You know I can't go home to Martha after a night out."

Andy, "Not now Otis, I need to let these nice folks out of jail."

Andy, "Hi, I'm Sheriff Taylor. I'm real sorry about this mess-up. Deputy Fife just gets a little over anxious when strangers come to town."

Optimist Clements, "Oh that's alright. Don't worry about it. We understand how deputy Fife might have misinterpreted what our intentions are. No hard feelings. We're glad to meet you Sheriff Taylor, I'm Optimist Clements, and this is Optimist Nolan. We're with the Optimist Club of Webster County."

Andy, "Yeah, we heard about you givin' dictionaries to the kids and teachers at the school the other day."

Councilman Whitaker, "That was a very generous thing for you to do. I know they'll be extremely useful in their studies."

Councilman Teltow, "Yeah, my son was so excited when he got home, he just couldn't quit talking about the dictionary. We appreciate it very much."

Mayor Stoner, "My phone has been ringing off the wall with calls from parents who are very pleased with your generosity. Every one of the teachers have called, absolutely excited!"

Andy, "Even Opie thinks it's great...and you know how he hates studying."

Optimist Nolan, "We have as much fun giving dictionaries to kids as we hope they have using them. It just leaves a good feeling in your heart when you can help others.....not to mention the enjoyment you get from meeting new people and "Sharing the Spirit of Optimism" with them."

Optimist Clements, " With your permission, we would like to help you hold a fishing derby for your kids in Mayberry. This is a way of making the community aware of just what an Optimist Club can do. Of course... you know we need the help of you and some of the other fine citizens of Mayberry."

HOWARD AND BARNEY COME IN WITH GOMER TRAILING BEHIND:

Andy, "Hi Howard, I think you know these folks."

Howard, "Why yes Andy, they were just over at the County office inviting me to help them with a fishing derby they'd like to help plan for our kids. You know, I think it sounds like a fun thing to do! I told them to count me in. What do you think?"

Barney, "Howard!!!.....How can you say that?"

Andy, "It shore does sound like fun . You know how much Opie and I like to fish."

Otis, "I hope you don't expect me to help with some silly ole fishin' derby.....cause it just ain't gonna happen! You know how I feel about kids Andy."

Andy, "Hush up Otis. It wouldn't hurt you to do a little something for the kids instead of spending all your energy trying to keep Martha from finding out about your nights out."

Otis, "Andy....You know I can't do that..... not with kids!"

Andy looks at Otis and says....."Otis..."

Otis lowers his heads and backs up, “Andy, please.....please don’t make me do it.”

Barney, “Andy....that’s gonna take too much time! We’re busy people you know.....we just don’t have time for anything more.

Optimist Clements, “You know, Deputy Fife, we find that a lot of fine folks feel the same way you do. However, when you get started doing something good for the kids....you find time to do it.”

Andy, “Makes sense to me.”

Howard, “You know Mayor Stoner, I think it’s a good thing and I’ll commit to helping with the fishing derby for our kids....and.....I also think I would like to be a member of an Optimist Club.”

Everyone else, “Yeah, me too!”

Barney, “Well, I....I....I’m just not....”

Optimist Clements, “Sheriff Taylor, isn’t there someone here in your community that you could use as a role model for the kids? Somebody that could go in to the school and share their experiences? Someone to help teach the kids good things, like obeying the law, bike safety and community pride. They need to hear things like that from us every once in awhile. Maybe someone like Deputy Fife.”

Andy, “Shore.....Deputy Fife could do that....Barn....what do ya think? Could you do something like that?”

Optimist Nolan, “ Sure you could, Deputy Fife! Kids need someone like you. A fine outstanding figure in the community to look up to and respect.”

Barney, “Yeah.....kids do look up to me, don’t they? I probably could do something like that. Show ‘em some of my expertise. Maybe this isn’t such a bad group after all.

ANDY AND BARNEY WHISPER TO EACH OTHER IN THE SIDELINES

Barney, "Andy...I probably still need to keep an eye on 'em, don't ya think"

Andy, "You know ...Barn.....you get involved and make a commitment and you could keep an eye on them from the inside."

Barney, "Yeah... maybe I should go under cover."

Andy, "Nah, just keep your eyes open and don't let 'em know you're watchin' 'em."

Barney, "O. K. Andy I can do that!

Optimist Nolan, "Well, Deputy Fife.....can the kids of Mayberry count on you?"

Barney, (WINKS AND SMIRKS AT ANDY) "You can count on me!"

Councilman Whitaker, "Great!! What's the next step, how do we get things rolling?"

Optimist Nolan, "To be a "Friend of Youth" we need to have a fun activity for the kids! The fishing derby is a great example. And.....it would be a great way to let everyone in Mayberry be involved. Let's hold the fishing derby this Saturday, why wait?"

Optimist Clements, "So....where would be the best place for a fishing derby around here?"

Floyd, "Hey, I think Tuckers Lake would be a fine place for a fishing derby, don't you?"

Gomer, "Shazam! that's a great spot for fishin....Andy...remember that monster fish Opie caught out there last summer?"

Howard, "Yes, that's a great idea Floyd....the kids will have lots of fun."

OTIS QUIETLY STARTS BACKING AWAY...

Andy, "Otis, I expect to see you at Tucker's Lake 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning."

Otis, "Andy! You know where I am Saturday mornings."

Andy, "You'll either be at the fishin' derby Saturday or I'll have a little chat with Martha."

Otis, "Oh.alright.....I'll be there."

Mayor Stoner, "A fishing derby sounds good. You can count us all in."

Optimist Clements, "Good....now, we need to set a target date. We could have a town meeting..... if that meets with your approval."

Mayor Stoner, "What's the purpose of a town meeting?"

Optimist Clements, "It will be the next step in Sharing the Spirit of Optimism with Mayberry. It would be the organization of the Optimist Club of Mayberry."

Mayor Stoner, "Councilmen, if you don't have any objections, I think that sounds like a grand idea. Brian and Lorne could present the idea of our own Optimist Club at the Town Meeting on Monday. Everyone will be there....we could do it all at once."

Councilmen Whitaker and Teltow, "Sounds good."

THEME SONG

TOWN MEETING

Mayor Stoner OPENS MEETING AND SAYS, "I think today we are going to disperse of our regular business and discuss the fishing derby and a new Optimist Club here in Mayberry. At this time I would like to introduce

two members of the Optimist Club of Webster County who helped us have a great fishing derby last Saturday.....Optimist Clements and Optimist Nolan.”

Optimist Clements, “Each year the Optimist Club of Webster County picks a community where we can share the Spirit of Optimism. The proper thing for us to do is to visit the community, check it out so to speak, find a place to meet and see who might be interested in becoming involved. If it looks like a community that would benefit by having it’s own Optimist Club, we go to work immediately..... organizing a service project right away to help them get involved in doing things for the kids. Once we’ve successfully completed the project, it’s easy for the folks to see the benefits of having an Optimist Club and what they can do for the young people in communities just like Mayberry. That’s why we’re here today. Saturday you held the fishing derby. We went out and did things for the kids in Mayberry.....today its time to finish it up. You have a real nice town here and we think an Optimist Club would be a great asset to Mayberry. We’d like to see the Optimist Club of Mayberry organized this afternoon at this town meeting. Who would be interested in becoming charter members of the Optimist Club of Mayberry? It only takes 35 men and women of this fine community committed to serving youth to make it happen.

Optimist Nolan, “As many of you know, everyone had a good time sponsoring the fishing derby out at Tucker’s Lake last Saturday. It not only gave the kids something to do, it was an opportunity for the adults to enjoy being with the kids and to make some new friends. The dictionary program and the fishing derby are just two of the projects available to let everyone know the reason we are here..... because of our commitment to doing things with and for kids. They are just a beginning of the things you can do as an Optimist Club. See for yourself how much fun everyone had!

SHOW POWERPOINT PICTURES OF DICTIONARY PROGRAM AND THE FISHING DERBY.

Otis, “I gotta tell you guys.....that little girl was just great! I’ve never seen such a big smile on a kid. I was so proud that my heart almost exploded.

It was the best thing I've done in a long time! I didn't know kids could be so much fun. What can we do next?"

Andy, "Let's get organized! We'll schedule a charter banquet for Friday at lunch. Hope to see y'all there."

AT THE CHARTER BANQUET: (FRIDAY LUNCH)

PRESENT MAYBERRY CLUB BANNER

PRESENT BELL & GAVEL

INDUCT CLUB OFFICERS

HAVE ALL MEMBERS STAND AND RECITE THE NEW MEMBER
PLEDGE