



### **International Sponsor Club Responsibilities & Benefits**

Sponsoring an Optimist Club outside of North America, Canada and the Caribbean nations provides several opportunities for membership enrichment and Club development. It also affords the possibility of making some new, like minded friends half way around the world. Below is an outline of the responsibilities and benefits of sponsoring a Club overseas.

1. The Sponsor Club is asked to develop an electronic relationship with the Club overseas. This entails at least monthly communication via email, video conferencing, WhatsApp or other platforms. If doing video conferencing, time differences and internet connectivity can sometimes be challenging. The idea is for the sponsor Club to be a conduit of information to the New Club with regard to project development, staying on task administratively, etc.
2. The Sponsor Club should have a small committee charged with working with the New Club overseas. The committee reports on a regular basis to the full club about activities involving the New Club. There is no limit to the number of members who can be on the international committee.
3. Sponsor Clubs are asked to help the New Club overseas by paying the annual affiliation fee assessed by Optimist international of \$225 US. The Sponsor Club is invoiced annually for this amount at the beginning of the Optimist fiscal year at the same time the Club overseas gets its dues statement from OI.
4. The Sponsor Club is awarded new Club building credit. The New Club Building Credit is also awarded to the District for awards purposes
5. The sponsor Club with some effort and the yearly financial support opens the door to new friendships, partnerships and cultural enhancements.