



As your International Vice President for the 2007-08 year, I thank you for allowing me to serve you and walk alongside of you in our Optimist work...it is truly an honor. Mike, my husband, and I are looking forward to visiting your District and meeting as many of our fellow Optimists as possible.

Now I ask each of you to imagine a world in which children know they will hear an Optimist say, "Count on Me!"...where our communities know that when a need is identified, they will hear an Optimist Club respond, "Count on Me!" Let's turn those dreams into reality.

I invite you to join with me in a quest to spread our Optimist philosophy by answering "Count on Me!" in your District during the 2007-08 year. Sure, we all know that quests are adventurous expeditions in search of *something*...but for us that *something* is not elusive. It is to "Bring Out the Best in Children" by letting all children everywhere (and our fellow Optimists) know that Optimists will always answer "Count on Me".

For us, the word "QUEST" is an acronym that means **Quest: Utilizing & Expanding Strengths & Talents**...the strengths and talents of children and of all Optimists, ourselves included. This is not a new quest. Our quest started when we joined an Optimist Club. It is time to renew the pledge we made when we joined Optimist International...it is time to put our QUEST into action. There is no better time than the present. Join with me in saying:

***"I hereby pledge that I will do my best to live by our Optimist Creed. I will give my time and talents as generously as possible to support my Club. I hereby dedicate myself to Bringing Out the Best in Children and to Optimist International."***

Let our quest begin! YOU can "Count on Me!"

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