

PERSONAL GROWTH AND INVOLVEMENT

Barbara Robertson from Underwood, IA, spoke to Club members about the Optimist International program available to all members to enhance personal growth and involvement. Barbara is the Iowa District Optimist Chair of the P.G.I. program. She explained several benefits to members and to clubs provided by the program, which offers every Optimist member the opportunity to grow personally and learn more about Optimism while advancing through ten levels of involvement, personal growth and achievement. Barbara noted that the elements of each level of PGI are presence, participation, club growth, organization knowledge, communication, and self-development. According to Barbara, P.G.I. participation allows one to receive the benefits of the O.I. Skills Development Modules. These include public speaking, effective time management, managing change, creative problem solving, choosing Optimism as a way of life, orientation to optimism for new members, parliamentary procedure, team building, leadership styles and profiles, and mentoring. Barbara encouraged all members to take advantage of the P.G.I program.