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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2009

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 1 October, 2009, and ending 30 September, 20 10

B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization Optimist International, Optimist Club of Van Wert, Ohio, Club # 24391		D Employer identification number 34-1328741
		Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1008 Woodland Avenue		E Telephone number 419/238-2044
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Van Wert Ohio 45891-1433		F Group Exemption Number ▶ 1334

• **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).**

G Accounting Method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual
Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ **NONE**

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

H Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ **29,443.10**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	514.50
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	00
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	13,062.50
	4 Investment income	4	140.00
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	00
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	00
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	00
	6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here ☐		
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ 514.50 of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	600.00
	b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	00
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	600.00	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	14,060.10	
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b	5,101.39	
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	8,958.71	
8 Other revenue (describe ▶ See Attachment)	8	1,066.00	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	24,341.71	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	12,515.43
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	8,283.96
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	00
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	00
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	1,520.73
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	317.36
	16 Other expenses (describe ▶ See Attachment)	16	4,486.10
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	27,123.58
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	(2,781.87)
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	52,402.83
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	00
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	49,620.96

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	22,402.83	19,620.96
23	Land and buildings	00	00
24	Other assets (describe ▶ County Fair Business - Goodwill)	30,000.00	30,000.00
25	Total assets	52,402.83	49,620.96
26	Total liabilities (describe ▶)	00	00
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	52,402.83	49,620.96

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)

Expenses

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? **Charitable and Social Welfare**

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

28	After Prom Program - The program provided a well chaperoned program with fun activities for approximately 180 participants from two district schools. Goal of the program is to provide a drug, alcohol and sex free environment for at least awhile. There were approximately 70 volunteer hours utilized. (Grants \$ 3,820.55) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐	28a	3,820.55
29	College Scholarship Program - The program provides a \$ 1,000 scholarship to each of three district high schools to awarded to a senior who excels in academics and provides at least 100 hours of community service (Grants \$ 3,000.00) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐	29a	3,000.00
30	Hospital Animal Program - This program provided approximately 270 stuffed animals to children entering the Van Wert County Hospital or visiting the emergency ward. The goal of the program is to provide the children with a soft cuddly animal to help lessen the children's fears. (Grants \$ 948.78) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐	30a	948.78
31	Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants \$ 4,746.10) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐	31a	4,746.10
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) ►	32	12,515.43

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV.)

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33	✓
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	✓
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b	✓
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 00		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	✓
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a	✓
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b 00	
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a 00	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b 00	
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	✓
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 00		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 00		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.	40e	✓
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ OHIO		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ William R Able Telephone no. ▶ 419/238-2044 Located at ▶ 1008 Woodland Avenue, Van Wert, Ohio ZIP + 4 ▶ 45891-1433		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b	✓
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c	✓
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	✓
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	✓

Part VI

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46–49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

N/A

- 46** Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I **46** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
- 47** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II **47** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
- 48** Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E **48** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
- 49a** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? **49a** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
- b** If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? **49b** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
- 50** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

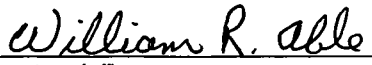
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 **f** _____

- 51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 **d** _____

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.			
	 Signature of officer		14 MAY 2011 Date	
	William R Able, Club Secretary / Treasurer Type or print name and title			
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed ☐	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	EIN		Phone no
	May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☐ Yes ☐ No			

ATTACHMENT
RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX
 Form 990-EZ
 For 2009-2010

Optimist Club of Van Wert, Ohio, Club# 24391 EIN: 34-1328741

Part I**Schedule for #8****Other Revenue****Miscellaneous Items**

Meeting Fines	\$ 366.00
Bear-Donations Jar	.00
Fish Bowl-Door Prizes	309.00
Other	30.77
Revolving Account	315.23
Unused After Prom Prize Money	<u>45.00</u>
Total	\$1,066.00

Schedule for #10**Grants and Similar Amounts Paid****Club Activities/Projects**

After Prom Program	\$3,820.55
Art Rageous Celebration	629.39
College Scholarship Program	3,000.00
Essay Contest	368.15
Hospital Animal Program	948.78
Optimist Baseball Team (sponsor)	400.00
Oratorical Contest	457.30
Optimist Bicycle Rodeo	<u>166.26</u>

Total **\$ 9,790.43**

Club Donations for Youth

American Legion Auxiliary-Buckeye Girls State	\$ 250.00
D.A.R.E. Program	300.00
Family Caring Clinic	125.00
Junior Achievement	125.00
Ohio District JOOI	75.00
Van Wert Youth Football Program	100.00
Y.W.C.A. Summer Food Program	<u>100.00</u>

Total **\$ 1,075.00**

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Schedule for #10 (continued)

Club Donation for Community		
Salvation Army Food Bank	\$ 100.00	
United Way of Van Wert County	100.00	
Van Wert Performing Arts Center	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total		\$ 1,200.00
Club Donations thru Optimist International Foundation		
Optimist International Foundation-general	\$ 375.00	
Childhood Cancer Campaign	<u>75.00</u>	
Total		\$ <u>450.00</u>
Grants and Similar Amounts Total		\$12,515.43

Schedule for #16Other Expenses

Conferences and Conventions		\$ 240.00
Payments to Affiliates		3,497.67
Dues to Optimist International	2,862.67	
New Member Processing Fees	90.00	
Dues to Ohio District	545.00	
Other		748.43
Chamber of Commerce Dues	183.00	
Revolving Account	315.23	
Pork Barn Grill Repair	245.32	
Keys for Pork Barn	4.88	
Other Expenses Total		\$ 4,486.10

Part III**Schedule for #31**

<u>Club Activities/Projects</u>	<u>Cash</u>
<u>Event/Activity</u>	<u>Support</u>
Art Rageous Program	\$ 629.39
Essay Contest	368.15
Optimist Baseball Team (support)	400.00

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Oratorical Contest	457.30	
Optimist Bicycle Rodeo	<u>166.26</u>	
Club Activity Totals		\$ 2,021.10

<u>Club Donations/Youth</u>	<u>Donations Amount</u>	
American Legion Auxiliary-Buckeye Girls State	\$ 250.00	
D.A.R.E. Program	300.00	
Family Caring Clinic	125.00	
Junior Achievement	125.00	
Ohio District JOOI	75.00	
Van Wert Youth Football Program	100.00	
YWCA Summer Food Program	<u>100.00</u>	
Club Donation Total		\$ 1,075.00

<u>Club Donations/Community</u>	<u>Donation Amount</u>	
Van Wert Performing Arts Center	\$ 1,000.00	
Salvation Army Food Bank	100.00	
United Way of Van Wert County	<u>100.00</u>	
Club Donation total		\$1,200.00

<u>Club Donation through Optimist International Foundation (OIF)</u>	<u>Donation Amount</u>	
Optimist International Foundation	\$ 375.00	
Childhood Cancer Campaign	<u>75.00</u>	
Total		<u>\$ 450.00</u>

Youth Projects/Donation Total		\$4,746.10
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