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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

OMB No 1545-1150

2015

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10-01-2015, and ending 09-30-2016

B Check if applicable
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO Box 4157

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Yuma, AZ 85366

D Employer identification number
86-6053090

E Telephone number
(928) 344-0897

F Group Exemption Number ▶

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

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

I Website: ▶

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(4) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 129,670

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)									
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒									
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received					1	586	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts					2	0	
	3	Membership dues and assessments					3	14,070	
	4	Investment income					4	4,048	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory			5a	0	5c	0	
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses			5b	0			
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)								
	6	Gaming and fundraising events					6d	0	
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)			6a	0			
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)			6b	0			
c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events			6c	0				
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)					6d	0		
Expenses	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances			7a	110,966	7c	37,244	
	b	Less cost of goods sold			7b	73,722			
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)								
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)					8	0	
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8					9	55,948	
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)					10	50,854	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members					11	0	
Net Assets	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits					12	0	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors					13	0	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance					14	8,716	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping					15	130	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)					16	5,772	
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16					17	65,472	
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)					18	-9,524	
Net Assets	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	113,640	
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)					20	-3,180	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20					21	100,936	

Part II

Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	112,792	22	100,936
23 Land and buildings	0	23	0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	848	24	0
25 Total assets	113,640	25	100,936
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	113,640	27	100,936

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
Help the youth of our community

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

28
See Additional Data Table

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

28a

29
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

29a

30
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

30a

31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

31a

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)

32

50,854

Part IV

List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Veronica Shea President	5	0	0	0
Rebecca Kuechel Vice President	5	0	0	0
Tina Rusnak Treasurer	5	0	0	0
Carolyn Hogan Secretary	5	0	0	0
Christina O'Brien Director	2	0	0	0
Lenore Anaya Director	2	0	0	0
Edith Benavides Director	2	0	0	0
Ramon Arias Director	2	0	0	0
David Wayman Director	2	0	0	0
Ron Contreras Immediate Past President	2	0	0	0

Part V

Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		No
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		No
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		No
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		No
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		No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a 0		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		No
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 tax year covered by this return?		No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved . 38b		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter . 39a		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
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), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	No
c	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0		
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0		
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	No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ AZ		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ Tina Rusnak Telephone no ▶ (928) 217-3613 Located at ▶ PO Box 4157 Yuma, AZ ZIP + 4 ▶ 85366		
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)?	Yes	No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶	42b	No
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ?	42c	No
	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		
		Yes	No
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	No
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	No
d	If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	No
45b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	No

		Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	No

Part VI

Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

		Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

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 title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶				

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 business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000. ▶		

52	Did the organization complete Schedule A? NOTE. All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A	Yes	No
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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.

Sign Here	Signature of officer		2017-01-03	
	Date			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Veronica Shea President			
	Type or print name and title			
	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed PTIN
	Firm's name ▶		Firm's EIN ▶	
Firm's address ▶		Phone no		
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ Yes No				

Additional Data

Software ID: 15000352
Software Version: v1.00
EIN: 86-6053090
Name: OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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.

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

28 City of Yuma - Paarks and Recreation
(Grants \$ 0)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐

28a

18,084

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29 Yuma area Boys and Girls Club (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	29a	13,825

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30 Youth Scholarships (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐	30a	6,500

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Christmas Clothing/Shopping Spree (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		2,790

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Catfish Rodeo (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		2,388

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NIE - Newspapers In Education (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		1,000

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SHINE Program (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		1,000

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Other youth programs - CCDHH 60, Yuma Kids with Cancer 50, JOOI 60, HOBY 800, OIF 365, Babe Ruth Baseball 650, Youth Sports Teams 450, Yuma Child Burn Camp 100, Dispose a Med 507, Crazy Canoe 972, Miscellaneous Youth Disbursements 1,253 Total 5,267 (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		5,267

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or
990-EZ)Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue
Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
www.irs.gov/form990.**2015****Open to Public
Inspection**Name of the organization
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL**Employer identification number**

86-6053090

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10	CCDHH 60, Yuma Kids with Cancer 50, JOOI 60, HOBY 800, OIF 365, Babe Ruth Baseball 650, Youth Scholarships 6,500, Youth Sports Teams 450, NIE New papers in Education 1,000, SHINE Program 1,000, Yuma Child Burn Camp 100, Catfish Rodeo 2,388, Dispose a Med 507, Crazy Canoe 972, Miscellaneous Youth Disbursements 1,253, Christmas Clothing/Shopping Spree 2,790, City of Yuma Parks and Recreation 18,084, Yuma area Boys and Girls Club 13,825, Total 50,854
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16	Optimist International Dues 2,425, AZ District Dues 589, New Member Processing Fees 60, Officers Training 1,020, Club Banking Fees 164, Other Club Admin Expenses 58, Board Meeting Expenses 215, Liab/Trlr Insurance 757, Recognition and Awards 364, Equipment Repairs/Maintenance 120, (Total 5,772)

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 20	Pledges and Grants