



**Metrocom Optimist Club**  
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Metrocom Area Schools  
Speech/Drama Dept. or English Teachers

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The Metrocom Optimist Club is sponsoring an Oratorical Contest and is encouraging area students to speak their minds about the topic "**Why My Voice is Important**", as part of the Optimist International Oratorical Contest for 2013.

The Optimist Club will judge the local students' speeches based on content and presentation to determine the top winners. Winners will receive awards and the winning speeches (one boy and one girl) will be sent to the zone level and possibly the District level for the opportunity to each win a \$2,500 Scholarship.

The contest is open to students under the age of 19 who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent and are educated in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean. There is no minimum age. Each contestant must present to the Metrocom Optimist Club, an application signed by the contestant and by the parents along with a copy of their birth certificate in order to compete.

Attached are the rules and application. The contest date for our Club will be Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M the place will be the Live Oak Justice Center, Ariza Room, 8022 Shin Oak Drive, Live Oak, TX. Zone and Regional Contests are held in April (TBA) and the District Contest will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Moody Gardens Hotel, in Galveston.

We look forward to working with your students, please contact Mrs. Woisin as soon as possible. Entry deadline will be Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Optimist International is one of the world's largest service club organizations with 100,000 adult members in 3,400 clubs in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Mexico and throughout the world. The Optimist Oratorical Contest is the most popular program, with more than 2,000 clubs participating annually. Metrocom Optimist club's school area is Converse, Marion, Selma, Universal City, Judson, Schertz and Boysville. Our Club is new to this area and we are only 2 years old. This will be our second Contest. Last year's Club winner was Amanda Griffiee from Cibolo, who advanced to compete at the District Level. The young man who won THE \$2,500.00 scholarship in the boys division, was from Laredo, he was homeless and lived in a shelter, but very determined to go to college. This scholarship is a wonderful thing and what we work towards as Optimists, "Bringing out the Best in Kids"

If you have any further questions please feel free to call me at 210-394-0882 or email me at [charlottewoisin@yahoo.com](mailto:charlottewoisin@yahoo.com)

Sincerely,  
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