

The Optimizer

For and About the Members of the Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls

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From the President...

Well, spring is finally here and along with advent of longer days and warmer weather, it's time for the rebirth that always comes at this time of year. Ironically, that rebirth leads to this month's goal.

To add new ideas and avoid becoming stagnant, the Executive Board has a "rebirth" of sorts every September. This rebirth really starts at this time every year when we start to look for members who would like to join the Board. There are several positions that open up each year and they have different levels of commitment. While we won't hesitate to ask potential candidates if they are interested, it would great if you look at what the open positions are, ask a few questions from current or past Board members about those positions spots and let any us know that you're interested in being a candidate.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 a.m. We need a 2nd VP candidate, and treasurer and three Board members willing to serve a two year term. This is great opportunity to learn more out Club from the inside and to continue to

"steer the Good Ship Optimist" in the right direction. We all know the old adage, "The more you put into it the more you get out of it". The Board wants and needs you to take that next step in keeping our Club fresh and vibrant.

So please take some time, get feedback from other members and let us know that you want to step up your commitment to be a "Friend of Youth".

Executive Board at Work...

The Board meeting was led by VP Ted Klumb March 17th and as usual there were multiple requests. We donated \$450 to **North Middle School FBLA**. We also gave \$3,000 to **Special Needs Children Activities** program. Three requests were rejected; one for lack of information and the other two didn't meet our donation guidelines.

Joe Ludan generously gave us a check for \$150 from his Valentines' Day Concert. Tom Ciskoski's Tri-star basketball budget was approved and Steve Fleming will report back with more info on the July 3rd Parade. Other items discussed were a review of

the Funds Request Guidelines and the Club policy to not pay for speakers.

Please remember that the Board meets on the third Tuesday of the month is open to all members, especially those who might be interested in joining the Board.

Students of the Month...



Menomonee Falls Optimist Club Student of the Month, March 2015, include (L-R) eighth grader Henry Schuelke at North Middle School, Freshman Marissa Helchen at Menomonee Falls High School, with Jerry Mislung, Optimist Club President. (Not pictured, Kailyn Pieper at MFHS)
Photo by Don Gorzek

Do The Right Thing...

The club recognized 33 students from MF public and private schools for "Doing The Right Thing" – at our meetings on 3/11 and 3/18. We enjoyed packed rooms, with students, parents, siblings, grandparents, teachers, and administrators. This program, initiated by long time club member, teacher and coach John Weaver, recognizes character (honesty, empathy, kindness, volunteerism, leadership, respect). Students were nominated by teachers, administrators and leaders. The students received a certificate of recognition, a \$25 cash award and 4 Admirals tickets.

Thanks to John Bitter of the Admirals for his generosity in partnering with us! Each nominator received a Starbucks gift card – thanks to Greg Mattson and First Bank Financial for that donation. YoCool donated a free frozen yogurt for each student. Many thanks to our committee: Greg Mattson, Kathy Walkner, Marcia Hebbring, Steve Fleming, Chris O'Reilly, Barb Davel, Ann Freudenthal, Ruth Ann Petroff, Sue Carney and Sandy Neitzel. This is a very rewarding program which touches the hearts of our club members and the lives of the recipients.

Karen Nelson

Tri-Star Basketball...

The Tri-Star Basketball Skills Contest was a real success this year as we had 110 kids participate over a 2 ½ hour session. This is our second year in a row that we have had over 100 kids! We have found our fit alongside of the Dodgeball Tournament that takes place in the other gym, as many parents commented to me that they knew we would be there and the kids were looking forward to it. In addition we get the concession stand open for us! Of the 110 kids we have 7 of the 8 winners that will represent our Club at the Regional event in Mukwonago on Saturday April 18th.

As with any event the success depends on the help from volunteers and I like to thank the following folks for making the day a success: Running the registration table, Sandy Smalley, and Deb Mattson, running the events, Al Carini, Rob Robinson, Cory Kleeba, Kevin Mitchke, Larry Hebbring, Tex, Carl Trapp and Bob Wenzel, taking care of score tabulation, Dan Stadler and Dave Hoerchner and on recruiting kids Greg Mattson. A special thanks to Ryan Anderson for reserving the gym

for us and a BIG thanks to Jerry Mislang who constantly persuades the kids from Dodgeball to come on over and participate.

Bob Wenzel also shadowed me from set-up thru awarding kids and will be taking over this event in 2016. I have enjoyed my time running this event and seeing so many happy kids over the years. I leave this event in great hands as Bob is eager to get involved and will run it is well as ever.

Thanks to all!
Tom Ciskoski



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April Speakers...

- 8 - Girls Softball Team
- 15 - Student of the Month
- 22 - Patio Players
- 29 - Essay Contest Winners

Upcoming Events...

- 4/20 - Zone 1 Optimist meeting at 6:30 p.m., location TBD (open to all members)
- 4/21 - Tuesday – Executive Board Meeting
- 4/25 - Tri-star Baseball (Jerry Mislang)
- 5/2 – Post Prom (Jerry Mislang)
- 5/2 – MS Walk
- 5/9 – Fishing Derby (Tom Walkner)
- 5/20 – Scholarship Golf Outing (Todd Paulus)

MS Walk...

The Multiple Sclerosis Menomonee Falls Walk will be held on Saturday, May 2 at 10:00 am at the Menomonee Falls High School. There will be a one-mile and 3-mile route. We promise free food, entertainment and glorious weather!

Multiple sclerosis affects 11,000 men, women and children in Wisconsin. The disease affects two-thirds more women than men and symptoms include numbness and tingling... Wisconsin has the highest prevalence of MS in the nation. Most people are diagnosed between the ages of 20-45 years but more and more children are being diagnosed. There are approximately 1.4 million people worldwide living with multiple sclerosis.

Join us in creating a world free of MS. Our goal this year is to have 300 walkers and raise \$33,000. We can do this with your help! Call 1-855-372-1331 to register or donate or go on line to walkMSwisconsin.org

YOU can make all the difference.

Robyn Turtenwald

Membership Update...

Please welcome member #200, Mac Schneider!! Mac is sponsored by Jerry Mislant.

All the latest news...

Be sure to check out the club website <http://fallsoptimistclub.org/> and follow us on Facebook.

April Birthdays...

3-Apr Lou Sanicola
4-Apr Robyn Turtenwald
6-Apr Linda Marcou
6-Apr Barbara Mosley
9-Apr Alan Mattheissen
10-Apr Chad Johnson
13-Apr Mary Schlumpf
14-Apr Terry Frisk
17-Apr Becky Maurice
18-Apr JJ Selland
19-Apr Matt Pierce
22-Apr Carl Trapp
22-Apr Scott Byington
22-Apr Bobby Pintor
23-Apr Chris O'Reilly
26-Apr Shelly Wolfe
27-Apr Joan Erickson
28-Apr Ruth Ann Petroff
29-Apr Kathy Walkner
30-Apr Larry Podolske

Otto Optimist...

....returns next month.

Greetings Optimist Kid's Fishing Derby former Volunteer or interested Optimist member–

You have received this e-mail because you have volunteered for the MF Optimist Club's Kid's Fishing Derby in the past or have expressed an interest in learning about the event. The 2015 Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls Kids Fishing Derby will again be at Mill Pond Park and Pavilion (north of Main Street between Water and Grand Streets) on Saturday May 9th and is scheduled from 9:00am to approximately 12:30pm. (No rain date has been set.) The time breakdown is Registration 9:00am to 10:00am; Fishing contest 10:00am to Noon; and Trophy and door prize presentation Noon to 12:30pm (?). Last year approximately 171 kids (ages three to 16) registered for the event. At registration all participants receive a registration packet, and a free t-shirt.

Please confirm your availability for this year's event and your preference for an assignment. The assignments will primarily be setting up and running the Registration table, setting up the Door prize table, giving out the trophies and door prizes, sorting bait and fish measuring/recording/event monitoring. We will give out specific assignments at a later date.

Those helping at registration are asked to be there at 8:45am to set up. You will register the participants, hand out tee-shirts, answer any questions and after 10:00 help set up the door prize tables. You can leave after you set up the door prize table or you can stick around for the fun and help monitor the event, and hand out the door prizes and trophies.

Those helping measure/register fish are asked to get there at approximately 9:30-9:45 to sort bait, pick up an orange vest and an Optimist Club "Optimizer" ruler. You will measure and record the fish, help return the fish to the pond if necessary and monitor the participants as needed. We would like to see at least seven measuring/recording stations; three on the east side of the pond and four on the west side of the pond. Grab a picnic table spot as a station or bring a small table. Bring a chair if you want.

Other volunteers are asked to get there whenever they can to help out wherever they are needed.

We are also looking for a truck/van to help move tables, etc. the morning of the event.

Tom Walkner

414-534-2735 cell

262-255-2994 home

Tim Newman

262-352-7075 cell

The Optimist Club of
MENOMONEE FALLS
Serving Our Youth Since 1973



You're Invited to Participate in the 25th Annual Menomonee Falls
“OPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING”

(All Proceeds to Benefit the Youth of Our Community)

Date: *Wed. May 20, 2015*

Location: **Ironwood Golf Course**
W270 N6166 Moraine Dr. Sussex, WI 53089 (on Cnty MD, southwest of Sussex)

Events: **Four Person Scramble**
*First place team prizes for Women, Men, Senior Flights & Additional Prizes
Special PUTTING Contest, Individual HOLE PRIZES, HOLE EVENTS, & More!*

Major Raffle Prize: *Set of “Name Brand” Premium Golf Clubs*

Tee Times: *Shotgun Start at 12:00 noon Registration Starts at 10:30 AM*

Lunch: *Included in Fees. Begins at 11:00*

Fees: **\$130** *Includes 18 holes of golf, Free Range Balls, 4 Free Mulligans, Free Entrance in Putting Contest, Cart, Beverage, Lunch, Dinner, and a Guaranteed Door Prize for Each Golfer (Dinner only \$30)*

Social Hour: *4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
Dinner & Program to follow including
Prizes, Awards, Raffle Drawings, Specialty Auction, and more!*

- - - - - **Register Below (Please return by May 14, 2015)** - - - - -

Players in foursome: _____, _____,
_____, _____,

Total ages of the 4 golfers: _____ (If your total is 265 or above, your team will be flight 2)
Advance registration and payment preferred - Checks payable to: Men. Falls Optimist Club

Return to: Todd Paulus W169N8757 Sheridan Dr. Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
Hm: 502-1332 Wk: 414-362-3715 or email tpaulus@wi.rr.com



Friend of Youth

OPTIMIST CLUB OF MENOMONEE FALLS

P.O. Box 671 • Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53052

March 4, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

The Menomonee Falls Optimist Club will be hosting their 25th annual Scholarship Golf outing on May 20, 2015 at Ironwood Golf Course in Sussex, WI. This event is a 18 hole scramble with a noon shotgun start. All funds raised from this event goes back to high school seniors in the Greater Menomonee Falls area to help them further their education. This year our club has earmarked \$15000.00 in scholarships to be given away in late May at our scholarship night.

We look to local residents and businesses to help make this event successful. Without their support, the event's success would not be possible. There are 3 ways to help make our event successful:

1. Golfing - You can register to golf in our event, either as a single player or as a group. The cost of the event is \$130.00 per person which includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner, all on course events, use of the practice facility, and entry into the putting contest. Contact Todd Paulus at tpaulus@wi.rr.com for a flyer.
2. Hole Sponsor – You can sponsor a hole for \$100.00. Each hole sponsor will have a sign with their logo on placed on the course for all golfers to see as they play their round.
3. Donation – You can donate an item to our event that will be used as either a door prize, silent auction item, or voice auction item.

We are hoping that you are able to support our event in any way possible. All checks should be made out to the Menomonee Falls Optimist Club. You can mail any of the above to:

Todd Paulus

W169 N8757 Sheridan Dr.

Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

We hope you can join us for a fun day of golfing. Thank you for the consideration to help support our event.

Sincerely,

Todd Paulus – Golf Chair