



The Optimizer

November 2020

Menomonee Falls Optimist Club

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---- Weekly Meeting Schedule ----

- Nov. 4** Following up on donation our Club made last year, Club member **Jenn Dedrick will update us on the "Resource Room"** project. Jenn will have several of the project's members join us via ZOOM.
- Nov. 11** We are doing something we don't believe has ever been done before, **honoring our 17 Club members who served in the Armed Forces...ON VETERAN'S DAY!** The program will begin with a short **talk by Terry Marcou** on Military Death Benefits. Each veteran will then talk briefly about some of their most memorable experiences and participate in a Q&A session. Please try to wear something Patriotic.
- Nov. 18** It's always one of our favorite meetings, it's time for **Students of the Month!** Join us as we honor the recipients and their parents.
- Nov. 25** Joining us will be the **Falls Patio Players** who will talk about the experiences and expectations surrounding the pandemic. **Their annual Christmas Carol show will be transformed into a Radio Show** this year! Cast members will be there to sing songs from their show.

Submitted by Jerry Mislang



For those who are not able to attend meetings in person, Shannon has set up a zoom call. Zooms are set up for all of the November meetings.

The meeting is listed at 7:00 a.m., so you may test your equipment. The meeting will begin at the normal time of 7:15. Feel free to reach out to Shannon if you have any questions or concerns.

Topic: Menomonee Falls Optimist Club Membership Meeting

Time: 07:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: https://us04web.zoom.us/meeting/upMrcOuupz4gHdUkHleFsBO-0wuGVtjM2BI5/ics?icsToken=98tyKu6vqDwoHN2QsB6GR7YEBI_Ca-7xmCVfggdolzfMBgZAQCy7ZvVXFYRrGvWC

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77672695071?pwd=MVRvcEEydmVlZ2dkVllwcDdrVlA4QT09>

Meeting ID: 776 7269 5071

Passcode: 2BSoStrong

---- *President's Message November 2020* ----

"Worrying is betting against yourself"

Fellow Optimists;

As we approach this coming holiday season, Covid 19 has changed some things. There will be no Christmas parade this year, no scheduled Optimist Christmas party and no chili dinner in January. I remain optimistic that other events will happen even if some changes will occur, for instance Distinguished Young Women (DYW) will go on but it will be virtual.



Our weekly meetings are now on Zoom and hope you have received my e-mail about this. If you haven't and would like more information please contact me (Rick Kohl 262-402-8393). Big shout outs to Lynette Shepherd and Shannon Dederich. It was Lynette's idea and I met with her and also thought it would be great for our members who cannot attend but would like to watch it. Shannon has made this possible. Please give us your feedback.

Leaf raking will occur for three weekends beginning November 7th. Please contact John Yusko for more information or if you want to get involved. (you do not have to rake), Thanks John.

If you have not paid your dues please get them in as soon as possible or if you are not rejoining let us know because we get charged by the district for keeping you on the roster.

The Speakers committee continues to provide informative and interesting guests.

As the weather gets colder, remember at 7:15 Wednesday mornings things heat up.

Stay Optimistic!
President Rick

----Upcoming Activities and Events----

Nov. 7-22	Leaf Raking
Nov. 20	OA5 meeting at Water Street Pub and Grill. 5:45. See note below.
Dec. 15	OA5 Service Project
Jan. 30, 2021	Trivia Contest

OA5

OA5 will be meeting Tuesday, November 10th at Water Street Pub and Grill. We will meet for socialization at 5:45 with meeting starting at 6:00 pm. The agenda will include reviewing bags event, planning the social service project for December and looking ahead to 2021 for meeting ideas.

Senior Leaf Raking is Almost Here: Saturday, November 7 through Sunday, November 22!



One last reminder that our annual senior leaf raking event is scheduled for **Saturday, November 7 through Sunday, November 22**. And bad weather won't stop us!

If you have already volunteered, thanks for your help!

If you would still like to volunteer, please contact Jason Husslein (414-852-9634, hussias@sdmfschools.org) or John Yusko (414-339-2637, jyusko505@twc.com).

And don't forget to patronize Shady Lane Greenhouse!

John Yusko





IT IS A ?????? IF
WE WILL HOLD THE
OPTIMIST TRIVIA NIGHT 2021.
WE WOULD LIKE TO PLAN FOR
JANUARY 30, 2021
BUT WITH COVID 19, WE NEED
TO INVESTIGATE A NEW VENUE.

Chairs, Todd Paulus, Karen Nelson, Sue Jeskewitz

---- Optimist Meetings ----

Football



Photo by Jon Cline

On October 7, **MFHS Head Coach Lutz** and members of the **MFHS Football team** updated us on their season.
L to R, Football senior captains **Quentin Redding, Colin Heckman, Danny Howard**.

Girls Golf



Photo by Jon Cline

Also, on October 7, girls' golf team **Head Coach Tony Pritchard** and two team members talked about their experiences, including a historic a **FIRST** in the MFHS golf program.
Senior **Jane Yoo** and Sophomore **Lauren Parker**

Fire Chief



We were honored to have new Menomonee Falls Fire Chief, **Gerard Washington**, at our October 14 meeting to share his background and vision for the future of the department.

Students of the Month



Photo by Jon Cline

Students of the month were honored at our October 21 meeting.

L to R: **Daniel Otchere**, **Veronica Goveas**, and **Sirtaij Arora** from Menomonee Falls High School
Macey Vuolo from North Middle School. **Ava Kaczorowski** from North Middle School was unable to attend.

---- Getting to Know You – Laura Ciletti



I have been a member since May 2009 after Jack Strawbridge passed away. He had been an Optimist member as well as a promoter of Falls Patio Players and I became the one to keep the connection since I do the FPP publicity. I'm not sure if I (and then Ann Freudenthal) would have found the group otherwise. Because of how much time the FPP work took up, I have mostly been doing onetime events as a volunteer but I am thankful for all of the people I have met and proud of the good we have done.

I have been active with FPP for 25 years and started doing

Christmas Carol when my daughter was 8 y/o. She is now married to a Kenosha Co. Sheriff and they have 2 boys age 5 and 3. They wear their superhero costumes everywhere. My oldest son lives in Eden Prairie MN and teaches World and AP history at Jordan HS. His wife is a nurse practitioner and they have a daughter 4 y/o (Disney Princess expert) and a son that is 18 months and waves at every single plane he hears overhead, and they live near an active small airport. My youngest son and his old dog, a Papillon, are living with me for a bit. One of my sisters lives in Pewaukee-her husband is the Waukesha Co. Executive and my Mom is in the house where I grew up in Brookfield. Dad passed away unexpectedly in January and I miss him so much.



I have been blessed with the ability to drop my hours to just two 12 hour shifts a month. This will allow me to pursue one of my passions- travel. I am fortunate to have family in Munich, Germany area-I have been there and surrounding areas 7 times now. I have been to Egypt, the Caribbean, New Zealand, Vietnam, and Hong Kong (twice) as my other sister has lived there since 1998. I am almost done with all 50 states.

Another passion is service- I have been to Tijuana to build homes, to Thailand twice with Lutheran Hour ministries in Bangkok to do English skill classes with kids and also an eye glass clinic for 1000 adults. I also went on a Medical Mission to Tanzania through the Synod (LCMS). My most recent endeavor was to help with disaster (hurricane) response in Louisiana and Pensacola. I want to do and experience as much as I can while I still can. I would be happy to tell you more about opportunities to help with disaster clean up around the country if you are interested- there is so much need.



--- Board Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2020 ---

- Date:** 10/20/2020
- Attendees:** Rick Kohl, Jerry Mislant, John Yusko, Carol Schulteis, Kim Wenzel, Dan Schwind, Todd Paulus, Greg Mattson, Shannon Dederich, Jenn Dedrick
- President's Notes:** Thank you to Todd Paulus for guidance in a trying year. Looking forward to a somewhat fiscally responsible year recouping from missed fundraisers but also balancing with canceled events the club sponsors.
- Christmas Parade, Christmas Party, Chili Dinner canceled. Trivia tentatively still on. Distinguished Young Women will be virtual. Meetings will be broadcast on Zoom, in addition to in person, going forward. Test run 10/21 meeting.
- Review of Agenda:** Motion to approve, Todd P., Second Greg M.
- Review of Minutes:** Approved with Agenda.
- Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report will be approved electronically after further review with the former Treasurer and current.
- Jerry M. announced new check policy: No checks to be written last 10 days of fiscal month to increase clearance rates for month end, with exceptions
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- Donation Requests:** No Requests for October
- Budget Approvals:** Speakers Budget submitted, Motion to approve John Y., Second Todd P.
- New Members:** No New Member Requests for October
- Open Business:** Park update (Todd), 2nd phase still on hold, to pick up after Jan. 1, 2021. BID has new committee, Menomonee Falls Downtown, Inc. with at large positions open to non-BID members, Optimist Club supporting Jeanine Dederich as representative, to be confirmed 10/27
- New Business:** Shannon/Jenn introduced OA5 Service Project to be with Resource Room at Ben Franklin. Tentative date Dec. 8, open for club members to volunteer to sort, further information to come in weekly email
- Additional Notes:** Sunshine committee notice, member, Matt Hakes, mother, Kay, passed away. Maxine Lane fell and in hospital. Two former governors hospitalized with COVID
- Next Meeting Date:** November 17, 2020
- Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn Todd P., Second John Y.

----- Birthdays -----
Belated Birthday Wishes



Belated birthday wishes to **Linda Podolske**.
Her birthday was October 7.

November Birthdays

- Nov. 9 Laurie Pollpeter
- Nov. 10 Tina Polk
- Nov. 12 Rick Kohl
- Nov. 16 Bob Vitale
- Nov. 19 Paul Lindemann
- Nov. 19 Beth Saunders
- Nov. 20 Marcia Hebring
- Nov. 24 Greg Goss
- Nov. 28 Shannon Dederich



---- **This Month in Club History** ----



November, 2000 - (20 years ago) – Addie Vischer becomes the fifth Optimist Club member to be named the “Citizen of the Year” by the Chamber of Commerce. Previous winners were Bob Steliga (1990), Robyn Turtenwald (1993), Sue Jeskewicz (1995) and Karen Nelson (1997).

Submitted by Jerry Mislant – gleaned from the 40 Year History Program - courtesy of Ed Schlumpf

----- **How to Publish Optimist News** -----



There are multiple venues for publishing Optimist news and events the community and to the Optimist members. It is important to get the word out so everyone is aware of the events we sponsor to benefit the youth of the community. Committee chairs are responsible for writing the articles and sending them via email to the people listed below:

- NEWSLETTER** Jerry Mislant or Barb Schmit **no later than the 27th of each month** - jerry.mislant@prodigy.net or schmitbarb@gmail.com
- NEWSPAPERS** Shannon Dederich **three or more weeks prior to your event, as quickly as possible after an event** - shannon.dederich@gmail.com
- FACEBOOK** Cathy Sharkey, Dawn Mariscal or Lynette Shepherd
- csharkey224@yahoo.com, dmariscal@wi.rr.com, llshep4ma@gmail.com
- WEBSITE** Beth Saunders - bethjsaunders@gmail.com

