



# The Optimizer

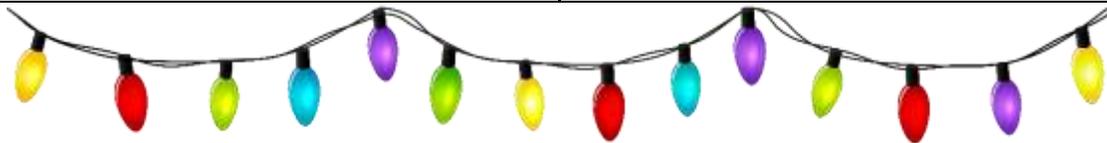
December 2020

Menomonee Falls Optimist Club

<http://fallsoptimistclub.org/>

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## ---- Weekly Meeting Schedule ----

- Dec. 2** It's our first opportunity to welcome 'new' **Library Director Jacqueline (Jackie) Remmer**. She was appointed to the position on July 15<sup>th</sup>, so we look forward to hearing what she's been up to her first five months.
- Dec. 9** We're excited to have **MFHS sophomore Megan Schultz** talk about her **Girl Scout Gold Award project** that was recently featured in a local paper.
- Dec. 16** It's **Students of the Month**...really, do we have to say anything else?
- Dec. 23** Several parties have been approached but no firm commitment at press time. Please refer to the President's weekly email once a speaker has committed
- Dec. 30** **No Meeting**, Community Center closed

*Submitted by Jerry Mislav*



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/upMrcOuupz4qHdUkHleFsBO-0wuGVtjM2BI5/ics?icsToken=98tyKu6vqDwoHN2QsB6GR7YEBl\\_Ca-7xmCVfggdolzfMBgZAQCy7ZvVXFYRrGvWC](https://us04web.zoom.us/meeting/upMrcOuupz4qHdUkHleFsBO-0wuGVtjM2BI5/ics?icsToken=98tyKu6vqDwoHN2QsB6GR7YEBl_Ca-7xmCVfggdolzfMBgZAQCy7ZvVXFYRrGvWC)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 776 7269 5071

Passcode: 2BSoStrong

### ---- *President's Message December 2020* ----

As we approach December, I would like to wish everyone happy holidays.

Let's hope 2021 will be a great year!



The pandemic sure has changed things. I would like to thank Dan Schwind for subbing in for me during the time I was sick. Special kudos to Jerry Mislant for putting together the November 11th meeting honoring our club member veterans. It was a special meeting.

A big thank you also to John Yusko for handling the Leaf raking. A significant number of kids were involved.

Because of the pandemic there will be no formal Christmas party this year or parade.

We will continue to try and have our weekly meetings on zoom. A number of members have tuned in weekly.

Jerry Mislant and his team continue to bring interesting speakers to inform our club of what is happening. The drawing for the first meeting in December will be \$90.00

Stay safe everyone and see you at the meeting!

*President Rick*

### ---- *Upcoming Activities and Events* ----

Dec. 15	OA5 meeting at Players Pub. 5:45 social time, 6:00 meeting
Jan. 30, 2021	Trivia Contest - tentative

## OA5

In coordination with the Menomonee Falls Social Workers, OA5 is still planning a social service project for the Resource Room at Ben Franklin, however, due to COVID precautions, we will be moving this out to early next year, when we can all gather safely.

The OA5 team will still meet on December 15th at Players Pub to discuss plans for the 2021 year. Please join us! 5:45 social time, 6:00 meeting.

*Shannon Dederich*



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### 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 ----

Photos by Jon Cline

**Veterans Day**

On Veterans Day, we were honored to hear from veterans who are members of our club.

**Tom Dueppen**

**5A1998**  
**Carl Trapp**

**Jerry Mislanc**

**Larry Podolske**

**Ed Veth**

**Danny Shepherd**

**Bob Wenzel**

**Larry Barbera**

**Tony Bawiec**

**Tom Walkner**

**Joe Reiter**

**Greg Goss**

**Tom Wagner**

Not Pictured.  
Jon Seymour  
Walt Wyczawski

**Veterans Day**  
**Menomonee Falls**  
**Optimist Club**  
**11-11-2020**

*Cline Design*



## *Students of the Month*



L to R: Emma Demetry (MFHS), Calvin Tischer and Keegan Stroh (North Middle School), Madeline Mrozinski (St. Mary), Emily Skorstad (MFHS). Not pictured: Reese McLaughlin

## *Patio Players*

Patio Players members visited us on Nov. 25 to receive a donation and tell us about the Christmas Carol.



Ann Freudenthal (Box Office Manager), Melissa Bloch-Meier (FPP Artistic Director), Karen McKinney (FPP business manager and director for Christmas Carol), Dan Schwind.



The tradition of *Christmas Carol* for Falls Patio Players is too special to not present during this strange year so we have made it into a radio show. We would love to have you join us and enjoy it as a great start to your Yuletide season. There is a link to the premiere on Friday December 4th and then a link to watch throughout the month of December. God Bless us Everyone!

Find it at our web page [fallspatioplayers.com](http://fallspatioplayers.com) or on our facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/665141674149479>

### *Optimist Plaque*



Those who attend meetings in person have probably noticed the new plaque with Rick Kohl's name on it hanging on the wall near the entrance to our meeting room at the Riverside Community Room. It is worth noting that once again the plaque has been donated by **Tim Hogan**, a former Optimist member who is the owner of **National Trophy Co.** located in the Rog Rogers" State Farm Insurance building. He's cheerfully done this for decades always saying, "I'm glad to do it for the kids."

*Ed Schlumpf*

----- *Leaf Raking* -----

Leaf raking for senior took place during the month of November. Here are a few photos of the players and coaches from three Falls Angels 16U Select Softball teams. Watch for more details about the project in the next newsletter.



## ---- Getting to Know You – Stevie Mistele-Wildt ----



I have heard about the Menomonee Falls Optimist Club throughout the years but didn't realize how much they do for the community and the various schools, groups and other organizations.

Our company Cobblestone Builders and Developer, Inc. has made Menomonee Falls our home base for over 25 years. My husband Dirk Wildt and I have lived in Menomonee Falls previously as well and moved out to Jackson 10 years ago and now in the interim are living back in Menomonee Falls until we complete our new house back in Jackson.

Since living in Menomonee Falls and in a ridiculously small apartment, I needed something to do. I went to a Labor Day event in town and ran into a few friends from around town and one was Lynette Paddock Shepherd. Lynette had so many positive and enthusiastic things to say about the Optimist that I told her I was thinking about getting involved. She invited me to a Wednesday morning meeting back in October of 2019 and here I am! I was selected as the Optimist Club Rookie of the Year 2019/2020.

I have always had fun in coordinating and volunteering with events within my careers, yes I have had many. I started working when I was 15 ½ at the old and now gone Westbrook Bowling Center where I met Jerry Mislang of all people! Some of you may know me from working at Stein Walgreens South back in the 70's. I had fun working in a small T-shirt iron-on business in Butler (Holoubek Studios) who printed T-shirts and apparel for their largest customer, Harley Davidson. This job is where I got my early knowledge of coordinating shipments to their Canadian warehouse. I also was involved in selling the products at various fairs and promotional venues, boy were those some interesting times in the 70' & 80's!

When sending shipments to their Canadian warehouse I had to work with a large airfreight company, that's when I was offered a job at Burlington Northern Airfreight in the International Dept. coordinating with various freight companies and air lines to send cargo all over the world. With the knowledge of working in the international field I moved over to The Master Lock Company as an international sales customer service rep. for the Canadian Territory. I developed a good relationship with our Canadian market that I started coordinating containers of merchandise for the Canadian national trade show in Toronto. I was able to go to Montreal and Vancouver as well to see those markets. After 11 years I needed to try something outside of the corporate world. I tried my hand at my own business of bridal accessories, this did not go as expected. I then found a retail sales position at a local Harley Davidson dealership in New Berlin. Dirk and I got incredibly involved with the dealership, the members and the Harley Owner's Group (HOG) Kettle Moraine Chapter (KMC). Along with making a lot of friends, our chapter raised money for local organizations and participated in large events such as a fund raiser for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Waukesha county. I volunteered to get the vendors and suppliers coordinated for this event at the Waukesha County Fairgrounds.



We had traveled many, many miles in Wisconsin and had many, many fun times with our KMC family.

My father-in-law who owned and operated Cobblestone Realty & Development, Corp. needed someone to expedite and work with the homeowners and take care of their punch lists. Since starting 28 years ago I have learned about new home building construction, working with vendors, suppliers, contractors and owners and all other avenues home building has for us. This is quite a stretch from going to college to be a Fashion Designer! I do stage and decorate all of our model homes.

Today my husband Dirk and I own Cobblestone Builders and Developers, Inc., and work hand in hand with each other.

Dirk and I do not have children, but we keep each other company in business, riding many miles on our Harley motorcycles, yes I ride my own 1994 Heritage Soft Tail that has won bike show awards. We used to own a time share in St. Martin/St. Maarten in the Caribbean. We enjoy golfing and working out and traveling when we find the time.

**----- December Birthdays -----**

- 8 Blake Ream
- 9 Don Eisenhower
- 12 Don Gorzek
- 13 Anna Listwan
- 14 Dan Knodl
- 16 Linda Tetting
- 18 Brad Posnanski
- 21 Kristy Gruenwald
- 23 Carol Schulteis
- 26 John Seymour
- 27 Larry Newman
- 28 Carolyn Anderson
- 30 Jim Lowe



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



**December 15, 1998 (22 years ago)** – \$500 is given to the MFHS Pon Pom Squad and Cheerleaders to help them attend the National Competition on the Twin Cities.

*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](mailto:jerry.mislant@prodigy.net) or [schmitbarb@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:shannon.dederich@gmail.com)

**FACEBOOK** Cathy Sharkey, Dawn Mariscal or Lynette Shepherd  
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