

The Optimizer

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From the Editor...

In case you didn't notice immediately, this Newsletter is a combined January/February issue. A confluence of factors delayed the release of the January issue, so we'll combine these two and then move forward on a regular schedule for March.

Speaking of regular schedules, I thought it would be beneficial to provide a schedule of deadlines for newsletter submissions. Generally, you should get your article/other material to me by the Saturday prior to the first Wednesday of a month. For the rest of 2016, those deadlines are as follows:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>
March	Saturday, Feb 27 th
April	Saturday, April 2 nd
May	Saturday, April 30 th
June	Saturday, May 28 th
July	Saturday, July 2 nd
Aug	Saturday, July 30 th
Sept	Saturday, Sep 3 rd
Oct	Saturday, Oct 1 st
Nov	Saturday, Oct 29 th
Dec	Saturday, Dec 3 rd
Jan '17	Saturday, Dec 31 st

I believe members should have the Newsletter prior to the first Wednesday of each month. Following this schedule will allow me to meet that objective.

Lastly, just a reminder to send your newsletter submission to my e-mail address, which is fostjif7@att.net.

Thanks!

Jim Foster

Distinguished Young Woman Program...

2017* Distinguished Young Women
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Cathy Sharkey

[Following are some photos from the girls' first Physical Fitness workout at the MFHS cafeteria]





Brewer Reports for Spring Training By Ed "Swami" Schlumpf

Once again this spring, I will be reporting from Arizona regarding the six or seven Brewer spring training games that Mary and I will be attending. If you are interested in receiving these reports by e-mail, please email me at schlumpfed@yahoo.com and I will add you to the list. If you have been receiving these in the past, and want to continue, there is no need to notify me unless your e-mail address has changed since last spring.

If you are a past recipient of these reports but no longer want to receive them, please let me know and I will remove you from the e-mail list. Go Brewers!

2016 Edition - Oratorical Contest...

Optimist volunteers are needed for the annual Oratorical Contest scheduled for Wednesday, February 24th from 5 pm until approximately 9 pm. We are in need of greeters,

registration, time keepers, room monitors, score keepers, and the elite job of judges. We are hoping for a large turn out this year and can use as much help as we can get. If you are interested in being part of this great event please contact Dawn Mariscal by either email at dmariscal@wi.rr.com or phone/text (262)442-4952.

Jim Jeskewitz Memorial Trivia Contest...

The trivia contest was held on Saturday January 30th at St. Agnes parish in Butler, WI. Twenty five (25) teams entered the contest, vying for the coveted thinking man's trophy and bragging rights. We are getting close to a maximum number of teams due to space availability. The committee of Sue Jeskewitz, Karen Nelson, and Todd Paulus worked tirelessly on questions that turned out to be much harder than thought.

Three teams commandeered their ships thru the 100 questions to tie for the top score of 59 correct. *Positively Plaid* won the tie breaker of guessing closest to how many they would get correct before the contest started. For their effort, they get to keep the coveted traveling trophy for a year, and have an open invitation to come back next year and defend their crown.

The committee will look into making the questions easier, but there are no guarantees. We thought we nailed it this year. Many thanks to

everyone that put together teams to make our event a success. Without the teams and players, the event does not take place. As one of the contestants said to me the next day – “Each table was a party in and of itself”. Thanks also goes out to all teams that came up with a table theme and encouraged team members to be a part of it. Team Avant Gard won the award for “Best Table Theme”.

This event was initially started as a social event for the club by “Jess”. It has turned into a social fundraiser as the event netted the club \$4,609 in profit. Thanks to the following workers, besides the committee, that helped make the event a success – Sarah France, Robin Price, Jean Christian, Robyn Turtenwald, Jim Christian, Paul Nelson, Jan Barbera, Marcia Hebring, Greg Mattson, Larry Hebring, Larry Barbera, and Moira Paulus. Special thanks to Harry Stoetzel for the use of his sound and video equipment for the event. We hope everyone had a great time and look forward to seeing you next year.

More Menomonee Falls School Kids Sharing Their Talent With Us...

Club members were treated to a performance by The “Master Singers Choir” from Menomonee Falls High School at the December 16, 2015 Wednesday morning meeting of the MF Optimist Club. The singers for the Masters are selected by audition and represent the best singing voices at

the high school. (Photo by Don Gorzek.)



Catching Up on Our Student of The Month Honorees...

Menomonee Falls Optimist Club Student of the Month, for November 2015, from North Middle School, is seventh grader, Joey Tabbert, from Menomonee Falls High School, Senior Natalie Suetholz, with Ted Klumb, Optimist Club President. Not pictured, MFHS sophomore Tha Zaw (Photo by Don Gorzek.)



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Menomonee Falls High School, Sophomore Evan Merlock, and Senior Julia Graybill, with Ted Klumb, Optimist Club President. (Photo by Don Gorzek.)



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Chili Dinner Rules!

Another great year for the Optimist Club chili dinner. The weather was

fantastic, which allowed the diners to come and enjoy a good bowl of chili. This year we sold 653 advanced chili dinner tickets and another 212 tickets at the door for a record 865 total tickets bought, sold and donated. We again had a profitable 50/50 raffle – thanks to Greg Mattson, John Feltman, and Tom Ciskoski, we raised \$438. We also had several donations this year which helped keep our expenses to a minimum. After all was tallied we raised \$5185.69 for the club. On behalf of the Chili Dinner committee I would like to thank everyone who donated their time, talent and money to make this such a great event. Thanks to everyone who made the chili, served the chili, made the kitchen run smoothly, and helped clean up.

Donations were given by:

Piggly Wiggly, Pick 'n Save, Wal-Mart, Nino 's Bakery, Ram Construction, and Schmit Farm Produce. In addition, an anonymous donor provided us with 60 pounds of ground beef. Thanks to all these donors as well.

Kirsten Sperl, Chili Dinner Chair

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Something for Your Calendars...

April 29th is Optimist Club Night at Falls Patio Players' production of My Fair Lady. Great seats have been reserved for members. Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

Speakers Committee At Work...

The Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls hosted Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow at the January 13, 2016 meeting. He let members know what is happening, or going to happen, in our county. Waukesha is one of the best run counties in the state and remains on a rapid growth rate. (Photo by Don Gorzek.)



