



# The Optimizer

September 2021

Menomonee Falls Optimist Club

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

Meetings are held at 7:15 am at the Community Center unless otherwise noted.

- September 1** Are you ready for some football? **The MFHS Football Team and Head Coach Dan Lutz** will be joining us to talk about their season and upcoming Greater Metro Conference opener at home this Friday against the crosstown rival Germantown Warhawks.
- September 8** Optimist Club member Jason Husslein and Lori Oertel cover **Community Ed & Rec Senior Programs**. It's virtually guaranteed that we'll hear about programs that we didn't know were readily available in our community.
- September 15** Summer is over, the kids are back in school, so it must be time for a **Student of the Month** meeting, always one of the best meetings each month.
- September 22** We believe this will be a great meeting! **Anna Ruzinski, US Marshal for the Eastern District of Wisconsin**, will be joining us. The former Police Chief of Menomonee Falls has been in her new job just over six months and we're sure she has lots of interesting things to share with our Club
- September 29** **No morning meeting.** Awards and Installation banquet that evening.

*Submitted by Jerry Mislant*

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## ---- President's Message ----

Dear Fellow Optimists;

SEPTEMBER, 2021

As summer comes to a close the club has been hot (like the weather) as we will set a record for popcorn sales. Thanks to all the volunteers and especially Larry Podolske and Tim Newman (chairs of the Wagon).

Optimist Village Park is moving forward nicely and the club will hear more about it this month and in October. One note regarding the above is that the last night of the popcorn wagon will be Wednesday night October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please read this newsletter as Jerry and Jeanine have another spectacular round of speakers.

The annual Awards & Installation Banquet will be held at the Hot House on Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be installing our new officers and board members that night. I want to especially thank Greg Mattson and Carol Schulteis for their service and dedication to this club as they will leave the board at the end of the month.

It is through our many fund raisers, events and programs put on throughout the year that we help hundreds of kids and families. We really do try to "bring out the best in Kids". A big thank you to all involved. Your dedication and service is admirable.

*Optimistically speaking,  
Rick*

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

Mon. Sept. 13	Packer Tailgate
Wed. Sept. 15	TriStar Soccer
Wed. Sept. 22	Money due for Awards and Installation Banquet
Sat. Sept. 25	Bags tournament
Wed. Sept. 29	Awards and Installation Banquet
Nov. 5 to 21	Leaf Raking
Wed. Dec. 8	Optimist Christmas Party

**Popcorn Volunteers Needed for Village Park Events**

The popcorn has had great success when there are events at Village Park. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped over the summer. We will be open nightly through Saturday, September 11. After that, we will be open when there are events. **We need volunteers for the events after September 11!**

Please contact Larry Podolske at [podolske@yahoo.com](mailto:podolske@yahoo.com) or Ann Freudenthal at [annfreudenthal@gmail.com](mailto:annfreudenthal@gmail.com) if you can help.

Wednesday, September 15	Beer Garden. Music by Joe Wray Start popping at 5:45
Thursday, September 16	Music: Differentials 6:00 to 10:00 pm
Friday, September 17	Music: The Playlist Operation Rock the House 6:00 -9:00 pm
Wednesday, September 22	Beer Garden. Start popping at 5:45
Wednesday, September 29	Beer Garden. Music by The Biermen Start popping at 5:45
Wednesday, October 6	Beer Garden. Start popping at 5:45
Wednesday, October 13	Beer Garden. Start popping at 5:45



## Packer Raffle

By Ed Schlumpf



The Deadline is Here!

Sept. 1 is the deadline for turning in ALL money stubs for this year's Packer Raffle. Any unsold tickets MUST be turned in to team captains by that date for last minute distribution to those that may need extras. The drawing and tailgate party will once again be held at Village Bowl starting at 5:15 on Monday, Sept. 13.

As this is the club's biggest fundraiser each year, it is imperative that all 350 tickets be sold to earn maximum funds for our many youth-centered activities.

Questions? Call chairperson Ed Schlumpf at 262-617-4024.

## TriStar Soccer

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Tristar Soccer contest will be held on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, on the new MFHS Varsity Soccer Pitch from 6:00 to 7:30.

The signup sheet will be routed at the weekly morning meetings on September 1<sup>st</sup> and again on the 8<sup>th</sup>. If you can't make a meeting but want to volunteer, please call or email me. We need about a dozen volunteers for the registration tables, scorekeepers, goal kicks (radar gun) and cone dribbling drill. If you can't work a full shift, we're grateful for any time you can give us.



Please email me at [jerry.mislang@prodigy.net](mailto:jerry.mislang@prodigy.net) if you can help or call 262-352-2571 if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for any help you can give us.

## Bags Tournament and Meat Raffle

The bags tournament and meat raffle will be held on **Saturday, September 25**. Watch your email for additional information.



## Awards and Installation Banquet

By Dan Schwind

Date: 9/29/21  
Place: The Hot House Tavern  
Time: 5:30 pm Social  
Cost: \$25 per person  
RSVP: Money in by 9/22/21  
More to come in the coming weeks.



## Rain, Cold, Snow, Covid & ???—It Must Be Leaf-Raking Season!

By John Yusko



It seems hard to believe that Summer is winding down, but it's time to think about Autumn and...leaf raking!

### ***What are the benefits?***

This event generally results in a donation of \$1,500 - \$2,000 to the youth groups who volunteer to rake the yards of senior homeowners. Funds come from

donations from the homeowners and a matching donation from the Optimist Club. Seniors avoid backbreaking yard clean-up while the volunteers have fun and get rewarded!

### ***How does it work?***

Because our 2020 format was well-received by both our homeowners and leaf-raking groups (and created much less stress for the event chairs,) we will use the same approach in 2021. Here are the basics:

- Instead of a single date, leaf raking will happen over a two-week period starting November 6 and ending November 21.
- Volunteer groups will receive their assignments prior to November 6, but will have the option to complete the work when convenient for the group and the homeowner.
- The volunteer group leader will contact the homeowner no later than 24-48 hours prior to the scheduled date.
- The volunteer group leader will call us once the work is complete.
- Donations will be returned to the CE & Rec office by the group leader, or mailed directly from the homeowner.

### ***How can you help?***

While we didn't need them last year, we would like to have a group of Optimist members available to help with trucks or trailers to haul leaves to our drop-off point when necessary. If you have access to a pick-up truck or trailer and can be available during the leaf-raking period, please let us know so we can add you to the list. You will be able to coordinate available dates with the leaf-raking teams if and when they need help.

**Got leaves?**

And, if you are a senior homeowner and would like your yard raked, sign up by calling the CE & Rec Office at (262) 255-8460 by Friday, October 29. They will get you on the list to be contacted by one of the youth groups.

**Questions?**

Contact Jason Husslein (414-852-9634) or John Yusko (414-339-2637).

**Optimist Christmas Party**

***Are You Ready For The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year?***

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, presents under the tree, Ebenezer and Tiny Tim and the Optimist Club Christmas Party!

Please plan to join us at this year's party on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at North Hills Country Club. Price will be the same as our last party: \$37.50/person.

More info and sign-up sheets will be coming in November. We hope to see you there!



**----- Membership Dues -----**

*By Cathy Sharkey*



It is time to renew your membership in the Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls. Invoices will be emailed in August. Please pay your dues by September 15. If you decide that you will not be renewing your membership, please contact Cathy Sharkey at [csharkey224@yahoo.com](mailto:csharkey224@yahoo.com).

PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE WITH A CREDIT CARD!! Visit the club website here: <https://fallsoptimistclub.org/>. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the link that takes you to a secure pay site.

Remit checks to:

OPTIMIST CLUB OF MENOMONEE FALLS  
P.O. Box 671  
Menomonee Falls, WI 53052-0671

**\*\*CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

## ----- Optimist Meetings -----

*Photo by Jon Cline*



At our August 11 meeting we welcomed back former Distinguished Young Woman winner Kailee Doherty. She talked about her exciting experiences and opportunities at Belmont University.

## ---- Past Events ----

### Football Craz Raffle

*Larry Hebbring*

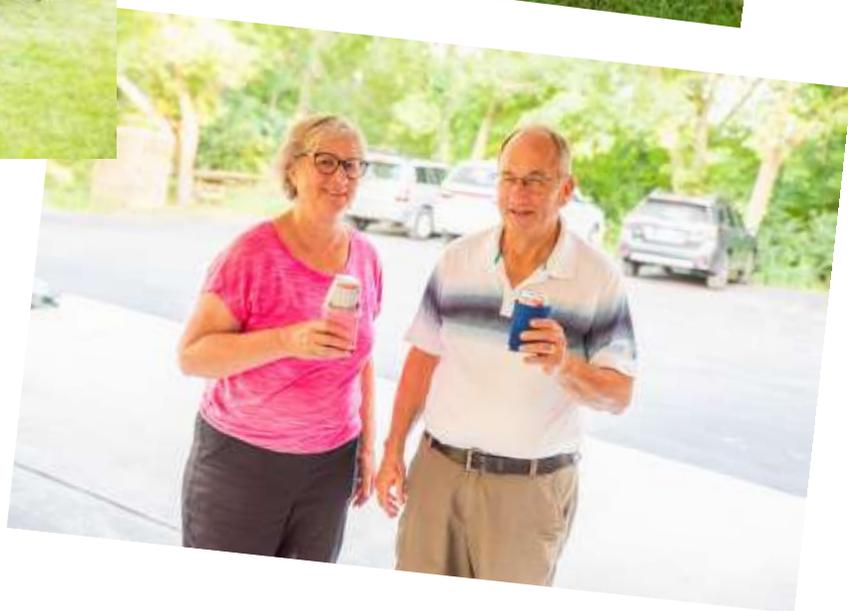


We had 200 tickets for the Football Craz Raffle and all 200 are sold. Thank you to all that helped in buying and selling tickets this year. This fund raiser not only helps our club but also helps the Swiss Districts area using part of the funds for their programs. Thanks again.

## Optimist Picnic

Thank you to Marcia Hebbring and her committee for organizing the picnic. And thank you to Dan Shepherd for hosting at Shepherd's Waters.





----- **September Birthdays** -----

- 1 Tony Bawiec
- 3 Bob Wenzel
- 14 Scott Dreier
- 15 John Yusko
- 18 Tom Walkner
- 20 Tim Newman
- 22 Lynette Shepherd
- 28 Ryan Duce



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



**August 11, 2004 (17 years ago)** – Despite unseasonable temperatures, 26 golfers compete in the Annual Club Outing at Wanaki. Mike Mytych, John Seymour and Ed Schlumpf wind up in an unprecedented tie for first place with net scores of 57. Sue Roskopf's 54 wins the Oscar Jeskewitz Memorial Trophy.

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

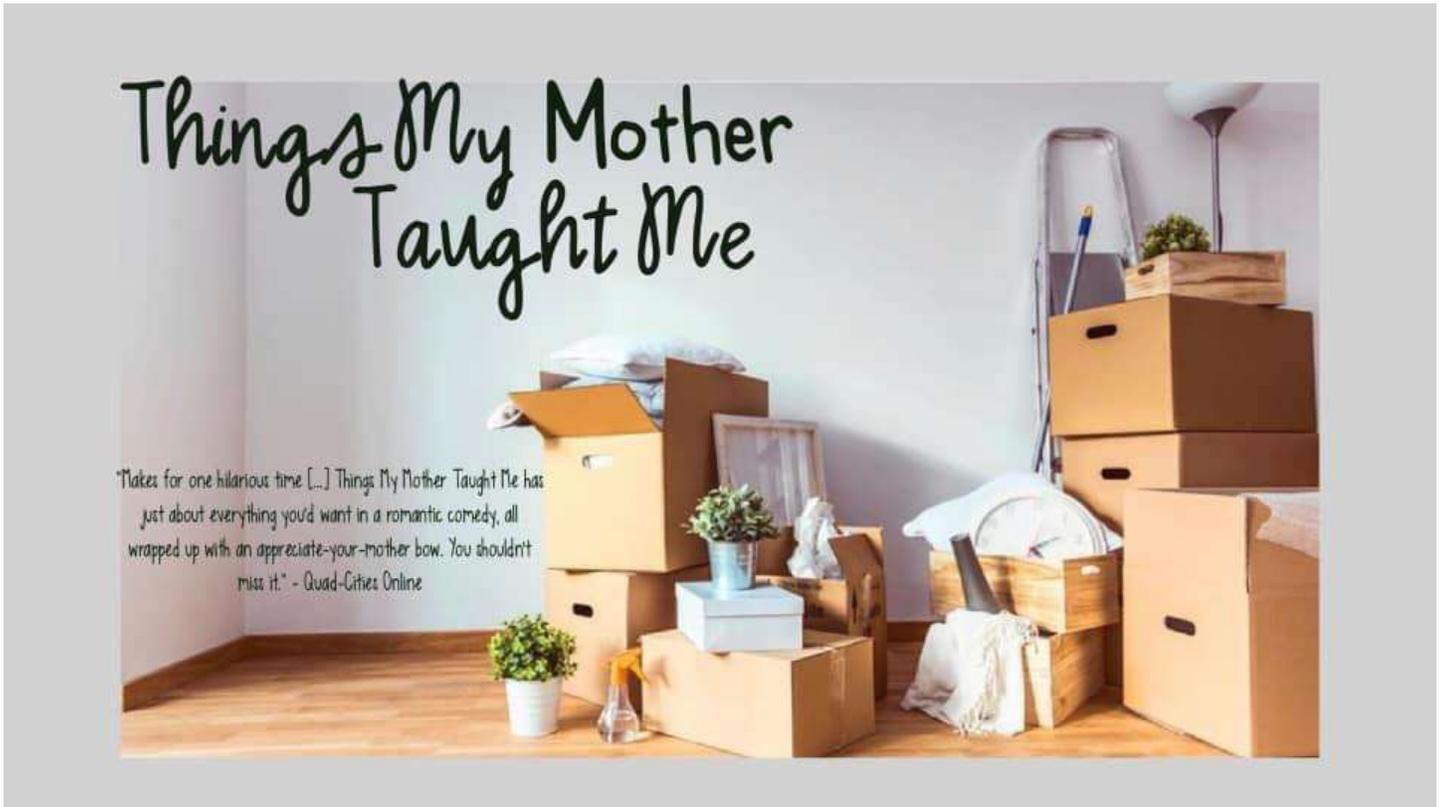
---- **How to Publish Optimist News** -----

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 - [csharkey224@yahoo.com](mailto:csharkey224@yahoo.com), [dmariscal@wi.rr.com](mailto:dmariscal@wi.rr.com), [llshep4ma@gmail.com](mailto:llshep4ma@gmail.com)
- WEBSITE** Beth Saunders - [bethjsaunders@gmail.com](mailto:bethjsaunders@gmail.com)

## Falls Patio Players 2021-2022 Season begins!



### ***Things My Mother Taught Me***

A heartwarming comedy about first love and family relationships  
Performances Sept 24, 25, 26, Oct 1, 2, 3, 2021