

Weekly Meeting Schedule

Submitted by Jerry Mislang

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

- Wed. Mar. 6** We'll be joined by the **MFHS Cheer team and coaches** as we celebrate their UCA National Championship at Disney world.
- Wed. Mar. 13** For the first time in school history the **MFHS Dance team** won the Division Two State Poms Championship! We're proud to have an opportunity to celebrate that accomplishment with them.
- Wed. Mar. 20** Always a crowd pleaser, we honor the NMS, MFHS and St. Mary **March Students of the Month**.
- Wed. Mar. 27** NO MEETING. The Community Center / Rec Department will be having maintenance and floor stripping that week and so our meeting is cancelled.

**** Do you have ideas for future guest speakers? Contact the speakers committee – Jerry Mislang, Jeanine Dederich, Beth Saunders, Larry Barbera. ****

President's Message



Happy March! Daylight Savings Time, St. Patrick's Day, the first day of Spring...and Easter all rolled into one month!

In case you missed it, here are a few things we accomplished in February...

- The February meat raffle at Sportz raised close to \$1,500. So far, the meat raffles have netted over \$14,000 for our club. Many thanks to the teams that put these events together!
- Deb Mattson and team organized a successful Distinguished Young Women program. Jessica Munoz is this year's Distinguished Young Woman.
- The Board approved donations totaling \$4,275, bringing our total donations for this fiscal year to \$8,400.
 - Falls Pride received \$1,000
 - Falls Angels received \$2,500
 - We approved \$150 for Kids Fest, \$500 for Memorial Fest, and \$125 for Movie Nights in Village Park
- We received recognition for our fund-raising and monetary contributions to the award-winning Village Park Phase II project. Check out the plaque in the Community Center display cabinet.

Here's what's coming up in March and April...

- Meat Raffle 1:00pm – 4:00pm
 - March 2 DJ's Goalpost
 - April 6 Players Pub
- Oratorical Contest
 - March 14th at the Community Center at 6pm
- JJ Memorial Happy Hour 4:00pm – 6:00pm
 - March 12 Wisconsin on Tap on Main Street

And...it's not too early to start thinking about our annual golf outing on May 15th. Line up your foursomes (or just sign up!) and consider donating prizes that can be raffled off during the event. See Todd Paulus for details.

Also, the Southern Wisconsin (SWIS) district of the Optimist Club, led by our club member and current Governor Diane Matuszak, is holding its conference at the Hilton Garden Inn on May 10th and 11th. Diane plans to honor our club as one of the largest, most successful clubs in the state and is hoping for a large contingent of club members to represent us. Additionally, Jerry Mislant will be officially introduced as governor-elect. Please plan to attend if you can.

If you are interested in helping with any of our events, please be sure to reach out to the committee chairperson or me. You'll make more out of your club membership, contribute to our community and probably have some fun!



President John

Volunteers Needed

- Thur. Mar. 14 Oratorical Contest. One tabulator needed. Contact Annie Jurczyk (annie.j@kw.com) or Mike Russell (michaeldrussell1988@gmail.com) See article below.
- Sat. May 11 Fishing derby. Contact Dustin Koehler at 262-370-9529 or Sue Carney at 608-509-3117. See article below.



Upcoming Events

Kids Fishing Contest

Submitted by Dustin Koehler

We have exciting news! Planning has begun for the 2024 Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls Kids Fishing Derby. The derby will take place the morning of **Saturday, May 11th** at the Mill Pond in downtown Menomonee Falls. The contest is free and is open to all boys and girls age three through 16 that reside or attend school in the Menomonee Falls area. All participants will receive a t-shirt and door prize. Trophies will be awarded to boys and girls in five age divisions for the longest fish and most fish caught during the contest.

Registration for the event will be from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the Mill Pond Shelter. During registration, each child will receive a t-shirt, fish recording log, and a ticket for a door prize. The fishing contest will be from 10:00 AM to Noon. At Noon, participants will want to hand-in their fish recording log to one of many volunteers that will be on site. Trophies will be awarded to contest winners shortly after Noon. Door prizes can be claimed at the registration table anytime between 10:00 AM and Noon.



The Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch will be selling food at the pavilion at the Mill Pond & Shelter from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Please bring your own fishing equipment. Only a limited supply of bait will be provided. Children under 11 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Those 16 years old and older must have a fishing license.

Over the years, sponsors and supporters of this event include the Menomonee Falls Police Department, the Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch, the Village of Menomonee Falls, RB Enterprises, Fleet Farm, Krueger's Entertainment Center, Cops and Kids Foundation, Sandy Spring Farm, Kwik Trip, Tru Turn, Menomonee Falls CE & Rec, The Falls Neighbors and the Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls.

If there are any questions, or if you would like to volunteer your time the morning of the derby, please contact Dustin Koehler at 262-370-9529 or Sue Carney at 608-509-3117.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the derby!



Oratorical and Essay Contests

Submitted by Mike Russell

Dear Optimist Club Members,

As we wind down the final items of 2024 Essay Contest and continue to prepare and move forward with the 2024 Optimist Oratorical Contest, we invite you to play a crucial role in making this event a success. Your involvement will contribute to the development of young voices and empower them to express their thoughts on creating a more optimistic world. If you have a passion for supporting youth and would like to be part of this inspiring event, please contact Annie Jurczyk (annie.j@kw.com) or Mike Russell (michaeldrussell1988@gmail.com). Your commitment will not only enrich the experience for participants but also uphold the spirit of optimism within our community.



2024 Optimist Oratorical Contest Topic: "How to Change the World with Optimism" We would like to Thank the following people for volunteering to serve as judges: **Clara Scheckel, Jim Weitzer, Dr. Carolyn Anderson, Jacqueline Rammer, Jonas Mack and Superintendent David Munoz.** Also, we would like to thank **Rema Kunnath** for volunteering as a Tabulator and **Jen Dedrick and one of our Newest Club members Alyson Dix** for volunteering as a Timekeepers. **We are still in need of one (1) more Tabulator for our Club Competition on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 6:00 pm,** hosted at the Menomonee Falls Community Center. If you would more information about the remaining volunteer position please reach out to Mike (michaeldrussell1988@gmail.com),

2024 Optimist Essay Contest Topic: "Optimism: How It Connects Us" We would like to Thank our 12 students for submitting their Essays for this year's Contest. This year's top winners are as follows: **1st Place: Jack Froelich, 2nd Place: Anirudh Warriar and 3rd Place: Alexis Anderson.** We would also like to once again Thank our Judges: **Ed Schlumpf, Kristen Stone and Jim Weitzer** without whom this event would not have been possible. Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a positive impact!



34 th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing

*Submitted by Todd Paulus
Golf Committee Chair*



The 34 th Annual Optimist Club Scholarship Golf outing will be held Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at Ironwood Golf Course in Sussex. The 18 hole scramble event will tee off at 11:00 am with a shotgun start. The cost this year is \$160 per golfer, which includes golf, cart, lunch, heavy hors d'oeuvres afterwards, driving range, putting green, mulligans, putting contest and all on-course events. We have reserved all 3 nine hole courses there so we need a minimum of 160 golfers. Last year we reached that number and were able to raise over \$15,000.00 for scholarships. We have earmarked \$22,000.00 in scholarships this year so this event is critical to help cover a good portion of those dollars we will give away to Seniors this year.

How can you help? There are many ways. First, you can put together a foursome to golf in this year's event. A great time is had by all that attend. If you don't golf, please promote the event to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or whoever you think may be interested in golfing. The event is on the Optimist Club Facebook page so please share the event to all your friends.

We will also need prizes to make the event a success. We need voice auction items, and silent auction items. We will also need 16 dozen of new golf balls to use for on-course events, bottles of booze for our booze baskets. Finally, if you want to help at the event, we are always looking for volunteers. Please reach out to me and let me know. Mark this date on your calendar. You will not want to miss it.

There are two golf outing pages at the end of this newsletter:

- A **golf outing flyer**. Please print it off and distribute to people who might be interested in golfing.
- A **general donation letter**. Many places you may frequent may be willing to help out our event. Please print it off and take it along and ask if they would be interested in supporting our club. Many donations help make the event successful.

Past Events

Distinguished Young Women

Submitted by Deb Mattson

Dear Optimists-

I'd like to thank you for all the help I was given to make the 60th Distinguished Young Women of Menomonee Falls program happen this year! This was the first year I flew "solo" as chairperson trying to put it all together – but that in no way means I didn't have many people – many of YOU – helping along the way.

Here are the names of the many volunteers (mostly Optimists!) that offered their time and talents to making it a wonderful production- (I hope I have not left anyone out, or spelled your name incorrectly):

Meg Sranske – DYW State chair

Joel Weidner- Judges' Chair

Barb Burja– Scholastic Judge's chair

Jackie Rammer – Be Your Best Self Essay Coordinator

Keri Duce – Judge, BYBS Essay

Dawn Mariscal – program book

Shannon Dederich - program ad solicitor
Vickie Dederich, Marcia Hebbring – Little Misses chair
Sumedha Adavi, Krystal Lee - Fitness choreographers

Practice Interview Preparation: Mitch Rea, 2024 DYW participants- Aashi Iyengar, Sumedha Adavi, Krystal Lee, and Erica Mork

Practice Interview Judges: Ed Schlumpf and Sandy Smalley

Program

Jason Husslein and Rec Dept Staff for facilities
Danny Shepherd – sound
Tom Matasek - lighting
Greg Mattson and Larry Hebbring – backstage volunteers
Kathy Ryczek-Ebner and Lynette Shepherd - assistance with participants backstage
Marcian Hebbring and Vickie Dederich – Little Miss chaperones
Ann Freudenthal – arranged the “front of the house” team
Jeanine Dederich, Joanne Wanner, Larry Podolske - sold tickets and programs
Kirsten Sperl and Linda Podolske – took tickets at the door
Chris Forsten and Falls Cable Access
Shannon Dederich– co-host
Aashi Iyengar – co-host
Steve Fleming, Kim Wenzel - Tabulators
President John Yusko - opening remarks
Lorie Marks, Niccole Becker - photography
Falls Pride members- baked goods and sold them in lobby

These are the FANTASTIC 4 participants from this year:

Arianna Marsack – Menomonee Falls High School
Jessica Munoz – Menomonee Falls High School
Dhriti Saravana Prakash – Menomonee Falls High School
Grace Tippett – Menomonee Falls High School



Cash Awards

I hope all of you in attendance were blown away by this participant's talent, she sang a Whitney Houston song- no small feat – and she won Talent – Jessica Munoz \$100

This participant should always introduce herself, as she is excellent at expressing her thoughts, as she won both Interview and Self Expression – Arianna Marsack \$200

And this candidate is very well rounded as she won Fitness, Scholastics, the coveted Spirit award (which is decided upon by her fellow participants) and wrote and won the Be Your Best Self Essay - Grace Tippett \$400

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Arianna Marsack – 1st Runner-Up \$1,000 scholarship from the Optimist Club (Letter)

Jessica Munoz - Distinguished Young Woman of Menomonee Falls for 2025: \$2500 scholarship from the Optimist Club (Letter) and a medallion.

JJ Memorial Happy Hour

Submitted by Joy Fricke



A fun time was had by everyone that was at the Knights of Columbus, on Tuesday, February 13. Falls club President John Yusko's first JJ commemorative happy hour, to toast our dear & departed friend, John Selland.

It was so nice to get together and talk with everyone.



Ann and Fred were the first to show up, but left before we remembered to take photos.

Our bartenders Mike and Brian



Optimist Meetings

Photos by Jon Cline

Optimist Club Recognized for Village Park Phase 2 Project



Tyler Zywagerman from the Village presented a plaque to our club from Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Association in recognition of our participation in the Village Park Phase 2 project.

L-to-R: Rick Kohl, Todd Paulus, Jeanine Dederich, Tyler Zywagerman, Dan Schwind, Larry Hebbing, and John Yusko. Cathy Hazzard, Don Eisenhauer and Larry Barbera were also on the committee.

Governor Diane Matuszak



Officials & Leadership class at MFHS



Students of the Month



Brenna Hutchinson (NMS), Addison (Addy) Stanek (St. Mary),
Carter Gibas (NMS), Erika Mork (MFHS), Brandi Albert (MFHS).

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Prepared by: Carol Schulteis

Date: February 20, 2024

Board members in attendance in person: Kim Wenzel, John Yusko, Mike Russell, Carol Schulteis, Clara Scheckel, Dustin Koehler, Linda Zylka, Laura Ciletti, Jeanine Dederich, Shannon Dederich.

Board members absent: Jerry Mislant, Barb Schmit

Purpose: Regular monthly meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 am.
2. Agenda and January meeting minutes. Linda moved to approve, Mike seconded. Motion carried.
3. Presentation of Donation Requests

- a. Falls Pride – Craig Amundson
 - i. The cost of different types of rewards for excellence in behavior is around \$5,000, requesting \$1,000. He also brought up that we could work at/help sponsor their block party if we wanted to.
- b. Falls Angels – Michelle Spaeth
 - i. Requesting \$3,175 for different equipment for 108 girls (9 teams).
- c. Kids Fest – Jeanine Dederich
 - i. Requesting \$775 (\$150 for Kids Fest, \$125 for Movie Nights, \$500 for Memorial Fest). Kids Fest give away would be a tote bag with logo and Movie Nights would be a T-shirt with logo.
- 4. Presentation of Budget Requests
 - a. Golf Outing – Todd Paulus
 - i. Expect profit of \$14,000 - \$20,000 depending on number of golfers
- 5. Activity Post-Budget Results
 - a. Meat Raffle at Sportz
 - i. John reported that after expenses, we made \$1,462.00
- 6. Treasurer’s Report-Kim Wenzel
 - a. Mike moved to approve, Laura seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Bank Five Nine Presentation re CDs – Gus Straub
 - i. Gus said as of today an 8 month CD would have about 5.3% interest.
- 7. Action on Donation Requests
 - a. Falls Pride
 - i. Linda made a motion to approve \$1,000, Mike seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Falls Angels
 - i. After some discussion, Shannon made a motion to approve \$2,500, Clara seconded. Motion carried.
 - c. Kids Fest
 - i. Linda made a motion to approve the \$775 requested, Shannon seconded. Motion carried.
- 8. Action on Budget Requests
 - a. Golf Outing
 - i. Mike made a motion to approve the budget, Laura seconded. Motion carried.
- 9. New Member Applications
 - a. Alyson Dix – Dustin Koehler
 - i. Linda made a motion to approve Alyson’s application, Dustin seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Riley Lutz
 - i. Kim made a motion to approve Riley’s application, Mike seconded. Motion carried.
- 10. Old Business
 - a. None.
- 11. New Business
 - a. Discuss CD Proposal

- i. There was discussion on the fact that we should make more interest on some of the money we have. Kim is going to research how much she thinks we can safely put into CD's and get back to us by the end of next week.



b. New Event Proposal – Greg Mattson

- i. Greg brought up the idea of having a Big Wheel Relay Race to raise money and awareness of the Optimist Club. He said he would need \$450 to cover the cost of buying a couple trikes and 4 helmets. He said he would be able to store them in his shed when not in use. Kim made a motion to approve the \$450, Laura seconded. Motion carried.

c. Canopy Policy

- i. It was proposed that there should be at least 72 hours notice to request the use of the canopy and also 72 hours to return it. Users will be required to sign the canopy out.
- ii. We intend to vote on the policy at the next meeting.

d. Reimbursement Policy

- i. It was proposed that any receipts for items bought should be turned in within 60 days to get reimbursed.
- ii. We intend to vote on the policy at the next meeting.

e. Payment for Attendance at Optimist International/SWIS District Events

- i. Shannon said we are the only club in the SWIS district not paying members for attending these events.
- ii. Some discussion was had on at least covering the local events.
- iii. Shannon committed to providing information about how some of the other clubs handle payment for expenses.

f. Optimist Club Foundation Update – Don Eisenhauer

- i. Don presented his letter of resignation as President of the Foundation.
- ii. The Optimist Club Board will need to appoint members to the Foundation Board.
- iii. The Foundation Board will need to elect new officers.

12. Other

a. Popcorn Wagon

- i. John is working with a number of members to have conversations with the Village about future options for the popcorn wagon.
- ii. We want to be able to be in a position to take advantage of any infrastructure work being done for the beer garden if it makes sense.

b. No Meeting on 3/27

- i. It is spring break and some work is going to be done at the Community Center which may include some fumes so it was decided not to have a meeting that week.

c. JOI payment

- i. Kim asked if we should just pay the \$120 for JOI dues and we decided we should.

13. Next Meeting: March 19, 2024 at 7am

14. Adjournment: Linda moved to adjourn, Laura seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45am.

A Bit of Club History

Submitted by Ed Schlumpf from the 50-Year History Book

Sept. 2002 - As a cap to his reign, outgoing president Tim Newman sponsors Randy Newman as a new member bringing to five the total number of Newmans on our roster. Tim surpasses his goal of adding 10 new members as Randy is the 15th to join this year.



March Birthdays

3/2	Jaspal Arora
3/2	Dick Woosencraft
3/20	Christine Fredrich
3/22	Ross Sharkey
3/23	Jim Foster
3/24	Tom Ciskoski
3/27	Wendysue Fluegge
3/27	Kirsten Sperl
3/29	Greg Mattson



How to Publish Optimist News and Events

There are multiple options for publishing Optimist news and events to 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 Barb Schmit **no later than the 28th of each month** - 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 or Dawn Mariscal
- csharkey224@yahoo.com, dmariscal@wi.rr.com,

WEBSITE John Yusko - jyusko505@twc.com

The Optimist Club of MENOMONEE FALLS

Serving Our Youth Since 1973



You're Invited to Participate in the 34th Annual Menomonee Falls "OPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING"

(All Proceeds to Benefit the Youth of Our Community)

Date: *Wed. May 15, 2024*

Location: **Ironwood Golf Course**
W270 N6166 Moraine Dr. Sussex, WI 53089 (on ~~County~~ 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!*

Tee Times: *Shotgun Start at 11:00 AM, Registration Starts at 9:30 AM*

Lunch: *Included in Fees. Begins at 9:30 AM*

Fees: **\$160 per person** *Includes 18 holes of golf, Free Range Balls, 4 Free Mulligans,
Free Entrance in Putting Contest, Cart, Beverage, Lunch,
Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
(Hors d'oeuvres only \$40)*

Social Hour: *3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
Hors d'oeuvres & Awards to follow the conclusion of golf. Raffle prizes to be
posted after golf*

- - - - - **Register Below (Please return by May 8, 2024)** - - - - -

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
Cell:414-719-0009 Wk: 414-362-3715 or email

tpaulus@wi.rr.com

The Optimist Club of
MENOMONEE FALLS
Serving Our Youth Since 1973



February, 2024

Dear Neighbor,

The Menomonee Falls Optimist Club will be holding its 33rd annual Scholarship Golf Outing on May 15, 2024 at Ironwood Golf Course in Sussex, WI. Proceeds from this event are used to fund scholarships for our local high school seniors.

Because of the continued support of organizations like yours, we raised over \$15,000 in 2023 and awarded scholarships totaling \$22,000 in 2023. We have again committed \$22,000 of scholarships for the 2024 graduating class and our goal is to raise \$17,000 at this year's outing.

There are 3 ways you can help our outing be successful:

1. **Golfing**- You can register to golf in our event as an individual player or with a foursome. This year's price is \$160/person. The price includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and prizes. See our Facebook page or website for details.
2. **Sponsorships** – Sponsor a hole for \$100; sponsor a keg of beer for \$300; or sponsor the golf carts for \$500. Your company's name will be visible to all golfers and guests!
3. **Donation** – You can donate an item to our event to be used in our raffles or auctions.

I am writing to you to request your consideration of donating a prize for our event. To make this event successful, we need door prizes, hole prizes, and voice auction items.

Why donate?

- Your organization's name and generosity will be exposed to over 150 golfers, volunteers, and other attendees throughout the event.
- If you choose to donate a gift card/certificate, the winner will be motivated to visit your business and will likely spend more than the value of the gift—and you may gain a repeat customer!
- You can feel good about contributing to the success of a local organization that focuses on the youth in the Menomonee Falls community.

If you would like to assist our event this year with a donation, I can pick it up or it can be sent to:

Todd Paulus
W169 N8757 Sheridan Dr.
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Without continued support of businesses like yours, our event would not be able to flourish like it has in the past. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Todd Paulus
Scholarship Golf Committee Chair
414-719-0009
tpaulus@wi.rr.com

FALLS PATIO PLAYERS PRESENTS:



Music by
HARRY WARREN

Lyrics by
AL DUBIN

FRIDAY + SATURDAY EVENINGS
at 7:30pm:

APR 19, 20, 26, & 27
2024

SUNDAY MATINEES
at 2:00pm:

APR 21 & 28
2024

North Middle School Auditorium
N88W16750 Garfield Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI

\$22 **\$18**
Adults Seniors/Students



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