



The Optimizer

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Menomonee Falls Optimist Club

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Weekly Meeting Schedule

Submitted by Jerry Mislang

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

- Wed. Nov. 1** We're proud to welcome **Cub Scout Pack 109** who will be presenting a new flag to the Community Center.
- Wed. Nov. 8** We've invited two **MFHS WIAA Playoff teams, Girls' Volleyball and Football** and their coached to recap their exciting seasons.
- Wed. Nov. 15** Mark your calendars for this Wednesday as we honor the November **Students of the Month**.
- Wed. Nov. 22** The day before we get 'stuffed', we're pleased to welcome the **Falls Patio Players** as they give us a sneak preview of their annual Christmas Holiday Show.
- Wed. Nov. 29** Always one of most informative meetings of the year, the annual presentation by **Menomonee Falls Director of Community Development Matt Carran** will cover all the new, current and 'hints' of proposed projects in our Village.

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

President's Letter



In case you missed it, here are some of the small things we've got going on...

- October Donations
 - \$700 to Super Servos, a robotic competition club
 - \$3,000 to Falls Patio Players
 - \$2,800 to the Ben Franklin Resource Room

- October Budget Approvals
 - \$500 for the Christmas Parade
 - \$2,000 for the Holiday Drop N Shop
- Fund-raisers
 - Meat Raffles
 - September 16 raised \$1,969
 - October 7 raised just shy of \$3,000
 - Congratulations to the key contributors (Marcia, Shannon, Megan, Angie, Greg...) and all others who worked hard to make these events a success
- Financial summary
 - We are starting the 2023-2024 fiscal year in good financial shape
 - We anticipate being able to continue to meet our commitments to various youth organizations, scholarship funds, and our last payment to support Village Park
 - If you have questions about financial details, please contact our Treasurer, Kim Wenzel

And...here's what's coming up in November & December...

- 50th Anniversary Celebration
 - November 4, 4:00 pm
 - Hot House Tavern
- Gobble Wobble/Meat Raffle
 - November 4, 1:00pm – 4:00pm
 - American Legion Post 382
- Leaf-raking
 - November 4th through 19th
- Christmas Parade
 - November 26, 4:00pm – 7:00pm
 - Main Street & Appleton Avenue
- Holiday Drop-n-Shop
 - December 2, 10:00am – 2:00pm
 - Menomonee Falls Community Center
- Meat Raffle
 - December 2, 1:00pm – 4:00pm
 - Players Pub
- Member Christmas Party
 - December 6, 6:00pm – 10:00pm
 - Delta Hotel, N88W14750 Main Street

If you are interested in helping with any of our events, please be sure to reach out to the committee chairperson or me.
The more you are involved, the bigger the difference you make...and the more fun you'll have!

Happy Thanksgiving!

President John

Volunteers Needed

- Sunday, Nov. 26 Christmas Parade. See article below.
- Saturday, Dec. 2 Drop and Shop. Volunteer meeting on Wed. Nov. 8. See article below.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Party

Submitted by Carol Schulteis

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 6th at the Delta Hotel N88 W14750 Main St in the Falls**. Cocktails at 6:00, dinner at 7:00pm. The price will be \$40/person which includes entertainment and a sit-down dinner of either Chicken Marsala, Herb Crusted Tilapia, or a vegetarian meal of Stuffed Portabello.

You can sign-up/pay at the meetings, pay online, or mail a check to Carol Schulteis at W140 N10870 Country Aire Dr, Germantown 53022. If you pay online, please email me your food choice at carolschulteis@twc.com.

We hope to see you there!

Meat Raffle

Submitted by Marcia Hebbring

FYI to all. The series of scheduled Meat Raffles began in September with a bags tournament/meat raffle at the KC Hall. I am happy to report that we netted just shy of \$2000.00. The second meat raffle was in October at Henny's Dug Out in Lannon. We netted just shy of \$3000.00 to the club.

We have 7 more scheduled Meat Raffles the first Saturday of each month, November thru May. Please feel free to stop in an experience a wonderful time and a great fund-raising atmosphere. Our next stop is the **American Legion on Saturday, November 4th, 1-4pm**. This is our Gobble Wobble Meat Raffle and, in the past, it has been our most successful and fun one. We hope to continue the tradition. Our club is committing \$2800.00 to the Resource Room at Ben Franklin School out of this Meat Raffle. Please help in any way you can by stopping by the American Legion and participating in some of the raffles. The proceeds will allow us to purchase necessary warm clothing and accessories for our kids that are in need. We have high expectations and are optimistic that we'll achieve them. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Marcia Hebbring at mrchebbring@aol.com.



Christmas Parade

Submitted by Larry Hebbring

Menomonee Falls Christmas Parade organized by the Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls is scheduled for Sunday November 26th at 4:30. The 26th is the Sunday after Thanksgiving and a great way to end the Holiday weekend and start the Christmas Season.

The Club will be looking for volunteers to help in the running of the parade. You can Marshall, help with line-up or help with the float preparation. Each duty is easy and fun. Marshalls walk the parade route; help keep the parade moving and keep kids out of the street safe. Terry Fitzsimmons will be organizing the Marshalls and placing volunteers at positions on the route.



Line-up people will meet at the corner of Harrison and Park 3:00 and be assigned to a street to make sure the units are in the correct position and ready to go by 4:30 when the parade starts.

People are also needed to help in organizing the Optimist float and passing out candy along the route. Ideas are welcome.

You can sign up at our weekly meetings or contact Larry Hebbring at 414-899-5807 or by email at larryh@starpromo.net.

Drop and Shop

Submitted by Dawn Mariscal

The 13th Annual Optimist Club Parent Holiday Drop & Shop is held on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 10 am – 2 pm. This event is FREE for children between the ages of 3 – 10 to attend and held at the Community Education & Recreation Department. Parents drop off their children to take advantage of time to get holiday tasks done like shopping, wrapping presents, baking cookies or just need time to themselves. We entertain the children with making crafts, visiting with Santa Claus, challenging themselves to the I Spy room, watching holiday movies, participating in the Young Rembrandts drawing program, hands on demonstrations by the Art Guild of Menomonee Falls and burning off some energy with the obstacle course in the gym. This event takes lots of volunteers to help make it successful. If you are new to the club and are looking for a fun way to spend some time with other club members then contact Dawn Mariscal at dmariscal@wi.rr.com or phone/text (262)442-4952.

Any interested in helping there will be an Event Informational Meeting on Wednesday, November 8th @ 6:30 pm in the downstairs bar at the American Legion Post 382 (N88W16652 Main St). If you are unable to attend the meeting but still interested in helping please contact Dawn Mariscal at dmariscal@wi.rr.com.



Past Events

Raffle winner picks a winning game to see!

Submitted by Tom Ciskoski

Cori Gonyer from the Falls and an art teacher in the Falls was the Grand Prize winner of the 27th Annual Packer Raffle held September 11 at Village Bowl in the Falls. She chose the Vikings game on October 29th to attend. Hopefully we can get her in to speak to us after her adventure with 7 of her friends and family!

Second prize of \$1,000 went to our Optimist member Cathy Hazzard. Third place money of \$600 was earned by Jeannine Matuszak and third prize of \$400 went to one of my favorite bartenders at Pepino's Joette Riehl.

Our \$250 winners were from all over the place and include winners from Waukesha, Milwaukee, Grafton, Hartland, Brookfield, Elkhorn, Iron Ridge and of course a handful from the Falls.

With a net profit of over \$21,000, the club earned more than \$20,000 for the 12th consecutive year, helping us captain meet the goal to raise over \$20,000 on this large fundraiser!

A word of thanks goes out to all club members who sold or bought tickets and to those helping out the night of the drawing. Also special thanks to **Rog Roger of State Farm, Terry Marcou of Schmidt & Bartelt Funeral Services, and Carl Trapp** for their donations to cover the printing of the tickets the liquor basket and beer, **Burton Brody of Players Pub** who donated a \$250 gift card for the winners to use for their refreshments in the limo and tailgate party, **Barry Landowski of Minute Man Press** for the printing of the flyers, **Golden Mast, Nonn's Flooring and Cousins Subs** for their gift card donations, and of course my wife **Kathy** for creating the flyers and putting up with me throughout this event!

Once again, this event could not have happened without the **Team captains – Dan Schwind, Tim Newman, Jerry Mislang, Donna Bosch, Terry Fitzsimmons, Chad DeLuka, Herb Gross, Carl Trapp Sr. Del Kreuser, Ed Schlumpf, Larry Hebbring, Marcia Hebbring, Shannon Diedrich, Debbie and Lenny Kimmel and Mary Schlumpf.**

Finally, thanks to longtime member Bob Ehmke, who started this event in 1997. Over the 27 years of its existence, it has raised nearly 1/2 million dollars (\$500,000) for the youth of our community!

My first year is in the books and I actually think I will run this event again next year! With such a strong team behind me, why not! If you have any suggestion to make the event better please feel free to bring them to me.



SWIS District Conference – Oct. 6 and 7

Submitted by Joy Fricke

Joy Fricke attended the first quarter conference meeting in Deforest Wisconsin, Oct 6 & 7th, where Diane L. Matuszak, current Falls Optimist member, and Sussex/Lisbon/Lannon/Butler member & past president, was welcomed as the governor for our Swiss district. Diane will be governing over 54 clubs in the state, and plans to go to meetings at all of them, during this year.

Diane introduced her family, and told us a little about herself and her time with the New York police department, working as a detective, and working on 9-11. Diane helped look for survivors in her capacity as a New York City Detective. I remember praying all day for our country and the world as we know it, after this tragic event.

We had 2 FUN filled days, with great speakers and good food. We heard from Alfonso Morales, former chief of police of Milwaukee, and now chief of police for Fitchburg, Wisconsin. We also had a riveting talk from a behavioral analyst, Bruce Jacobs, finding out how you can tell when someone is deceiving you, or lying, through body gestures, voice changes, and behaviors. It was truly awesome. I wish I had known some of this information about catching people in lies, years and years ago.

Diane's term is going to include respect for law and 30 year anniversary of the Swiss district. Truly an honor to have Diane L. Matuszak as the governor for the Swiss district.

There was a lot of optimism all around and I met some really wonderful people from all over our state, and beyond. This was the first conference I had ever been to, and thoroughly enjoyed it. Diane made it an unforgettable event!

Optimistically yours, Joy Fricke



Optimist Meetings

Tristar Soccer



Students of the Month



MFHS: Ari Marsack, Jayanth Suthan
St Mary: Natalie Nolan
North Middle School: Alana Bonnett, Reagan Ester

New Member Induction



Kim Wenzel (sponsor), **Amanda Klopfenstein** (new member), **David Munoz** (new member), **Carla Wendelburger**. (new member), Annie Jurczyk (sponsor)

Waukesha County Exec Paul Farrow



MF School Superintendent David Munoz



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Prepared by: Carol Schulteis

Date: October 17, 2023

Board members in attendance: Jerry Mislant, Kim Wenzel, John Yusko, Mike Russell, Carol Schulteis, Jeanine Dederich, Laura Ciletti, Clara Scheckel, Dustin Koehler, Linda Zylka, Barb Schmit

Board members absent: Shannon Dederich

Purpose: Regular monthly meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 am.
2. The meeting agenda was approved by Barb, Linda seconded. Motion carried.
3. The September meeting minutes were amended to add Laura Ciletti as attending and approved by Barb, seconded by Mike. Motion carried.
4. Donation Requests
 - a. Super Servos Robotics—Isaiah Trice and team members
 - i. Team has scrimmages and competitions
 - ii. Request is for a contribution of \$1,500 to help cover the expenses for the seven members.
 - b. Falls Patio Players—Laura Ciletti
 - i. Donation request for kids' summer camp and other plays
5. Presentation of Event Budgets

- a. Christmas Parade – Larry Hebbring
 - i. Submitted a budget for \$500
 - b. Drop N Shop – Dawn Mariscal
 - i. A budget was submitted asking for \$2,000
6. Post Budget Results
- a. September & October Meat Raffle/Bags Tournament – Marcia Hebbring
 - i. A net profit of \$1,969 was made at the KC bags/meat raffle
 - ii. A net profit of \$2,997 was made at Henny’s meat raffle
 - b. Marcia made a budget request of \$2800 or under, if less is made at the upcoming Gobble Wobble meat raffle, to go to the Resource room. She would like to purchase the items needed and present those to Michelle Olson of the Resource room out of the \$2800.
 - c. Tri-Star Soccer – Jerry Mislant
 - i. \$358 was spent, under the \$404 requested.
 - d. Installation Dinner – John Yusko
 - i. \$131 was spent, over the \$19 income expected.



- 7. Treasurer’s Report—Kim Wenzel
 - a. Jerry moved to approve the Treasurer’s report as stated, Mike seconded. Motion carried.
- 8. Action on Donation Requests
 - a. Super Servos
 - i. Jerry moved to consider a donation; Linda seconded. Motion carried.
 - ii. After discussion, Jerry moved to approve a donation of \$700, seconded by Mike. Motion carried.
 - b. Patio Players
 - i. Jerry moved to approve a donation of \$3,000; Barb seconded. Motion carried.
- 9. Action on Budget Approvals
 - a. Christmas Parade
 - i. Kim moved to approve the \$500 budget as presented. Linda seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Drop N Shop
 - i. Barb moved to approve the \$2,000 budget as presented, seconded by Mike. Motion carried.
 - c. Resource Room
 - i. After discussion, it was decided to donate the full \$2800 to the Resource room regardless of whether that much was made at the Gobble Wobble. Motion to approve this request as amended was made by Linda, seconded by Carol. Motion carried.
- 10. New Member Applications
 - i. Linda moved to approve Amanda Klopfenstein as a member, Laura seconded. Motion carried.
- 11. Old Business
 - a. Website – John reported that nothing had been done so he restarted the process and was looking for help.
 - b. Nathan Russell was invited to represent the new Marquette club but did not attend.
- 12. New Business
 - a. Annual Budget – John and Kim presented an annual budget and asked board members to review the budget.

- b. Tent – we agreed that a tent might be a good idea. Linda agreed to get some estimates.
 - c. Committees – John asked for people to identify committees we may need and to consider participating.
 - d. Background checks – we had a short discussion about the need for background checks. We agreed to table until a future meeting.
 - e. By-law Review – we intend to review the by-laws at the December board meeting. Please provide input on changes to the rest of the board before the meeting.
13. Next Meeting: November 21, 2023 at 7am
14. Adjournment: Kim moved to adjourn, Mike seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45am.

November Birthdays

- 11/6 Michael Fisher
- 11/7 Eileen Weins
- 11/9 Laurie Pollpeter
- 11/10 Tina Polk
- 11/12 Rick Kohl
- 11/13 Bob Schneider
- 11/19 Paul Lindemann
- 11/19 Beth Saunders
- 11/20 Marcia Hebbring
- 11/23 Angie Bielejeski
- 11/24 Greg Goss
- 11/28 Shannon Dederich



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** Beth Saunders - bethjsaunders@gmail.com

FALLS PATIO PLAYERS PRESENTS:



Christmas Carol

An Original Musical Play by
Carol Klose & Jack C. Strawbridge

Based on Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"

DEC 1, 2, 3

FRI: 7:00pm
SAT: 3:00 & 7:00pm
SUN: 1:00 & 4:00pm

\$13
Adults/Seniors

\$10
Students

North Middle School Auditorium
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