



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. May 1** We'll meet new **Head Coach Scott Eldredge and the MFHS Softball Team** as they start the second half of their season and begin to get ready for the playoffs.
- Wed. May 8** The **MFHS Robotics Team** will come in and fill us in on their exciting competitions, funded in part by our club.
- Wed. May 15** **NO MEETING** because we'll all be enjoying the beautiful weather and camaraderie at the annual **Optimist Scholarship Golf Outing** at Ironwood Golf Course.
- Wed. May 22** Last meeting of this school year where we honor the students, teachers, and administrators at our **Students of the Month** meeting!
- Wed. May 29** For the first time in school history, the **St Mary's Boys' Basketball Team** won the prestigious Sierra Padre Basketball tournament. We'll hear from the players and coaches as they talk about their undefeated season. Also, **MFHS track star and Air Force Academy Appointee Charley Brinks** will join us.

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



President's Message

"Be mindful. Be grateful. Be positive. Be true. Be kind."

— Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart

Welcome to May! Our Club schedule is starting to fill up with activities as we start bringing in the nice weather. From the Fishing Derby to Tri-Star Baseball, the Golf Outing to the Popcorn Wagon, it seems like summer is finally making its way to Wisconsin.

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

- The April meat raffle at Player's Pub raised over \$1,200. Great weather probably kept a few people outside, but we are still doing well with the meat raffles, which have so far netted over \$17,000 for our club—and we still have one more scheduled. Many thanks to the teams that put these events together!
- The Board approved a donation of \$3,000 to the Menomonee Falls Parade Committee to help put on the Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Christmas Parades. The club receives funds from the Parade Committee to help pay for the parades.
- And, to avoid questions and confusion, the Board approved a policy that allows members who attend SWIS District conferences to be reimbursed for any fees.

Here's what's coming up in May and June...

- Board of Directors Election
 - May 1st at our regular Wednesday meeting
 - You must be present to vote
- SWIS District Conference
 - May 10th and 11th at Hilton Garden Inn at Park Place
 - Our club will be featured at the afternoon session on May 11th
 - Attendees will be invited to gather at DJ's Goalpost after the session ends around 5
- Fishing Derby 9:00am-1:00pm
 - May 11th Mill Pond
- Meat Raffle 1:00pm – 4:00pm
 - May 11 Water Street Pub
- JJ Memorial Happy Hour 4:00pm – 6:00pm
 - May 14th DJ's Goalpost on Appleton Avenue
- Scholarship Golf Outing
 - May 15th Ironwood Golf Course
- Popcorn Wagon
 - Will be opening for the first Movie Night on May 17th at Village Park and will again be at Memorial Fest!
- Tri-Star Baseball noon-4
 - June 1st Little League complex on Mill Road
- Triker Fest 6:30pm -9:00pm
 - June 4th Village Park

Please consider volunteering to help at one or more of our events. You'll make more out of your club membership, contribute to our community and probably have some fun!

President John

Upcoming Events

34th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing

*Submitted by Todd Paulus
Golf Committee Chair*



The 34th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing is almost upon us. The event will take place on **Wednesday May 15, 2024 at Ironwood Golf Course in Sussex, WI**. The event is shaping up to be another great golf outing for our club. We have earmarked \$22000.00 in scholarship for High School seniors this year, so the success of this event is crucial. We are only weeks away but still need a lot of help from everyone. We are set with volunteers for the day. We need more golfers. We need to get to 160 golfers in order to secure all 3 courses at Ironwood.

Please promote the event to family, friends, neighbors, or co-workers. Remember, you do not have to be a member to golf that day. We still can use more prizes, from Opportunity Basket items to Silent Auction items to Voice Auction items. We will find a way to use it at the event. If you frequent a business often, please ask if they would be interested in supporting our cause. We only know by asking. We also need boxes of dozen golf balls and liquor bottles that we use for the outing. We use the balls as hole event prizes and put the liquor bottles together for a voice auction item. We can always use more hole sponsors. For a \$100 donation, we display a sign by the putting green with a business name on it to show their support for our event. Our goal every year is to have items donated so any money received goes straight to the bottom line of our event. We are nearing the finish line but still need help. Please let me know if you can help in anyway. Prizes, golf balls, and bottle of booze can be brought to any of the upcoming meetings, or if you cannot make a meeting, please contact Todd Paulus (Cell #414-719-0009) to make arrangements to have your item picked up. Thanks for everyone help in making this event a success. This is not possible without everyone's help.

Scholarship Outing Auction Items

The 34th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing is shaping up to be another great event. We have many exciting items up for grabs that day from Opportunity Basket Raffles to Live Voice Auction items. I wanted to highlight two of our bigger auction items for everyone.



- First off, we have a **M-18 Fuel Milwaukee 2-Tool Combo Kit donated by Milwaukee Tool**. See below. This is a great addition to any home, whether a handyman/handywoman exists there or not.
- Secondly, we have a **set of 4 tickets for the Brewers vs. San Francisco Giants along with a Preferred Parking Pass**. Cheer on the brewers and Murphy's Monsters (Craig who?) down the stretch as they vie to clinch another playoff berth while sitting in the front row, only 5 seats down from the Brewers dugout in right field. If you have lisle kids or grandkids, these are great seats to try to secure a ball during the game.

Very safe, as the net will protect you and your guests while enjoying the game.

If you are not able to be there that day, and would like to bid on these great items, please reach out to Todd Paulus (cell #414-719-0009 or email tpaulus@ritehite.com) and advise which item(s) you are interested in and what your top bids is for each item. He will make sure to bid for you and if you are the successful bidder, he will reach out to you and make arrangements to get the item to you and get payment for your bid.

SKU: 2897-22 Each UPC: 045242353666

M18 FUEL™ 2-Tool Combo Kit



~~Value \$579~~

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Includes

- (2) Belt Clip
- (2) Bit Holder
- (1) Side Handle
- (1) Carrying Case
- (1) M18 FUEL™ 1/2" Hammer Drill/Driver (2704-20)
- (1) M18 FUEL™ 1/4" Hex Impact Driver (2753-20)
- (2) M18™ REDLITHIUM™ XC5.0 Extended Capacity Battery Pack (48-11-1850)
- (1) M18™ & M12™ Multi-Voltage Charger (48-59-1812)



MILWAUKEE BREWERS TICKETS!!!

**v. SAN FRANCISCO
GIANTS**

Wednesday, August 28; 7:10 p.m.

**Four (4) Front-Row Seats—Includes
Preferred Parking Pass
(First-Base Side)**

Kids Fishing Contest

Submitted by Dustin Koehler

The 2024 Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls Kids Fishing 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!

See flyer at the end of this newsletter.



Triker Fest

Submitted by Dawn Mariscal

The Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls along with American Legion Post 382 is hosting its first ever Falls Triker Fest on Tuesday, June 4th at Village Park. Events activities will begin @ 6 pm. Eight teams will be participating in head-to-head races along the Village Park pathway for a chance to make history and become the first ever Falls Triker Fest Champion. The community is encouraged to attend and cheer on the teams racing around the park on adult razor trikes.

The Village Park Beer Garden will open a day early for this event. In addition, American Legion Post 382 will be selling brats and hot dogs, and the Optimist Club Popcorn Wagon will be open. The committee working on planning this event has a few other surprises up its sleeves.

We extend a sincere appreciation to **Emery's for their sponsorship of the helmets** and **Hanson Soft Water for their sponsorship of the event koozies**.

If you are interested in helping with being a course marshal, please contact club members Shannon Dederich (shannon.dederich@gmail.com) or Dawn Mariscal (dmariscal@wi.rr.com) to get on the volunteer list. There will be an Event Meeting for all team captains and volunteers on Tuesday, May 28th @ 6 pm at the American Legion Post 382 (N88W16652 Main St). Hope to see you at Falls Triker Fest 2024!!!

See flyer at the end of this newsletter.



Past Events

Oratorical Contest Zone Competition

Submitted by Annie Jurczyk

The Oratorical Contest Zone Competition, held at the Menomonee Falls Library on April 9th, was a stirring showcase of youth empowerment and optimism. Students from various Optimist Clubs, including Lake Country, Sussex-Lisbon-Lannon-Butler, Mukwonago, and our own, gathered to deliver powerful speeches on the theme "How to Change the World with Optimism."

The venue provided a fitting setting for the event, fostering an atmosphere of attentiveness and engagement as each contestant gave their speech. From poignant personal anecdotes to insightful solutions for global challenges, the speeches were both inspiring and thought-provoking.

After a riveting display of oratorical skill, Madeline Rowe from Menomonee Falls emerged as the first-place winner, captivating the audience with her sincerity and vision for a brighter future. Kayli Abbott from Mukwonago secured the second-place position, impressing judges and spectators alike with her compelling delivery and innovative ideas. Both ladies will move on to the SWIS District Competition on May 11th. If you are attending, please cheer them on!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the participants, volunteers, and supporters who made this event possible. Together, we celebrate the triumph of youth voices and look forward to witnessing the impact they will undoubtedly make as they continue to spread optimism and inspire change.

(This article was created with the help from CHATGPT 😊)



Participants in the April 9th Zone Oratorical Competition:
Sruthi Warriar, Rayyan Zia, Aashi Iyengar, Madeline Rowe, Emma Manion, Aurora Webb



The essay Contest winners read their winning essays at the April 10th Club meeting. First-place winner Jack Froelich and his parents and fourth-place winner Ewa Klos and her parents are pictured.

Meat Raffle



Optimist Meetings

Photos by Jon Cline

Do the Right Thing

The John Weaver “Do the right thing “ recipients and their nominating teachers were as follows;

Riverside school:

Bella Dewan-Erickson grade 4 by Melissa Jablonicky
Haddie Graziano grade 4 by Melissa Halleen
Giana Gemignani grade 5 by Kara Baker.

Valley View:

Hieu Le grade 5 by Kristine Seston
Havana Miller grade 5 by Sarah Kubricky
Leonce Allen grade 3 by Amy Cline
Aubrey Rivers grade 5 by Sami Schroeder

North Middle School:

Logan Albright grade 7 by Patrick Mulvey
Oscar Garcia grade 8 by Sophia Waychik
Sasha’s Mahajan grade 7 by Julie Poetzel.



Congratulations to all of you! Special thanks to Deb Mattson for distributing the materials on “Doing the right things”

Your co-chairs,
Jim Weitzer
Rick Kohl



Patio Players



A Bit of Club History

Submitted by Ed Schlumpf from the 50-Year History Book

Feb.27, 2002 - Thirty-two Optimists joined members from 15 other local service organizations for an evening of fellowship at the annual Brotherhood/Sisterhood Program held at Davians. The event featured Bo Black as the keynote speaker.



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Prepared by: Carol Schulteis

Date: April 16, 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, Jerry Mislant, Barb Schmit, Shannon Dederich.

Board members absent: none

Purpose: Regular monthly meeting



1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 am.
2. Kim moved to approve the agenda and March minutes; Mike seconded. Motion carried.
3. Presentation of Donation Requests
 - a. Old Falls Village
 - i. We were given an Event Sponsorship Opportunities form with different events on it we could donate to.
 - b. Parade Committee – Larry Hebring
 - i. Larry is asking for \$3,000.00 for all 3 parades, up \$1,000 from last year. His reasoning is that there are less groups in the parades now.
4. Budget Requests
 - a. Triker-Fest 2024 – Greg Mattson
 - i. Greg presented a budget with total projected expenses of \$826, with an approximate total income of \$74 for the first event. Triker Fest is a combined effort with the American Legion.
 - b. July 3 Parade – Larry Hebring
 - i. Larry presented a budget with income of \$18,000.00 and projected expenses of approximately \$17,500.
5. Activity Post-Budget Results
 - a. April Meat Raffle at Players
 - i. Final numbers are still to come, but approximately \$1,262.00 was made.
 - b. Distinguished Young Women – Deb Mattson
 - i. Deb reported that it cost the club \$6,466.73 to put this on, including the scholarships. There were only 4 participants. Some discussion was had that we should look into this more next year because this was a lot of money spent to benefit only 4 girls.
6. Treasurer’s Report-Kim Wenzel
 - a. Kim reported that the Club has approximately \$55,000 on hand. The treasurer's report will be approved next month along with April’s because Kim did not have time to present one this month.
 - b. Update on OI/CDs
 - i. Kim stated that all the club’s money is now out of OI and the account is closed. She will begin staggering CD’s with that money this week.
 - c. Debit Card update

- i. Kim suggested that there should probably be a policy on who can use the debit card and when. Right now Healy and Google are regular users and have it on file. More discussion is needed on this so it was tabled.
 - 7. Action on Donation Requests
 - a. Old Falls Village
 - i. This is tabled until Jerry can follow up on how we donated to the Halloween event in the past and if they want us to now use this form for the Halloween event donation.
 - b. Parade Committee
 - i. Linda made a motion to approve \$3,000 for all 3 parades, Kim seconded. Motion carried with all but Jerry approving.
 - 8. Action on Budget Approvals
 - a. Triker Fest
 - i. Kim made a motion to approve the budget as presented, Clara seconded. Motion carried. Jerry brought up the fact that expenses really should have been split with the American Legion though.
 - b. July 3 Parade
 - i. Laura made a motion to approve the parade budget, Mike seconded. Motion carried.
 - 9. New Member Applications
 - a. Widge Liccione – John Yusko
 - i. Jerry made a motion to approve Widge’s application, Barb seconded. Motion carried.
 - 10. Old Business
 - a. Board Election Update - Jeanine
 - i. First announcement on April 17th, second on April 24th, and the election will be on May 1st.
 - b. District Conference Reimbursement Policy
 - i. Barb put together a policy. After some discussion, it was decided she would change a few minor things but that we could go ahead and approve it now with those changes. Laura made a motion to approve this policy with the proposed changes, Linda seconded. Motion carried.
 - 11. New Business
 - a. Foundation Update
 - i. Financials
 - 1. \$2,361 in checking
 - 2. \$185,355.34 in savings
 - ii. Board appointments
 - 1. Gus Straub, Linda Zylka, Dustin Koehler, Annie Jurczyk, Larry Hebring.
 - a. Jerry made a motion to approve these people to the board, Mike seconded. Motion carried.
12. Next Meeting: May 21, 2024 at 7am
13. Adjournment: Barb moved to adjourn, Jerry seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10am.

May Birthdays

Chad	DeLuka	1-May
Ken	Frakes	2-May
Tammy	Pintor	3-May
Andrew	Lukasek	5-May
Vicki	Boelter	6-May
Clara	Scheckel	6-May
Amy	Lippiatt	11-May
Gus	Straub	15-May
David	Hoerchner	16-May
Jeanine	Dederich	17-May
Sarah	France	17-May
Jeff	Haubenreich	19-May
Ann	Freudenthal	23-May
Brian	Heimark	23-May
Molly	Paulus	24-May
Michele	Pittman	24-May
Del	Kreuser	25-May
Lenny	Kimmel	27-May
Stevie	Mistele-Wildt	30-May
Kathy	Umhoefer	31-May





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Post 382

Tuesday, June 4th @ 6:30 pm
Village Park

N87W16749 Garfield Dr, Menomonee Falls

Participating Teams

Alumni Club
Bank Five Nine
Hanson Soft Water
Hot House
NJB Ventures
Players Pub
Social Haus
Post 382 SB Team



Public Welcome

Village Park
Beer Garden

Post 382 Brat
Stand

Optimist Popcorn
Wagon

2024 Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls

Kids Fishing Derby



Catch & Release Contest

Saturday, May 11

at the Mill Pond & Shelter

(north of Main St. bridge between Water & Grand)

FREE Registration on day of the Derby

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Catch & Release Contest

10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Trophies Awarded

Immediately After Contest



Age
Divisions:

- 
- 3-5 year olds
 - 6-7 year olds
 - 8-9 year olds
 - 10-12 year olds
 - 13-16 year olds

- FREE t-shirt and door prize for all entrants!
- Trophies awarded for:
 - Most Fish Caught
 - Biggest FishBy Age Bracket
- Bring your own equipment; Limited FREE bait provided by R.B. Enterprises
- Food sold at pavilion 9am - 1pm by Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch
- Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Under 16 years of age, no license required

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Over the years, event sponsors and supporters have included:

- Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls
- The Village of Menomonee Falls
- Menomonee Falls Police Department
- Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch
- RB Enterprises of Menomonee Falls
- Mills Fleet Farm
- Krueger's Entertainment Center
- Kwik Trip in Menomonee Falls
- Cops and Kids Foundation
- Sandy Spring Farm
- Tru Turn
- Menomonee Falls CE&Rec
- The Falls Neighbors

This event is not sponsored or endorsed by the Menomonee Falls School District or its personnel.

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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

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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

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