



Official Newsletter of the Superior Optimist Club

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(Dick's wife)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2020!

January is traditionally a time of new starts and resolutions for improvement. Here is a humble suggestion for a resolution for each of us: "I resolve to attend Optimist Club meetings regularly." 😊

The weeks surrounding the holidays can leave some of us feeling weary and wiped out which can take a toll on attendance. Do not let this deter you from joining your fellow Optimists for a meal and camaraderie! Having a good turnout at our Wednesday meetings shows support to our guests and our honorary Youth Optimists. An empty house sends a less supportive message.

An excellent opportunity to put this resolution into action is this month. Shelly Bergstrom has lined up great speakers from Superior High School to join us each week in January. Let's show them that the Superior Optimists are a super engaged group who are there for the kids, and for each other!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

-Brian Hakanson

PROGRAMS FOR JANUARY

Speaker Chair: Shelly Bergstrom

January 8th

Bill Punyko, Assistant Principal and SHS Girls & Boys Swim and Dive Coach

January 15th

Chem Free Grad Party

January 22nd

Rob Scott, SHS Football Coach Superior Youth Football League & the donation the Optimist Club gave

January 29th

Ray Kosey, Athletic Director Activities & opportunities at SHS in Academics and Athletics

SAVE THE DATE



February 7-8

2nd Quarter WINUM District Convention, Marshfield, WI

May 12

Annual Meatball Dinner



New Members

Kara Proctor & Kristal Bennett



Optimist Club Membership Anniversaries

Al Kurtz (1987) - 33 years
Kim Pearson (2006) - 14 years
Barb Certa-Werner (2016) - 4 years

December Attendance Winners

Prize Chair: Barb Certa-Werner

Rick Rockwood - 12/4, Bruce Thompson - 12/11,

Joe Stensland - 12/18



Kelly Thimm
1/20



Youth Optimists for December - Madeline Jones & Alexa Brokaw

Madeline Jones and Alexa Brokaw were the Youth Optimists for the month of December. Both are Juniors at Superior High School.

Madeline is involved in 4-H and the Horse Association. She is also a member of the Pony Club and the Jr. Ski Patrol. Madeline is the daughter of Carolyn and Travis Jones. She has a younger sister, Miriam. Madeline would like to go to college for her generals and then go to Madison, WI., for Veterinarian School.

Alexa is involved in Cross Country, BFS, and Track. She is also in DECA, and enjoys volunteering. She is the daughter of Terri and Barry Brokaw. She has an older sister, Gianna. Alexa plans to go to college to major in Biology, and then go on to become a nurse.

Both students have the opportunity to win the Youth Optimist Scholarship and Service Award.

More facts than you need to know!

Mosquito repellents don't repel. They hide you. The spray blocks the mosquito's sensors so they don't know you're there.

Dentists have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least 6 feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush.

The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as substitute for blood plasma.

No piece of paper can be folded in half more than 7 times.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty years of age or older.

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.

The king of hearts is the only king without a mustache.

A Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright brother's first flight.

American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating 1 olive from each salad served in first-class.

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise (relative to the other planets).

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.



Kids in Church

3 year-old Reese: "Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

I had been teaching my three year-old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail."



*Assistant Editor Judy Carlson
In Loving Memory of Merrill Thompson & Bill Downs, Jr.*

REFLECTIONS FLASHBACK FROM 2014 submitted by Bonnie Baker

Promise yourself to forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future. Focusing on this part of the Optimist Creed is a great way for me to start out the New Year. I don't actually plan on making any specific New Year's resolutions, but do want to try to follow this advice more closely than I have up to now. For me, dwelling on the stupid things I have done in the past, only creates a sense of guilt that hangs on and on. Guilt is not healthy for me. In fact, I have read that guilt can help create illness.

I have been hanging on to guilt about not spending more time with my Pop in the few days prior to his death this past year. I didn't know he was going to die so suddenly. The optimist in me thought he was going to live for many more years. I hope to stop blaming myself for not being with him when he died, too. Press on to the future, with loving memories of Pop and gratitude that he was even in my life. He would not want me to be hanging on to guilt that centered on him. Pop always was trying to teach me things, so I know he would want me to press on to greater achievements in the future.

What the New Year brings to me will depend a great deal upon what I bring to the New Year. All of the failures of my past could be the catalyst to make things better in my future. So, reflection on the past can be rewarding, but I know that I will need to learn to just **glance** backward and not **stare**. Or, as Queen Elizabeth II said in her Christmas message this year, "We all need to get the balance right between action and reflection."

Queen Elizabeth II also said in her message, "The arrival of a baby gives everyone the chance to contemplate the future with renewed happiness and hope." Well, my first grandbaby arrived this past year, and so I am going to grab that opportunity to contemplate the future with renewed happiness and hope.

The past has passed. The future is today!



CHURCH LADIES & TYPEWRITERS

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services.

1. Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa..
2. Announcement in a church bulletin for a national PRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals."
3. The sermon this morning" Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight" "Searching for Jesus."
4. "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."
5. "The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.
6. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
7. Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
8. Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
9. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself

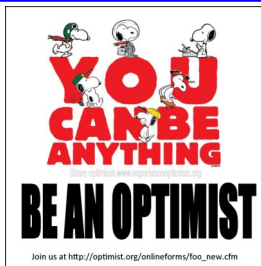
- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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