

February
2019



Official Newsletter of the
Superior Optimist Club



PRESIDENT - Brian Hakanson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a great January it was to be a member of the Superior Optimist Club. Not only did we have wonderful program speakers (thanks to our January Speaker Chair, Barb Certa-Werner), we also hosted the first joint meeting with the Superior Rotary (Club 40), and the Superior Kiwanis Club. It was quite a crowd that filled the banquet room at VIP that afternoon with over 60 people in attendance. Thank you to Bruce Thompson for stepping up and providing us all with a captivating and informative presentation on the Better City Superior Project, and Thank you again to Pastor Barb Certa-Werner for leading the group in heartfelt prayer.



There is talk about holding a joint service club meeting once a quarter with each club taking turns at hosting the event. It is always great to see and socialize with others like us, who share the purpose of improving our community and the lives of our fellow citizens.

One more highlight of January was receiving the **2018 Salvation Army Service Club Award**. This award is presented to the one local service club who raised the most money from bell ringing this past Holiday Season. Thank you and congratulations to all of you for helping our club achieve this reward recognition. I would also like to pass along this message from the Salvation Army...



“...please know that we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do to help The Salvation Army throughout the year. It is because of your generosity and time that we are able to give back to the community we live in and serve”. -- Captains Jasen and Kimberly Elcombe

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that Thursday, February 7th is **Optimist Day!** On Optimist Day, Optimists around the world are asked to wear Optimist attire – shirts, pins, vests, hats, etc. It's a great way to promote our efforts in bringing out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.

-Brian Hakanson



PROGRAMS FOR February



February 6th

Tom Meyer, Boy Scouts

February 13th

OPEN

February 20th

*Bruce Thompson, WI Humanities Council
"Beyond the Headlines"*

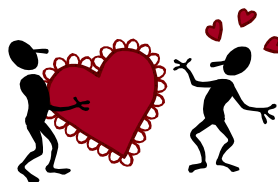
February 27th

Stephanie Erdmann, WITC -Superior

Speaker Chair - Joe Stensland

Kim Pearson - 2/9

Tom Strewler - 2/19



SAVE THE DATE

February 7th - Optimist Day

February 8th, 9th – WINUM 2nd
Quarter Conference, Neenah, WI



February 14th Valentine's Day

February 18th
President's Day



January Attendance Prize Winners:

January 2nd – Barb Certa-Werner

January 9th – Sharon Thompson

January 16th – No Prize

January 23rd – Kathy Drinkwine

January 30th – Hugo Salmi

*This month 's Prize Sponsor
Gary Dunning*

BOARD MEMBERS

- Gary Dunning (2018-2020)
- Jake Siptroth (2018-2020)
- Danna Livingston-Matherly (2016-2018)
- Joe Stensland (2018-2020)
- Joel Certa-Werner(2018-2020)
- Rick Rockwood (2017-2019)
- Sharon Thompson (2017-2019)



Optimist Anniversaries

William Eckman – 1979 (40 Years)

Rick Rockwood – 1987 (32 Years)

Tim Gallagher – 1992 (27 Years)

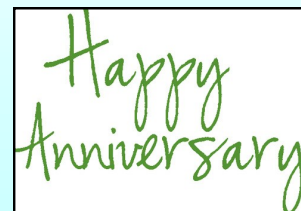
Danna Livingston – 2010 (9 Years)

Chris Jarman – 2011 (8 Years)

Jon Garver – 2017 (2 Years)

Sharon Thompson – 2017 (2 Years)

Joe Stensland – 2018 (1 Year)



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YOUTH OPTIMISTS

***Novalee Flores, Hannah Hockenbrock
& Tyler Ngo***

Novalee Flores, Hannah Hockenbrock and Tyler Ngo were the Youth Optimists for January 2019. All three are juniors at Superior High School.

Novalee participates in gymnastics and was part of the 2017 Northland Foundation Youth Leadership program. She is the daughter of Jessica and Justin Flores. She has a younger brother, Liam. Novalee plans on going to college to be a chiropractor or an ultrasound technician.

Hannah Hockenbrock is involved in the Interact Club, Chamber Youth Leadership program, and plays soccer for SHS. She is the daughter of Amy and Scott Hockenbrock. She has an older brother, Hunter. She plans on attending a university to pursue a degree in Art or Education.

Tyler lived in Enderlin, ND before moving to Superior. He participated in track and field while living in Enderlin. He is the son of Y Ngo and Kelly Groskreutz. He has an older sister, Makayla. He also has two younger siblings, Kimmy and Eli. He plans on going to college to major in Physics.

All three youth have the opportunity to apply for the Youth Optimist Scholarship and Service Award.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

FEBRUARY 2005

**Note from the Editor
Merrill Thompson**



Reflections on Happiness

In the January 17th issue of Time magazine the emphasis is on the The Science of Happiness and a sub-title lists "Why Optimists Live Longer". In other words, the shift in research is on what is right with those who are happy and well adjusted, instead of what is wrong with those who are not happy with life.

There are eight practical suggestions for satisfaction, some of which identify with the Optimist Creed, so between these two sources a combination should result in a prolonged happy life.

1. Count your blessings.
2. Practice acts of kindness to others.
3. Savor life's joys.
4. Thank a mentor for former service to you.
5. Learn to forgive.
6. Invest time and energy in friends and family.
7. Take care of your body.
8. Develop strategies for coping with stress and hardships.
(religious faith as example).

Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself

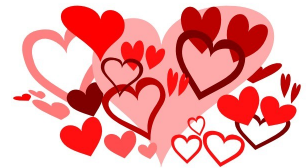
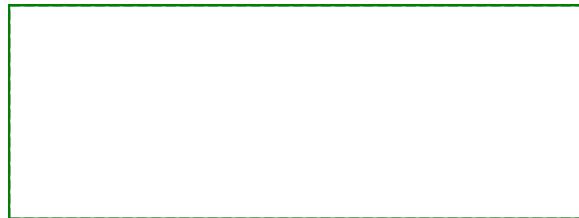
- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, 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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Mission Statement

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