



Official Newsletter of the Superior Optimist Club



March 2019

PRESIDENT - *Brian Hakanson*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Some of us might find it hard to stay optimistic about all of the snow that we've gotten this year, but at least we broke the record for the snowiest February ever! Could you imagine how disappointing it would be if we missed it by just 0.3"?

Speaking of snow, many of you know that on February 8th, my family and I travelled to Neenah, WI for the 2nd Quarter WINUM Conference. We left our home in Foxboro early Friday morning while in the midst of a snowstorm. Thankfully we arrived at the conference center safe and sound.

Friday evening I attended a hospitality gathering with other Optimists attending the Conference. Zone 1 Lt. Governor, Angie Reimer introduced me to many of the members and all were very excited that we had representation from our Superior Club. After playing some "Optimist Jeopardy" and participating in a "Ball Wrap" competition, I rejoined my family feeling happy and excited about the new friends that I had made.

Saturday morning I met with Judy Goodchild (WINUM Leadership Development Chair), and Sue Van Dreser (WINUM Club Fitness Committee Chair) along with 7 other Optimists for First-Timer Orientation. We all shared information about ourselves and our clubs, and then learned about how the Club Fitness Committee is a resource that provides support on any topic of interest or concern related to our clubs.

The Conference Keynote Session was presented by Sue Van Dreser who spoke on the topic of "Mentoring the Current & Next Generation of WINUM Optimists". Her presentation included small group activities where we all discussed how we could implement the "Mentor Checklist" into our own clubs new membership procedures.

There were 3 guest speaker sessions throughout the day. The subjects were, "Gang Trends in WI", "Active Shooter Training", and the "House of Hope", service project. All of the programs were very engaging and well presented.

During lunch there was a "We Care" Celebration and the 2017-18 WINUM Awards were received. Our club was presented with the "Bringing Out The Best" award which is just below the "Honor Club" award. The award is a banner patch, which Jan Jago has already put on our Honors and Awards Banner that is displayed at our weekly meetings and special events.

The Conference ended with the closing remarks by WINUM Governor, Jodi Arriola, and I was presented with an award for free registration to the 3rd Quarter Conference which will be held on May 3rd & 4th in Weston, WI.

By attending this Conference we are one step closer to achieving our goal of being an Honor Club in 2019.



Why do we need humor?

“Humor is mankind’s greatest blessing.” – Mark Twain

Having humor helps us keep our cool, stay kind and responsive to others, and reduce stress. When we are happy, we are more fun, open to others and ready to laugh and play! Laughter makes life seem good and, when life seems good, the world seems safe. When the world seems safe, we are naturally more confident and able to deal with anything that comes across our path.

Some fun things to say in a stressful situation:

1. Is it my turn to win?
2. Is it too late to apologize?
3. My mother wants me to stop now.
4. I walk around like everything’s fine, but deep down, inside my shoe, my sock is sliding off.
5. In my defense, I was left unsupervised.

Some fun things to do, when you know you need to lighten up:

1. Wear a funny/silly hat (all day, no matter where you go).
2. Use a laser light to entertain your dog or cat (or bring one to the veterinarian’s waiting area).
3. Make music with whatever you have (utensils, pens, whistling).
4. Watch babies giggle on YouTube.
5. Go through a magazine (anyone’s magazine) and draw funny hair on all the people.
6. Learn a magic trick, then teach anyone who will listen.
7. Grab something to read, then relax in a lounge at Menards or Walmart until you’re kicked out.
8. Randomly shout “Marco” in the store and see who answers. You might find a new friend!

Some clean jokes for anytime you need them:

What did the mayo say when the fridge door was opened?

Shut the door! I’m dressing!

What did the pirate say on his 80th birthday?

Ay matey!

Why do prisoners like using periods for punctuation?

It marks the end of their sentence.

What is the advantage of living in Switzerland?

Well, the flag is a big plus.

What did the termite say when he entered the bar?

Is the bar tender here?



Humor is known have many benefits – psychological and physical as well as social. Go on, laugh it up!!

BOARD MEMBERS

Gary Dunning (2018-2020)
Jake Siptroth (2018-2020)
Joe Stensland (2018-2020)
Joel Certa-Werner(2018-2020)
Rick Rockwood (2017-2019)



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Secretary - Jan Jago

Past President (2017-2018)

Carolyn Nelson-Kavajecz



YOUTH OPTIMISTS

Kaitlynn Andrs & Jayden Sheffield

Kaitlynn Andrs and Jayden Sheffield were the Youth Optimists for the month of February. Both are Juniors at Superior High School.

Kaitlynn is involved in Forensics Speech and Theatre. She is also an active member of Lake Point Church, YMCA Aquatics and Child Care ,and the YMCA Swim Team. She also participates in the Duel Enrollment Program at LSC. She is the daughter of Pastor Kenneth Andrs and Naomi Andrs. She has two younger siblings, Elaina and Nathanael. Her future plans include getting an undergraduate degree in English Education and a two year degree in Library Science.

Jayden is involved in NHS an SHS Quiz Bowl. She was also part of the 2018 Educational tour to Costa Rica. She is an actively involved in the United Methodist Church Food Shelter, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and St. Luke’s junior volunteer program. Jayden is the daughter of Shannon

Isaacson and Grant Sheffield. Her stepfather is Justin Isaacson. She has 4 younger siblings, Allyson, Brayden, Bennett and Bentley. She plans to go into the field of Science, specifically biochemistry, and go into the medical field. She would like to minor in Spanish and travel for culture immersion and volunteer projects.

Kaitlynn and Jayden have the opportunity to apply for the Youth Optimist Scholarship and Service Award.

PROGRAMS FOR March

March 6th - Dr. James Anderson

*Community & Economic Development Educator
from UW-Extension - Recap on Superior Days*

March 13th - Megan Meyer

Executive Director from Superior Public Museums

March 20th - Shawna Anderson

*Transition Coordinator from SHS
Talking about her Business Lunch Program*

March 27th - Dr. Stephanie Erdmann

*WITC-Superior - New VP Academic Affairs/
Superior Campus Administrator*

Speaker Chair - Jake Siptroth

January Attendance Prize Winners:

- February 6th – Liz Gilbertson
- February 13th – Barb Certa-Werner
- February 20th – Bruce Thompson
- February 27th – Brian Hakanson

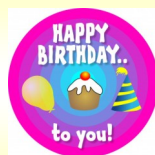
***This month ‘s Prize Sponsor
Bruce Thompson***

Optimist Anniversaries

- Mark Thompson – 1977 (42 Years)*
- William Downs – 1981 (38 Years)*



**William Eckman
3/18**



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

Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself

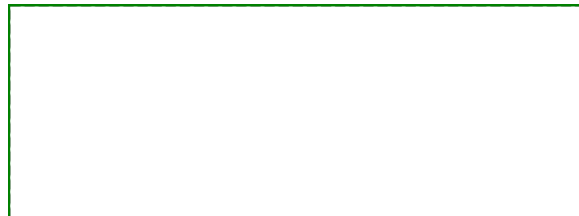
- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best,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