



Official Newsletter of the Superior Optimist



PRESIDENT - Brian Hakanson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Optimists! It is the start of a new Optimist year and we already have a major fundraising event happening on the 29th of this month. Our "Chili for Children" Dinner ended up being our largest revenue generator of the year last year, thanks to your great effort selling tickets and promoting the event. We also did a fantastic job selling tickets for the crossbow raffle which was held at last year's dinner.

For this year's event, we will be raffling off an awesome ice fishing package from Northwest Outlet. The package includes a power ice auger, portable ice fishing shanty, and various ice fishing equipment. Thank you Jan Jago for once again securing a valuable prize! Please contact me or Jan (jcbae@chartermi.net) if you need tickets for either the dinner or the raffle.

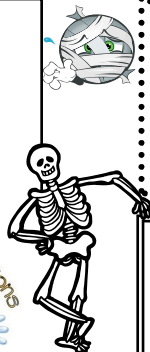
I also would like us all to welcome Dan O'Leary as the 2019-20 WINUM Governor. I have had the privilege of getting to visit with Dan and his wife Judy at the District meetings which I attended during the 2018-19 year. I have no doubt that Dan will be a great leader for all of our clubs throughout the eight zone district.

I also would like to welcome Zone 1 Lt. Governor, Troy Dostal, whom I have also had the pleasure of speaking with on several occasions. He has spent the last quarter being mentored by Immediate Past Distinguished Lt. Governor Angie Riemer, and will surely continue her success as our Zone Leader. Troy is planning on coming to one of our meetings in October/November, and I look forward to introducing him to all of you.



Elizabeth Evans was the winner of the 2019 Youth Optimist Scholarship and Service Award.

She selected to Amberwing to receive the Service Award and presented the check to Joan Oswald and Becky Hoversten-Mellum at the luncheon meeting September 18.



NEW MEMBER

Kara Proctor



ANNOUNCEMENT

BOARD MEETING

October 9th immediately following the weekly meeting



SAVE THE DATE

Monday, October 28th

Central Park Garden Pulling @11:30 AM

Tuesday, October 29th

Chili for Children Fundraiser



FLASHBACK OCTOBER 2013 - Reflections - Rick Rockwood

Many times, I find myself going back and reading my notes and reflections from Merrill Thompson. When I was President for two terms, Merrill was such a huge influence on my term as President, and just on my life in general. I found a "Reflections" from Merrill back in April of 1998. He started off by stating the following:

"Optimism is not only an anticipation of the future but also a reflection of pleasant memories of the past. It is so easy to bemoan a day's experience where everything went wrong or, 'It just wasn't my day.' How much better to reflect on a day, where everything went right and to savor the thoughts of everything just falling into place."

Merrill goes on to talk about how wonderful his day was, and especially how his Wife liked the way he mounted a piece of work from the Spartan Art Fiesta. He was the "eternal" Optimist!

Ya know, there's something to be said about "lead by example". When you look around our group at the Optimist Meetings and activities, you can't help but see that in each individual; all of us leaders in our own way.

I firmly believe that we all do the best we can, and follow the Optimist Creed, whether consciously or subconsciously. It's wonderful to be a part of such a great group. I have been a member since 1980, and each year I realize more and more that "anticipation of the future" is truly a gift and a privilege that is emulated through Optimism.

Thank you, Merrill, for that gift / privilege, handed down to the rest of us through your life's example. You were, and still are the best mentor for us all.

Yours In Optimism, Rocko

September Attendance Prize Winners:

9/04 – Kim Pearson
9/11 – Kara Proctor
9/18 – Gary Dunning
9/25 – Hugo Salmi

**This month's Prize Sponsor
Jasmin Burt**



BOARD MEMBERS

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

Optimist Anniversaries

Troy Lambert
(2005) - 14 years
Toby Marcovich
(1960) - 59 years

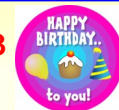


Brian Hakanson 10/23

Joe Stensland 10/25

Dana Livingston 10/26

Bruce Thompson 10/28



PROGRAMS FOR OCTOBER

Speaker Chair: Carolyn Nelson-Kavajecz

October 2nd

JoAnn Jardine, Catalyst Films

October 9th

Installation Meeting – Lt. Governor, Troy Dostal

October 16th

Siggys Musical Garden

October 23rd – TBD

October 30th

Tour of Fasetto, Coy Christmas



Thoughts and Prayers

Leola Keskinen (Dick's wife)



OFFICERS 2018-19

President - Brian Hakanson

Vice President - Open Seat

Treasurer - Kim Pearson

Secretary - Jan Jago

Past President (2017-2018)

Carolyn Nelson-Kavajecz

Assistant Editor Judy Carlson

In Loving Memory of Merrill Thompson & Bill Downs, Jr.

Superior Optimist Club
Board Meeting/September 11, 2019 *Drafted by Jan M Jago*

Attended by: Brian, Kim, Joel, Gary, Cari and Jan

Minutes from August were amended to state: We do not give to Harbor House on a consistent basis, but we have given in the past.

I. Chili for Children Dinner

- A. Raffle prizes were determined. Northwest Outlet has given ice fishing supplies at cost. They consist of an Eskimo gas auger and Eskimo 3 person tent. Various ice fishing supplies were also purchased and a cooler filled with beer will be added to the prize.
- B. Two additional prizes of \$100 cash will be awarded.
- C. Tickets will be \$20, Liz Gilbertson will be making the tickets.
- D. Prices for the dinner were determined, also the price and sizes of "To Go" chili.

II. Funding Requests

- A. There was a request from Northwestern for their robotics program. Jan made a motion to donate \$250. Joel seconded the motion, motion carried.
- B. Joel has asked that a list of all our donations be made available.

III. Salvation Army Bell Ringing

- A. Bell Ringing begins November 2 this year. The Club has chosen to ring November 4-8 at East end Super One, 4-6pm.
- B. A sign-up sheet will be available soon.

IV. New members

- A. Kara Proctor has applied to be a member. Brian asked for her approval. Kim made the motion to approve, it was seconded by Cari and motion was carried.

V. Donation to Optimist International Foundation

- A. Brian has asked that we consider giving more to the Foundation.
- B. It was previously voted on that we donate \$25 a quarter.
- C. A conversation was held regarding how the club had a box at the door and members would give \$2 or more each meeting. It was brought up that this practice was replaced with the addition of \$10 added to everyone's yearly dues. This way every member pays, instead of the ones that attend weekly.
- D. A suggestion was made to add an option on the invoice sent out for dues. Members can then choose to donate more to the Foundation if they desire.

Next Board meeting: *October 8, 2019*

Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself

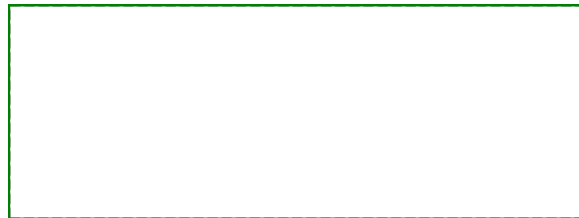
- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, 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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The Superior Optimist Club fosters positive fellowship and community awareness to inspire and support youth.

Mission Statement

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