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100% and then some...

From the President's Pen

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“Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines.”

This famous opening to the “Indy 500” is fitting for our new beginning as well. All systems are “green” to move ahead...and a seasoned “pit crew” is fully ready to do their best to keep things moving.

The driver is no rookie; but it is the first time he has been on this “track.” As with any race, the outcome has not yet been written...but the start is all-important.

Together we will make this “race” experience one that is destined for victory --to the best of our shared ability! It’s awesome to see a plan come together!

President Dan



President Dan Kohn receives the Presidential gavel from Past President Nathan Knuth. Attendees were honored to see President Dan in his ‘tux’.

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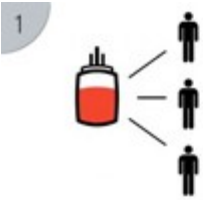
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Mark Your Calendars

Meetings on first, second and fourth Thursday, at 6:45 a.m. [Mom's Kitchen, Pinehurst Center, 3035 North Hastings Way, Eau Claire](#), and third Thursday, at 5:30 pm at a location to be announced.

- October 6—Guest Speaker Dennis Spader, Menomonie Club, Junior Optimist Clubs
- October 11—Board Meeting 5:15 pm at Camille's, [1120 122nd St, Chippewa Falls, WI](#)
- October 13—Review Board Meeting
- October 20—Guest Speaker Emily Duss, Family Resource Center. Evening meeting at Hallie Golf Course, Lake Hallie, WI
- October 27—Guest Speaker John Finney, Joshua's Camp
- October 29—Halloween Party from 4-8 pm at Hallie Town Hall
- November 6—Community Days Booklet pre-sell at Younkers

You Can Almost Taste the Chocolate



1 pint of blood can save up to 3 lives

Can you believe it! Eleven volunteers donated blood in September allowing us to pull ahead of the Green Bay Sunrise Club. Yum Yum. I can almost taste the chocolate. Even more important, blood donated by Optimists and friends of Optimists is helping children and adults with cancer and that touches us all very close to home. Get a friend and make an [appointment](#) or drop in at the Blood Donor Center, 3485 Hamilton Avenue, Eau Claire Mon, Tue and Wed: 12:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Thu and Fri: 7:00 a.m. – 1:00

p.m.

To make an appointment to donate blood call 715-835-4020.

For more information:

Learn about blood donation at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-GIVEBLOOD.

Nobody loses when you donate the gift of life!

	Hallie	Green Bay Sunrise
Donation Goal	52	52
Pints donated	49	39
Pints needed	3	13



Jim Nyre is undergoing Cancer treatment

Ayla Schaefer

Hello my name is Ayla Schaefer and I am from Colby Wisconsin. I graduated in 2008 and am currently attending the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, majoring in Mathematics Actuary Science. I started working for Citizens Community Federal in March of 2010. I am the daughter of farmers Jeffrey and Rebecca Schaefer. I have a sister who is married with 4 children, a Downs syndrome brother Ben, and an adopted brother Luke. My other important family is the Lindblad's of Eau Claire which includes my boyfriend Todd, his parents Chris and Jane, and his brothers David, Matthew and William.

My hobbies include playing sports, being outside and camping. I like staying busy and volunteering which is why I took an interest in the Optimist. My favorite color is pink and I am a picky eater but my favorite food is Colby cheese. :)

BIRTHDAYS

Justin Rihn	6
Larry Bradford	11
Avis Hansen	13
Eric Dye	25

ANNIVERSARIES

Rich and Sue Carlson	9
Rose and Bernie Hartung	28

Courtney Berg

My name is Courtney Berg. I am 31 years old and have lived in Chippewa Falls my whole life. I attended UW Stout where I received my bachelors degree in business management specializing in banking, economics, and investments. I have worked for Citizens Community Federal for 7 years. I am the branch manager of the branch located inside of Wal-Mart. I am happily married to my husband, Aaron Berg, for 6 years. I have two wonderful boys; Carter is 3 and Corbin is 1. In my spare time, I love spending time with my family and friends and scrap-booking. I enjoy working with children and making a difference in their lives, this is why I joined the Optimist Club!



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Dan Ropa

Dan Ropa moved to the Chippewa Valley in 1987 and worked on I-94FM and WEAQ-AM 790 radio from 1988-1993. He is the owner of The Bottom Line, a weekly business newsletter and Festival in the Pines, an annual family-oriented arts/crafts and food event.

Dan lives in Lake Hallie with his friend Lisa and her two teenagers. They are joined by three dogs, three cats and two turtles. In his spare time, Dan likes to golf, fish and travel around Wisconsin. He enjoys his involvement with the Hallie Optimist Club because he wanted to be a part of a vibrant, fun organization. He hopes that he can help the younger generation enjoy outdoor activities and gain a better understanding what the Chippewa Valley has to offer.



Dan Ropa


Dr. Kevin Schultz

Wisconsin native, Dr. Kevin Schultz, earned his bachelor's degree through the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and Doctor of Chiropractic from Palmer College of Chiropractic. In July of 2007 Dr. Kevin was named International (7 continents) Chiropractor of the Month by the Chiropractic Leadership Alliance for his Vision and Passion for Excellence in starting the Free Care for our Military program in the Chippewa Valley. In 2009 he had the honor of receiving the USA Department of Defense "Statement of Support" for the National Guard and Reserve, due to his continued work with the men and women of our armed forces. Dr. Kevin is certified in Advanced Wellness, Quality Nutrition, and is a certified Sports Performance Coach through USA Weightlifting. He is also one of the 30 Leaders and Coaches of Maximized Living.

Dr. Kevin looks forward to working with the USA Greco Roman Wrestling team at the 2012 Olympics in London. Dr. Kevin spends his time in and out of the office educating and inspiring people to apply the 5 Essentials of Maximized Living into their lives so they can reach their God-given potential and achieve optimal health, happiness, and prosperity. He provides the Optimists with a weekly healthy living tip.



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Hallie Optimist Club members are selling Community Days Coupon Books. See Lucille if you need books for friends and neighbors.

Halloween Party
Saturday,
October 29, 4-8 pm
at Hallie Town Hall

See Darlene or
Theresa to help.
What is your
costume?



Nathan Knuth and Shannon McIntosh from Hahn's Market

Meeting Notes

September 1- 22 members and 1 guest attended. Secret greeter was David Meier. Bill Senter won 50-50. Jodi Arriola, Evelyn Usher and Juli Jallas were wished happy birthday. Jerrie Powers reported on Childhood Cancer Campaign picnic in the park. Ken Niess supplied huge grill that folded into a 6 inch high packet. Thanks to mechanic and driver Jay Guckenber with a replacement battery, hydraulic fluid, a caterpillar tractor and a helpful park employee got the bus running and out of the dirt. Special thanks to Culvers for ice cream, Mom's Kitchen for burgers, Kwik trip for buns, Indianhead for brats (50 free 50 at cost), Taco Johns for ice, Premium Water for 3 cases of water. Received donations of \$97 on the bus, \$30.26 on popcorn and \$510.80 for a total of \$638.06. Honored Hanna Guckenber, Hayden Guckenber, Samie Schreiter, and Nate Marquardt. Samie and Nate received Optimist shirts. Linda Soltis-Schroeder reported on the Festival in the pines. 18 workers from the Hallie Club and 15 workers from the Eau Claire Club. Each club worked 60 hours and received \$300. John Van Beek relayed that a gentleman gave the workers some popcorn. An elderly lady wasn't stopping her car. John finally got her to stop and asked if she would like some popcorn. She said 'Sure' and took the whole bag. Jim Reppert asked a man if he would like a brochure and the man said 'No, I am just here to do what she says.' Lucille brought the Younkers books to sell for \$5 apiece. They have a \$10 coupon. The club will also presell on Sunday, November 6. Dave Meier recruited Oktoberfest volunteers.

September 13—Board of Directors Meeting Members in Attendance: Nate Knuth, Darlene Alley, Theresa Dean, Jim Reppert, Jody Guckenber, David Meier. Members Absent: Jakki Wittwer, Rich Carlson, Gale Haas, Evelyn Usher. Club Members in Attendance: Dan Kohn, John VanBeek, Lucille VanBeek, Arlene Meier, Bill Senter, Jerrie Powers.

Treasurers and Secretary's reports were accepted. Theresa Dean made a motion that Jodi Arriola, Nancy Riggen and Vicky Gengler will be contacted by their sponsor, Sue Carlson, about their delinquent dues. If Sue can not make arrangements with them for dues to be paid they will receive a policy reminder. If the dues are not paid prior to September 30, 2011, they will be dropped from the roster. Darlene Alley will send an e-mail to Sue Carlson to start this process. Dave Meier 2nd it. Jim Reppert made a motion to accept the membership applications of Ayla Schaefer, and Courtney Berg. Jody Guckenbuerg 2nd it. Darlene Alley made a motion to eliminate the thesaurus from our Dictionary Program, but keep the dictionary. Dave Meier 2nd it. Dave Meier made a motion to accept a child, who is suffering with leukemia, for a \$250.00 gift card from our childhood cancer fund. Jim Reppert 2nd it. This child was sponsored by Jim Nyre. Jim Reppert made a motion to close the meeting. Dave Meier 2nd it.

Discussions
John VanBeek discussed the importance of sponsoring new members.
Jerrie Powers presented the Event Report for the Childhood Cancer Campaign Picnic.

September 15—22 members and 5 guests. Secret Greeter was Larry Bradford, but he didn't know as he didn't listen to Nathan's message. Jim Reppert won 50-50 and Bill Senter won Boost. Sang David Meier Happy Birthday and wished Brad and Jakki Wittwer Happy Anniversary. Theresa Dean and Darlene Alley are co-chairs of the Halloween Party on Saturday, October 29 from 4-8 at Hallie Town Hall. They are sure John Van Beek will NOT win the costume contest this year. Dues are due October 1. Fundraising meeting will be on Tuesday, September 20 at 5:30 pm at Camille's. Daryl Dehnke relayed a story of a customer giving \$100 to take Bernie Hartung out to dinner. Daryl was also at the Packer pro-shop and heard the Green Bay Sunrise Optimist being very excited about getting truffles from the Hallie Club. Thank you from Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation for donation to MN—Ride for Kids. Sue Carlson reported on the upcoming installation banquet. Linda Soltis-Schroeder presented the \$300 check from Festival in the Pines and encouraged everyone to give blood...supply is short due to disasters and cancelled blood drives in the east. Ayla Schaefer and Courtney Berg, sponsored by Nathan Knuth, were inducted as new members.

September 22—Sorry, no minutes

September 29— 25 members and 5 guests. Nathan was the Secret Greeter and made lots of money for Childhood Cancer Campaign. Daryl won Boost. Mary Lee Powers won 50-50 and donated it to Optimists. Daryl won a Marshfield lunch bag and Mary Lee won an RCU lunch bag. Installation awards were presented and a report on Jim Nyre's treatments was made. Bob 'The Can Man' Reppert reported his total raised is **\$1007!** New members, Lucille Van Beek sponsored Renee Haas, John Van Beek sponsored Hattie Berman and Alex Kaelesh, Dave Meier sponsored Arlene Meier and Harriet Dehnke. Chris Cunningham presented a check for \$1615 for helping with the Oktoberfest booth. Lucille reported on the Community Days Sale. Joshua Berscheit sponsored by Dave Meier, was inducted as a new member. Joshua stated he was impacted by the Guckenbergs at the Picnic in the Park. He grew up in Minneapolis, moved to Green Bay and now Eau Claire. He said he would never move to Wisconsin or cheer for the Green Bay Packers. He views the Hallie Optimist Club as the opportunity he was looking for to volunteer. Shannon McIntosh of Hahn's Market talked about the local and organic selection at their store. She travels to meet new Mom and Pop businesses and Co-op stores. They look for low toxicity and better, healthier options for you. They will help you plan a menu and actually shop with you. Health Tip from Dr. Kevin...he works with Hahn's and encourages everyone to choose healthy options.

Installation Banquet & Awards



Officers and Board Members—(l-r) Nathan Knuth, Gale Haas, Lucille Van Beek, Jakki Wittwer, Darlene Alley, Theresa Dean, Linda Soltis-Schroeder, Dan Kohn, Lieutenant Governor Deb Braden



Past President Nathan Knuth with President Dan Kohn



Mary Ann Schafer



Mary Lee Powers



John Van Beek



Jerrie Powers



Optimist of the Year—a totally surprised and grateful Linda Soltis-Schroeder



Jody Guckenberger



Great Entertainment!

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Joshua Bersheit is inducted into the Hallie Optimist Club with Nathan Knuth (l) and his sponsor, Dave Meier (r)



Theresa Dean, Nathan Knuth, and Darlene Alley



LeRoy Patten

BOB, THE CAN MAN

Who's always there to answer the call
to haul some cans for one and all

He has no shame when gathering cans
Anywhere there's cans you will find this man

He gathers the cans wherever they are
He might even sneak a peek inside your car

He knew we could count on Bob for cans, we did not doubt
He even looked for cans on his paper route

He took cans from the garbage at the airport parking lot
And found out it was illegal so returned the cans before he got shot

IT's a bird, it's a plane, it's super Bob
Faster than a speeding bullet
More powerful than a locomotive
Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound
While keeping his eyes for cans on the ground

He checks the dumpsters for cans, he runs out into the streets
While Joanne embarrassed sinks down in here seat

It doesn't matter the time; morning, noon or night
He'll go wherever cans are in sight

SO.....
The Hallie Optimists thank who?
For all the help for our kids over the years
Yes, we thank YOU.....
BOB THE CAN MAN

by Mary Lee Powers



The 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 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 to 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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