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2010-2011
2nd QUARTER

MEETINGS
Monday Noon
Rose Garden

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WAUSAU NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

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Opti Update

JANUARY

Welcome to 2011! Starting out the new year we are sponsoring an Essay Contest, Mary Sue Kuss is Chair. Also an Oratorical Contest, Chaired by Mickey Yach. Due dates are coming up so if you know of any youth, let the chairs know and get them the info they need to compete. The **Board Meeting** will be on the 19th at Associated at noon.

FEBRUARY

Superbowl time is here and so is our annual **Super Bowl Party!** It will be held at The Legacy (formerly Chapter 2) and starts around 5pm. The **Ice Fisheree** will be held on the 13th on Lake Wausau just south of the McCleary Bridge on the west side. It will go from noon to 3pm. On the 19th and 20th we will host the **24th Annual Boys Invitational Basketball Tournament.** Lots of help will be needed so be sure to sign up and give us a hand! The **Board Meeting** will be on the 16th at Associated at noon.

MARCH

This is the month for our fundraiser, the St. Patties Day Raffle. Games, food, camaraderie and fun! Plan on helping out in the kitchen or on the floor with games or auctions and enjoy the night. It will be on Thursday the 17th. There will also be Tri Star Basketball this month, date to be annuoned later. The **Board Meeting** will be on the 16th at Associated; noon.



Etiquette 101

Our guest speakers donate their time to present their topic to our club. Please be considerate and give them your full attention!



Photo of our 50th Anniversary/Installation Banquet

JOOI

Just to fill you in on what's happening with the Junior Optimists...The theme this quarter is culture and diversity.

Three NTC students from India spent an evening with the Club talking and showing a DVD about the Country of India, their culture, customs. The young lady in the group wore her native dress which was well received.

A local nutritionist spent an evening working with the kids on eating habits, food groups, making healthy choices. Was very entertaining as she played "games" dealing with the subject.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Pic'n'Save on bridge street for two hours.

On 12-16, the Wood Turners Group worked with the kids on turning wood on lathes, making a small ornament, etc. The B&GC has acquired two wood turning lathes through local grants. The Wood Turners group has volunteered to work with the kids (B&GC at large and the Junior Optimist Club as well) teaching them the basics. We started this last summer and it's just taken off.

In early January we will be making Valentine Cards for the American Cancer Society. Mid January we will be inviting another International group of Students from NTC.

Every meeting is not a specific topic. Several times a quarter we will just have fun with Game Nights, playing board games, games in the Gym. Food is always welcomed as well. We often have pizza, make ice cream sundae's, fruit snacks. We try to get kids to eat healthy. Any Optimist is welcomed to join us - Thursdays at 6:00 PM

Dick Lepinski



Outgoing Pres pick Optimist of the Year Bob Stasney!



Wausau West Master Singers

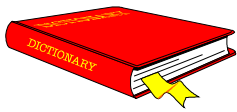


UWMC Performing Choir

The first ever **Great Plains Parallel District Conference** was held Nov. 5 - 7 in Bloomington, MN. 307 Optimists from 6 states as well as several Canadian provinces gathered to share ideas about how to serve more youth as well as to have a little fun! We had a chance to attend some of the more than 20 break out sessions on topics such as new member recruiting, how to identify new needed youth projects, and suggested effective mentoring methods. Booths were set up throughout the week-end exhibiting some of the more innovative regional adopted projects including REACHaChild, Dollars for Scholars, and the Rochester Brighter Tomorrow initiative.

We also had a chance to meet and visit as well as be inspired by some of the 'biggees' from OI including OI President Danny Rodgers and OI Vice President Gloria Kloster. Their passion and enthusiasm was contagious as club members hopefully took that home to their clubs. Plans are already underway to make this the first of many Parallel meetings to come!

Bob Stasney
Wausau Noon Optimist Club Rep



We kicked off American Education Week with our **8th Annual Dictionary Project** by donating 816 dictionaries to Wausau area third graders in 18 Wausau area

public and parochial schools during the week of November 15, 2010.

We also helped with **Kids Voting** on November 2nd. Helpers included Dwayne Patterson, Mary Myszka, Sally Young, Anne Heggelund and Brian Karlen. What did we do: Validated ballots!

On our “Bring Your Spouse” days we were treated to the Wausau West Master Singers and the UWMC Performing Choir. We also had a good turnout for our **Christmas Party** at Stoney Creek. We had a great dinner and all the kiddies got to see Santa and get a gift.



Kids Voting

Take the attitude of a student, never be too big to ask questions, never know too much to learn something new.



PROJECT CHAIRS

- Sgt.-At-Arms Mike Osterbrink
- Table Tents Dick Rayborn
- New Member Orientation Steve Yach
- Website Editor Andy Scott
- Newsletter Sharon Morehead
- Youth of the Month Mike Fischer
- Junior Optimist Club Butch Clay, Dick Lepinski
- Club Socials DuWayne Witter, Ken Kostroski
- Dictionary Project Fran Bender, Mary Kuss
- Christmas Party Jeff Heinz
- Ice Fisheree Tom Haebig, DuWayne Witter
- Boys Basketball Tournament George Petroff
- Tri-Star Basketball Tony Stasney
- St. Pat’s Day Raffle Jeff Heinz, Dick Bartig, Romey Wagner
- Respect for Law Jim Wadinski, Anne Heggelund
- Art Dollars for Youth Romey Wagner
- Youth Night at the Races Bob Stasney
- Camp Rainbow’s End Maria Bruggink
- Fair Mike Sydow
- Children’s Fest Sharon Morehead
- Speakers Mike Sydow
- Salvation Army Pantry Ray Thums
- Kids Voting Anne Heggelund
- Pumpkin Patch Romey Wagner
- Free Swim for Youth Week Sharon Morehead
- Essay Contest Mary Sue Kuss
- Oratorical Contest Mickey Yach
- 50th Anniversary Celebration Bob Stasney

Group of Dictionary Sticker Stickerers!



MISSION STATEMENT

Optimist International's mission is to foster an optimistic way of life, through a network of optimists, dedicated to the full development of their potential in order to provide ever-expanding service to youth, the community and the world.

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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 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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