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Hallie Optimist Club
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Mark your Calendars~

- Thursday, December 2 -regular meeting, Mom's Kitchen, Pinehurst Center- 6:45 am
- Thursday, December 9- regular meeting, Mom's Kitchen, Pinehurst Center- 6:45 am
- Saturday, December 11 - **Breakfast with Santa**, Lake Hallie Town Hall-8 am to 11 pm
- Tuesday, December 14 - Board Meeting - Camille's Sidewalk Café - 5:30 pm - Open to all members
- Thursday, December 16-regular meeting, Mom's Kitchen, Pinehurst Center- 6:45 am
- Saturday, December 18- **Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army** at Hallie Walmart
- Thursday, December 23-no meeting, Merry Christmas!
- Thursday, December 30- no meeting. Happy New Year!



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A Word From the President

Hello Fellow Optimists,

The Holidays are here and I hope the season finds you well. Thanksgiving has come and gone and we're already into December! Where has the year gone? I hope that all of us can take some time and slow down a bit during this notoriously busy season to reflect on this past year and look ahead to the year to come.

Also, as Christmas approaches I hope all of us take some time to reflect on the real reason we celebrate Christmas.

Merry Christmas to you all,

Nathan Knuth
 Hallie Optimist Club President



President Nathan Knuth

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DECEMBER GUEST SPEAKERS

December 2— Dean Parent - [Hahn's Market](#)

December 9— Barbara Wheeler, Acupuncture—[Elements for Healthcare](#)

December 16—Review of Board Meeting



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43 pints
needed to reach our
goal!

Optimists Are Special People!

Optimists showed their special talents by joining the ranks of 1% of the population that donates blood!

The process is easy:

- Get a Hallie Optimist donor pass from Linda or an officer
- 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.
- Roll up your sleeve and **SAVE LIVES!**

To make an appointment to donate blood:

Log onto redcrossblood.org and enter zip 54701 or call 800.448.3543.

Requirements:

Be at least 16 years old (with Red Cross consent form)

Weigh at least 110 pounds

Picture ID or blood donor card

For more information:

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



**Less than 38 percent
of the population is
eligible to give blood**

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gale Haas	December 7
Vicky Gengler	December 30

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bob and Joanne Radandt	December 19
Jerrie and Mary Lee Powers	December 26

Breakfast With Santa

Do you enjoy a great pancake breakfast? Do you believe there is a Santa Claus? Or do you enjoy helping children who do? Then you want to be at the Hallie Town Hall on December 11 from 8 am to 11 am when Santa Claus will arrive with fun and treats for boys and girls. Help is still needed with blowing up balloons, dishwashing, and other chores in the kitchen. Plan to arrive by 7 am for this opportunity. If you want to help or if you need more information, please contact Jim Nyre at 715-832-5049 or jnyre5049@charter.net



Ring a Bell

Hallie Optimist will ring bells to raise money for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign on Saturday, December 18, at the Hallie Wal-Mart. The Red Kettle Campaign helps the Salvation Army serve 4 million people during the Christmas season and over 30 million all year. Can you please help? Contact Bob Radandt at 715-832-8639 or Gale Haas at 715-723-9086

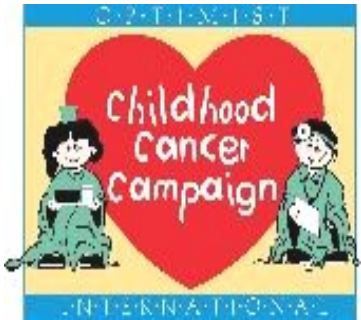
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Hallie Optimist Club members visited Chippewa Falls Optimist Club the morning of Wednesday, November 23. From left to right are Linda Soltis-Schroeder, John Van Beek, Chris Cunningham, Nathan Knuth, Dave Meier, Lucille Van Beek, Bob Radandt, Joanne Radandt.

November Meeting Reports

November 4—Lucille Van Beek led us in prayer. Guests were introduced. Norm Plourde was the Secret Greeter; Jakki Wittwer won the 50-50 and Dave Meier won the Boost. Dan Kohn told a joke. Announcements: Craft Festival in Pepin County, November 6 in Arkansaw. Mentors are needed for 30 Men in 30 Days for United Way, contact 715-726-2400 ext 2474. Received Thank you from River Source for donating extra treats from the Halloween Party. Kathryn Manion gave a memorial donation for Glen Haas. Linda Soltis-Schroeder reminded everyone to donate blood at the Hamilton Street, Eau Claire site and get a pie on Thanksgiving. Jim Nyre and Jaiy Carlson are Breakfast with Santa Co-Chairs. Lucille Van Beek reported on the last push for Younkers Community Day Fund Raiser. Bob Radandt asked everyone to sign up for Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 18. Sue Carlson reminded everyone about upcoming Optimist meetings. Nathan Knuth will be talking to each of us to discuss interests of co-chairing various events. Jackie Hunt discussed the Optimist Dictionary and Thesaurus program for third and fifth graders in Dunn County. John Van Beek noted Jackie helped build the Optimist Club in River Falls.



November 9—Board Meeting — Bylaws discussion resulted in a dues increase from \$60 to \$75 beginning 2011 to cover club cost. Article 10, section 1 was clarified and the bylaws were accepted. Policies and procedures were amended to reflect the increase in dues. Discussed Club website, Dictionary and Thesaurus program, and Couples on Wheels banquet May 21. Dave Meier was appointed to the Board vacancy. Discussed newsletter ad sales as a fund raiser. The secretaries and treasurers reports were approved.



Jackie Hunt talks about the Optimist Dictionary and Thesaurus program

November 11 —Jim Reppert led us in prayer. Guests were introduced. Nathan expressed his appreciation for all Veterans and, especially to all the Optimist Veterans. Guests were introduced. Nathan was the Secret Greeter. Dan Kohn provided the joke of the day. Gale Haas was the boost winner, but was not present. Jim Reppert won the 50-50. Daryl Dehnke, Sarah and Sophie Haller collected and donated toys that Jim Nyre will distribute to American Cancer Society, Bolton Refuge House, and nursing homes. Lucille VanBeek reported on the Community Day Sales. Jim Nyre sold the most books at 40 and a total of 82 books were sold for a total of \$410. Final numbers on this fundraiser will be reported once the final amount is received. A thank you was received from the Chippewa Optimists. Dave Meier was thanked for the print outs. Sign up sheets were went around for Breakfast with Santa. Set up is Friday, December 10 from 4 until done. Saturday, December 11 help is needed from 8 to 11 am. A sign up sheet was passed around for a visit to the Chippewa Falls Optimist Club. Wednesday, November 23 at 6:45 am. Linda explained what Couples on Wheels is (a tandem bicycle club that is). Nathan thanked the new Board of Directors. Nathan explained the need for increasing the cost of membership to cover Optimist International fees. Sue Carlson reported on a Work Day at the Mall of America. 10 people working for an 8 hour shift will make \$500 for the club. Jim Reppert told us the difference between an optimist and a pessimist.



November 18 — Jim Reppert led us in prayer. Guests were introduced. Secret Greeter was Sue Carlson. Boost was won by Linda Soltis-Schroeder. Jim Reppert won the 50-50. A report was made on the District Conference at Green Bay. Nathan Knuth discussed web development. Lucille Van Beek talked about the Preble High School Haunted House. Sue Carlson talked about the Personal Growth and Involvement program. Chippewa Falls Optimist are looking for help with Mentoring Christmas Parties— Wednesday, December 8 from 8:30 am to noon for K-1 at Knights of Columbus Hall; Tuesday, December 14 from 8:30 am to noon for Middle School at Our Saviors Church; Thursday, December 17 from 9 am to 1 or 2 pm for High School at Our Saviors Church. Contact Deb Raddant at bradendm@chipfalls.k12.wi.us if you are able to help. Nathan discussed the dictionary and thesaurus program for schools and volunteering at the Mall of America. The Mall work would raise money for the dictionaries. Dave Meier showed us how to find information on the WINUM and Optimist International websites. Linda Soltis-Schroeder assisted with computer operation.

November 25 — No meeting.
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

PLEASE HELP—I can't always make every meeting. Help get all meeting minutes into the newsletter. Please contact Linda at 715-598-4951 or lsoltis@clearwire.net)

SPOTS

Jaiy Carlson's husband, Jeff, was involved in a serious accident.
Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

VISIT WINUM DISTRICT WEB SITE @ WWW.WINUM.COM

SEE HALLIE OPTIMIST CLUB PHOTOS @
WWW.HOC.SMUGMUG.COM

VISIT OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL WEB SITE @ WWW.OPTIMIST.COM



Photos from the First Quarter Conference in Green Bay WI on November 12-13





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Officers:

Nathan Knuth, President
Rich Carlson, Past President
Darlene Alley, Secretary
Theresa Dean, Treasurer

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Gale Haas
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2010 ~ 2011 CALENDAR OF ANNUAL EVENTS

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Lake Hallie Town Hall – 8:00 to 11:00 am – December 11, 2010
ESSAY CONTEST: Conducted by the area schools during the month of January 2011
BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY: Lake Hallie Town Hall – 8:00 to 11:00 am – April 23, 2011
YOUTH OF THE MONTH AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: May 18, 2011 – 6:00 pm at the Lake Hallie Town Hall, Entertainment, Free Subway Sandwiches and Pepsi Products
SAFETY ON WHEELS ~ BICYCLE RODEO: Locust Lane Elementary – 3245 Locust Lane, 3:30 to 5:30 pm – May 6, 2011, Free Pepsi products and Hot Dogs ~ Drawing for 2 Bicycles and other prizes
CHILDREN'S HEALTH AWARENESS DAY: May 21, 2011 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm ~ Lake Hallie Town Hall
YOUTH FISHING CONTEST; June 4, 2011: Lake Hallie Sportsman's Club – 9:00 to Noon, Free Pepsi Products, Hot Dogs and Prizes
CHILDHOOD CANCER ~ Picnic in the Park Fundraiser: August 27, 2011 ~ Irvine Park Pavilion ~ 12:00 to 4:00, Brats, Hamburgers, Nacho Cheese, Desserts ~ Free will Offering



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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