

WINUM DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

2011-2012 First Quarter

October 2011



2011-2012 Conferences /Convention

November 4-5: Grand Lodge (Wausau—Rothschild)
February 10-11: Ramada Plaza (Fond du Lac)
May 4-5: Paper Valley (APPLETON)
August 10-11: Holiday Inn (Eau Claire)

A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

By: Gov. Sue Van Dreser



Welcome to the 2011-2012

Reflect the Future

WINUM Optimist year



It is my pleasure to represent and lead our membership as your District Governor this year.

Reflect the Future: Everyday we send messages to those around us via our actions and attitudes. Do we reflect to kids, community, our fellow Optimists what we want to see in future generations? Our Optimist programs and activities are vehicles that allow us to give kids, our community, and our organization what they really need -respect, guidance, maturity, patience, support, empowerment and so on. As Optimists - we need to constantly model these traits.

This year, we will focus on **meeting, mentoring, motivating, and making optimism happen** for our youth, fellow members, and Optimist International. It is time to turn the tide of declining membership and increase our service to kids. We can only do that by strengthening our existing clubs and growing our organization. Your involvement is critical to our success. Success starts with the one you see in the mirror – one person at a time.

Please accept my personal invitation and attend our three district conferences and convention this year. We will explore ways to market our organization and achieve the four focus topics above. As always – fun, fellowship, networking, and training abound when we gather together!

Be part of the excitement and enthusiasm. Share your knowledge and talent. Let's **Reflect the Future** we wish to see in the next generation.

Governor Sue Van Dreser (vandreser@charter.net)

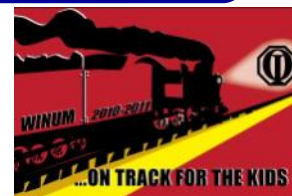
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2010-2011 GOVERNORS MESSAGE

By: Mark Sprangers

Welcome to Fall and the end of the "ON TRACK FOR THE KIDS" year



We covered a lot of ground this year; we have stayed **on track**, we have stopped at a number of stations along the way. We discussed new members and Friends of Optimists, new clubs, pilot clubs and college clubs. We honored Builders of Excellence and honored Meredith Prebeg with the 10 new member award pin and certificate. We trained the 2011/2012 WINUM team and elected John Leonhard as Governor Elect. We have attended club meetings, zone meetings, conferences, the PDC, the International Convention. We have learned about Internet Safety and what it takes to be a Hero. We held Oratorical and Essay contests; held bike rodeos and Tri Star Sports competitions. Some gave away school supplies. Many sold hot dogs, cheese curds and other tasty morsels. We have accomplished much this year and will accomplish more; there is a lot to be proud of, we can hold our heads high.

There are still a number of days to put into practice what we are all about, why we are Optimists. During these days, whatever you do, be it signing additional members, one more club activity or build that new club, you do not have to do it alone; the district team is willing and able to help accomplish your goals. And there is still time to achieve Honor Club, maybe Distinguished Club, and be recognized at the awards banquet in Fond du Lac on February 11, 2012.

So far in this "**on track for the kids**" year we have over **220** new members. We are staying **on track** by including these new members in club activities, we are listening to their new ideas and we enjoy the new energy these members bring to the clubs. Hopefully we have been re-energized by their enthusiasm. We are **on track** by evaluating our club activities and fund raisers. Some clubs have made changes, some clubs tried new activities and other clubs are comfortable with where they are. Staying "**ON TRACK FOR THE KIDS**" is what makes WINUM a strong district.

Soon we will transition into the new optimist year, but we do not stop what we are doing. We continue the momentum, full steam ahead; we do this with the same dedication and commitment to the kids we have shown all year. Even though we have a number of days remaining in the "**on track for the kids**" year I want to take this time to say thank you: Thank you to all the members of a great district team. Your dedication and guidance for all Optimists is really fantastic. And thank you to our International Vice President Gloria Kloster. She is always there to do what she can to help any of us in the Great(est) Plains Region. Thank you to the past Governors for their support, especially Jann and Judy; their guidance and advice throughout the year and in the years leading up to me being Governor is really appreciated. Thank you to you the membership and your families for the continued dedication and support of the kids of your communities, the WINUM District and Optimist International. Thank you to my wife Karen for being so supportive of my time given to the district and the kids. And thank you to every member of this great district for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your WINUM District Governor.

So, let's stay "**On Track For The Kids**". We want to finish the year with an engine full of steam, coming into the station on September 30, 2011 stronger than when we left the station on October 1, 2010. And then on October 1, 2011 we will continue our full support of Sue and the 2011/2012 WINUM Team and we will celebrate our "**On Track For The Kids**" year and then look at the image in the mirror and "Reflect The Future".

Again, thank you, to everyone for your dedication and commitment to the kids of your communities.
"ON TRACK FOR THE KIDS" Governor Mark

INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Gloria Kloster



Dear WINUM Friends,

As I write this, there's a definite touch of fall in the air...I can hear the drums of the high school marching band as they prepare for the first home football game of the season ...the tips of the maple trees are starting to turn, the occasional thunk of a black walnut hitting the porch roof all remind me that summer is nearly over and so is our 2010-2011 Optimist Year.

Please accept my thanks for all that you continually do to help your clubs and the kids we have all pledged to serve! If I were to enumerate the many ways that each of you contribute, Charlie would have to publish a "Volume 2" addendum to the October newsletter! But please know that everything you do is noticed and appreciated by the children, by their families, by your communities, and by your fellow Optimists worldwide!

It's been an unbelievably rewarding privilege to serve as your International Vice President this year...I have learned so much from each of you! I've also asked you to support some things this year (can you say PDC?) and you've stepped right up! So I'm asking for one more thing: is there someone whose life would be positively impacted if you gave them the chance to experience what we all experience each time we gather together in service or fellowship? Then please give them that opportunity, by asking them to join us as a traditional member or as a FRIEND of Optimists (and don't forget that 20 new FRIENDS will get your CLUB a visit from President Danny – talk about an energy boost!). And, if your New Club Building efforts blossom this month, I have an Organizational Kit in the trunk of my car! What better way to end the year in support of Governor Mark, and provide Governor Designate Sue great momentum to kick off the 2012 year, than by increasing the number of children we can serve by welcoming new Optimists to our family TODAY?!

With love and thanks,

Gloria Kloster

International Vice President
GREATest Plains Region



ATTENTION PAST GOVERNORS

By: Sue Van Dreser

Attention Past WINUM Governors....

You are invited to bring the District banner from your year as Governor to the first quarter conference in November!

You will each be asked to display your banner during the parade of club banners at the general session. It will be great for us to revisit our history and recognize your prior leadership.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

By: Carol Eirich

It is an honor to serve as your 2011-2012 membership chairperson. I have big shoes to fill after the awesome job Alice Baldini did last year. I have been an Optimist member for only 3 years and I am already serving my second term as Club President and my first term as a district chairperson. In my first Club President term our club was able to increase our membership by 5 people. It was not as hard as I thought although I myself still have that new member adrenalin. With your help, your club can also grow in membership. Did you know each member serves approximately 35 children annually through the service projects and opportunities for children offered through you local Optimist club? More members equal more children served. After all isn't that what we are all about? I am looking forward to working with each of you throughout this year as you welcome new members to our optimist family. Please stop and introduce yourself to me at the November Conference, I would like to hear what works and doesn't work for you and your club.



Optimist International Convention

JULY 12-14, 2012

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

SEE PAGES 9 & 10 FOR MORE INFORMATION



It's not too early—make plans to attend...

START PLANNING TODAY

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

By: Ken Eirich

OIF: IT IS YOURS, IT IS FOR THE KIDS, IT IS OURS
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Welcome Optimists to a new year. What a year we just had. Thanks to Gov. Mark for his success and for all we were able to do for "The Kids".

First and foremost I want to thank everyone for their past support of the Optimist International Foundation and for all you did for the KIDS. At the District Convention this last August you contributed over \$1600 to your foundation. The grand total for the 2010-2011 year has not been finalized, but will be available in October. Second a huge thank you goes out to all the clubs and individuals that have contributed to this success. And third, thank you to everyone who has donated items to the lunch time raffles over the past year. We could not have had such a great year if we did not have fellow optimists donating items.

With the new year beginning, the International Foundation has set our goal this year for the foundation at \$10,000. I firmly believe that we will exceed this goal by year's end.

A reminder to everyone, It is **YOUR** foundation. Many organizations ask for money and I know as well as you that they are all worthy causes. So what sets the Optimist International Foundation apart from them? It is **YOU** the member. All these groups have telemarketers, mass mailings, and major fundraisers to raise the needed funds. We only have **YOU** the members to take on this mighty task. This is why I ask **YOU** to include the Optimist International Foundation as a top priority when you make your yearly allocation of contributions. Remember we all do many things for the kids and this is just another way to show **YOU** care.

Please place giving to the foundation on your list of things to do this new optimist year as well as a line item on your clubs budget. Everyone likes to be recognized and through the foundation we have a recognition program to those that give. The OIF plate for anyone person giving \$250 or more and the OFI numbered print for anyone or club or business that donates \$500 or more.

Thanks again for all you do at the district level as well as in your clubs.

Ken Eirich

WINUM District Foundation Representative

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P.S. Just a reminder that we are always looking for items for the lunch time raffle. If you have any worth while items for future raffles, please bring them to the next conference or convention.

CLUB SERVICES

By: Judy Goodchild

Let me introduce myself, I am your District Club Services Chair for the Reflect The Future Year!

What are my responsibilities? To assist clubs and connect them with resources that can build them in strength and stability.

It has been several years since WINUM has had a representative in this position. As the year goes on, call me at any time with questions on anything that may arise during your meetings. Please do not let any concern slide, all too often, small issues become large and overwhelming. I will do my best to connect you with available resources and hopefully help you and your members continue a successful year working for the youth of your community.

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Judy Goodchild

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JOOI CLUBS

By: Ann Sheahan



Welcome to another great year in Optimism! My name is Ann Sheahan and I am the JOOI Club Chair for 2011-12. There is no better place to start showing kids of all ages that volunteering is a way of life! Start a Junior Optimist Club at a local school this year and watch them grow! We lead by example; show the kids you care about them and want to work with them to be responsible and respectful adults. If you need some help getting started give me a call or drop a line to my email; I would love to hear you say "we want to start a JOOI Club". 920-901-6352 or gsheahan@charter.net

It is not too late to get something started; Remember we want to REFLECT the FUTURE! The kids are our future; let's get them off to a great start on life and volunteering. Service is the price we pay for the space we occupy; are you current on your rented space?

SCRAPBOOK COMPETITION

By: Terry Weber

Last Call!

Scrapbooks for the 2010-2011 Optimist year are due at the 1st Quarter Conference, Nov. 4-5 in Wausau/Rothschild. These books serve as your club's historical record. They will mirror the activity and fun that your club had during the year. Some clubs present their out-going president with this Scrapbook. Think about it ... and get busy! I can't wait to see all the projects and fun times you had. The books will be judged at this conference and awards will be presented at the 2nd quarter conference in February.

Terry Weber

District Scrapbook Chair

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPEMENT*By: Jann Van Dreser***Reflect the Future. Meet, Mentor, Motivate, Make it Happen.**

As Leadership Development Chair this year I am working with your Leadership Development team to bring speakers, presentations, and programs to Conferences and Convention, which will fit this theme. We are in the process of getting a “Fish” presentation for 1st. Quarter Conference and another reflecting mentorship for 2nd. Quarter.

You can assist us in this endeavor by letting us know how and what we can provide to help you Reflect your best image as an Optimist. In past years we have used surveys at Conferences and Convention to get ideas and feedback, but then we only get responses from those who already attend. I am asking you, as a member of the WINUM District to contact me directly with your thoughts – hoping to hear form those who do not attend regularly but would if we offered something of direct interest. My e-mail is jannvan-dreser@vosslaw.us.

We have already set a presentation on a Membership program and are planning to have presentations on several Optimist International programs, but will strive to include your requests if feasible.

Leadership Development is not just for Conferences and Conventions, it is for you the members to use as needed. If you want a presentation at a Club Meeting or Zone Meeting let me know. Think about using our team to promote and move along the Personal Growth and Involvement (P.G.I.) levels, or maybe to encourage newer club members to take on leadership rolls within your club, or to do a mid-year boost at a Zone Meeting with Club Presidents, or just to help with a struggle.

We look forward to serving you by Reflecting the Future we hope to see for WINUM. Your involvement in the District is vital to being able to provide a variety of speakers and options on training.

See you at a Conference,

Jann Van Dreser



WHAT YOU'LL FIND AT THE 1ST QUARTER CONVENTION

1st Quarter Conference at The Grand Lodge at Stoney Creek

It's our first conference of the "Reflect the Future" year...and our first visit to The Grand Lodge at Stoney Creek! This property includes a 50,000 square foot water park and is located in the Cedar Creek Mall area. There are a variety of room styles available to fit every need! What a great place for a family weekend... why not plan to bring yours!??

Friday's Fun Night is being planned by Lt Governor Dave Phelps and the ever-dependable members of Zone 2! We'll travel individually to Weston Lanes for a pizza buffet and BOWLING...something we haven't done in many, many years! I think some 'rare forms' will be shown and a good time will be had by all! After that? Hospitality!! (I hope we can afford one of the beautiful suites offered at The Grand Lodge!)

Of course, loads of information will be shared at the General Session by Governor Sue Van Dreser and her team. Please plan to attend! Bring someone from your club who's never attended a conference. There's a lot to learn and share!

See you in Rothschild!

Laurel Schirmer



WHAT YOU CAN FIND NEAR BY

Cedar Creek Mall

Cedar Creek Cinema

Green Mill Restaurant - Culvers Restaurant

Banks—Convenience Store—Gas Station

Many retail establishments all in Cedar Creek Village and all within blocks of the Grand Lodge

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2012 Update*By: Laurel Schirmer***MILWAUKEE WI July 12-14****Frontier Airlines Center**

The delegates to the Baltimore convention made a **GREAT presentation in Baltimore!** Thank You! We received many positive comments on our polka dancers at the final business session! Optimists enjoyed our cheese curds and bought enough raffle tickets for our fundraising efforts to gain \$500!! (Entrants won donated Packers gear, cheese, Cheese-head wine, gourmet mustard from the Mustard Museum, etc.) By the way, the blue Host District shirts were a big hit! Everyone knew who we were and that Wisconsin's districts are next year's hosts! Get yours now! (An order form for your club is on page 10 of this newsletter or on the International Convention page at www.winum.com.)

Thanks to Past Governor Thad Streeter who has stepped up to coordinate our corporate fundraising efforts! As of this writing we are compiling a list of businesses we would like to contact for product donation or sponsorship. We need members to help with follow up calls!! Please let Thad or me know if you are willing to help!

Along with the corporate fundraising, each club should have received a letter through your Lt. Governor (or by snail mail). Please discuss your club's financial support of the convention at your board meeting!

We hope to have sign-up forms for Volunteers available by the 1st quarter conference. Thanks to Meredith Prebeg for agreeing to serve as volunteer coordinator for both districts! Many hands are needed to chaperone the youth tour, work the welcome picnic, pick up dignitaries at the airport, hand out registration packets, deliver presentation materials to training rooms, host a table at the Appreciation Luncheon, etc etc etc. Plan to volunteer AND attend the training and business sessions!!!

There are two coordinator positions available on the Host Area Committee; we need someone who is attending the convention to write the 'Rise & Shine' newsletter (published daily with the help of OI staff and distributed each morning in the meeting area). We also need a 'goodie bag coordinator'; hopefully we'll have a few small snack items and there'll be some advertising from vendors in the House of Optimism. (Each attendee will receive a goodie bag on the first day of the convention.)

We're still investigating the best site for the "Welcome to WI" picnic on Wednesday, July 10th. We're also hoping to host an "Optimist Night at Miller Park" — the Brewers 2012 schedule has them playing at home on the 13th and 14th.

The Host Committee has been asked to look into hosting a charity ride to benefit the Childhood Cancer Campaign. Past Governor Dave Miser from SWIS is coordinating this event; if you're a motorcycle rider and want to get involved—please let me know!

As you can see, there are hundreds of ways to be involved! Not since 1924 has the International Convention been in Milwaukee. This is our chance to impress OUR generation of Optimists with our Wisconsin "Gemütlichkeit"! Be a part of it!!

Laurel Schirmer

Meet Milwaukee 2012

Host Area Committee Co-Chair

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ZONE REPORTS 2010-2011**ZONE 2: Lt. Gov. Mary Kay Mills**

ZONE 2 Thanks to all the current Zone 2 Clubs for their efforts and enthusiasm this past Optimist year. I've enjoyed meeting with all the clubs and wish you continued success! Starting October 1, Zone 2 will be comprised of the **Wausau area clubs** and **Mosinee**-all great clubs with great members, guided by incoming Lt. Governor Dave Phelps. **Marshfield, Wisconsin Rapids, Stevens Point Noon, Stevens Point/Plover and Neillsville clubs** will make up Zone 3 and will be led by incoming Lt. Governor Mary Grace Keene. Dave and Mary Grace are dedicated Optimists and I know we'll have a great new Optimist year!

ZONE 7: Lt. Gov. Ann Sheahan

ZONE 7 Well, I hope that when the train pulled into the station on Sept. 30th the WINUM District came in at full speed ahead with the train packed full of new members. It is hard to believe another Optimist Year has come and gone; but it was well worth the ride! Thanks Zone 7 for a great year; the fellowship and welcoming optimist clubs made my year as Lt. Governor a lot of fun. Several clubs in Zone 7 achieved Honor Status and I am very proud of all of you! Many clubs finished the year with Fund Raisers, community events, and numerous kids activities. Way to go Zone 7 and WINUM! Zone 7 has morphed into Zone 8 on October 1st with few changes except for **St. Norbert College**, they will stay with Zone 7. Good Luck to this fantastic group of young adults; they have so much energy, new ideas, and tons of smiles to help the kids in the **Green Bay, DePere, and Allouez** area! We will miss our close friendship but will keep in touch and help them where we can. I would like to introduce the new Lt. Governor for Zone 8 ...Terry Schneider from my own home club, **Two Rivers!** Please welcome Terry, her husband Scott and college daughter Ariel (go Silver Lake College Optimists). Please help her feel at home in your clubs when she visits; it will be a great year to Reflect on the FUTURE of Optimist with Terry as our Lt. Governor for Zone 8. Thanks again for the great ride! Sincerely Ann Sheahan

ZONE 10: Lt. Gov. Jim Scharf

ZONE 10 The clubs are into installing the New Presidents and Boards. The final wrap up for the year will be a sad one due to the economy and layoffs all clubs have been struggling to keep their members. The **North Fond du Lac Club** had 6 new but deleted 5. The **Noon club** deleted 4 and gained 2. The **Evening club** has lost 7 and gained 2 back. This year has been a rollercoaster ride, but we all will come through with flying colors and we still helped all the children that we always have. With this year about over and all that has happened, I can say as Lt Gov of this ZONE that we all held are heads high and kept on track to finish this year with a bang. Thanks to all the Clubs for a good year – respectfully - Lt Gov Jim Scharf 213 Blackbird St, No. Fond du Lac, WI 54937

ZONE 11: Lt. Gov. Scott Stangel

ZONE 11 Sheboygan Noon Last week the Noon club held its signature even-Back to School Basics. A total of 1675 kids were served by providing them with free school supplies for the upcoming school year. President-elect John Ehman has agreed to fill in for current president Chris Stevens who is relocating out of state. John has stepped in to organize good meeting speakers and has begun organizing a team to work on the club's biggest fund raising project Pancake Days which will be held in November. **PLYMOUTH** again is operating their concession at Road America. There are 2 remaining races for this season. They report attendance is low, thus their profit is down. They also sponsored a booth at the recent Mill Street festival promoting their club and Optimism. Each year the club co-sponsors with the Plymouth Soccer Association a youth soccer tournament. This year the tournament was held July 3-4th.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ZONE REPORTS *Continued* *Continued from page 11***ZONE 11: Lt. Gov. Scott Stangel** *Continued*

At their last meeting the board members present agreed to allow Linda Ledbeter to move forward with designing a "business plan" for a possible annual event. Linda is sending out the request to other clubs in Zone 11 for assistance with the planning and creation of the event. The idea involves pulling together aspects of the TV shows "Amazing Race" and "Survivor" and a Car Rally for a family fun day covering Sheboygan County. More to follow. **Oostburg** Just finished their biggest fund raiser of the year, which was the Fourth of July celebration in the Oostburg Park. They hosted games, a prize stand and a food stand. They also had a food stand at Heritage Days on Aug.12. Julie Meyer will be the President for 2011-2012. They continue to sell a few of their Sheboygan County Afghans. They will again do their annual birthday calendar in September and October. In October they will host a food stand for Halloween. Their 2011-2012 installation banquet will be September 27. **Sheboygan Evening** Last week the club tried a new fundraising program called Lambeau Hoops. They hosted a team of Packer Alumni to play basketball against a group of local high school players. Although the club worked very hard to market the event attendance was only around 200 and the club lost money. They are currently evaluating the event to determine if they will do it next year. They recently hosted a childhood cancer campaign fundraiser at the business of a club member. Two new club members have become very active. They have shown interest in internet safety and starting a JOOI club. Carol Eirich is staying on as president. Fourth quarter Zone 11 meeting was held at Wildwood Baseball Park. This meeting also served as a social between the two Sheboygan clubs. Members were brought updated on what the other clubs in the zone are doing and the zone's internet safety project. Oostburg middle school has interest in partnering with OI's internet safety program, and has shown interest of working it in to their curriculum. There is also interest by the school's guidance counselor about forming a JOOI club. These two opportunities will be followed up on once the school year begins.



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2010-2011 LT. GOVERNORS

SEE PAGE 13 TO MEET OUR 2011-2012 Lt. GOVERNORS

2011-2012 LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

ZONE 1 Lt. Gov. Deb Braden	Hallie / Menomonie / Eau Claire / Chippewa Falls / Superior / Durand / Hudson / River Falls
ZONE 2 Lt. Gov. Dave Phelps	Wausau Noon / Wausau Breakfast / Breaking Boundaries / Everest Area / Mosinee Area
ZONE 3 Lt. Gov. Mary Grace Keene	Stevens Point Noon / Stevens Point - Plover / Neillsville / Wisconsin Rapids / Marshfield
ZONE 4 Lt. Gov. Meredith Prebeg	Antigo / Merrill / Tomahawk / Prentice
ZONE 5 Lt. Gov. Emil Gardiner	Green Bay – Howard Suamico / Pulaski – Krakow / Shawano / Green Bay Sunrise / Green Bay West
ZONE 6 Lt. Gov. Mel Polarek	Green Bay Allouez / Green Bay Breakfast / Green Bay / Green Bay Monday / Green Bay Preble / Green Bay Phoenix / Falcon Athletics
ZONE 7 Lt. Gov. Tom Deer	Green Bay Ashwaubenon / Green Bay Bellevue East Town / DePere / Green Leaf – Wrightstown / St. Norbert
ZONE 8 Lt. Gov. Terry Schneider	Algoma / Kewaunee / Manitowoc / Manitowoc Sunrise / Sturgeon Bay / Silver Lake / Two Rivers
ZONE 9 Lt. Gov. UNREPRESENTED	Appleton / Kaukauna Heart of the Valley / Neenah – Menasha / Oshkosh / Waupaca
ZONE 10 Lt. Gov. Ken Weber	Hilbert – Potter / Chilton / Brillion / Kiel / New Holstein / Sherwood Area
ZONE 11 Lt. Gov. Scott Stangel	Fond du Lac / Fond du Lac North / Fond du Lac Noon / Sheboygan / Sheboygan Evening / Plymouth / Oostburg

2011-2012 LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS ZONE REPORTS

ZONE 1: Lt. Gov. Deb Braden

ZONE 1 It's a New Year and new beginning for the Optimist Year. Allow me to introduce you to the 2011-2012 Zone One Lt. Governor, Deb Braden. I have been a member of the **Chippewa Falls Optimist Club** for about 18 years. I had made a decision that it was time to join a service club in town after completing my BA in Accounting at Lakeland College. A member of my church, Ray Helgerson came up to me and asked me to check out the Optimist Club, it was perfect; just what I was ready for. So here I am. I am the mother of three grown children and the proud grandmother of four. I recently retired from the Chippewa Falls School District as the district accountant. This leaves me time for Optimist, my church, and my other passions of volunteering such as the Heyde Center, Thrivent for Lutherans, and Open Door Clinic.

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2011-2012 LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS REPORTS *continued***ZONE 1: Lt. Gov. Deb Braden** *continued*

ZONE 1 I am looking forward to the Winum District Year of Reflect the Future. I will help the clubs in my Zone - **Chippewa Falls, Durand, Eau Claire, Hallie, Hudson, Menomonie, River Falls** and **Superior**. Together we will service the youth in our respective communities. "Bringing Out the Best in Kids."

ZONE 3: Lt. Gov. Mary Grace Keene

ZONE 3 2011-2012 a new year of Optimism! - I have been a member of the **Stevens Point Noon Optimist club** since 1995. As I finish up my year as president of the **Stevens Point Noon club**, I look forward to the coming year working with the clubs in Zone 3. Next year Zone 3 consists of the **Marshfield, Neillsville, Stevens Point Noon, Stevens Point –Plover Breakfast and Wisconsin Rapids clubs**. The Zone 3 presidents include: **Marshfield-** not available, **Neillsville** – Jim and Mary Kay Mills, **Stevens Point Noon** - Holly Carter, **Stevens Point-Plover Breakfast** – Ashley Lang and **Wisconsin Rapids** – Judy Velazquez.

ZONE 5: Lt. Gov. Emil Gardiner

ZONE 5 Hi my name is Emil Gardiner; I will be your Zone 5 Lieutenant Governor, This coming 2011-12 year. I look forward in working with you and to be able to represent your club at the district level. Zone 5 has 4 Optimist Clubs. **Howard Suamico, Pulasaki-Krakow, Shawano** and the **Green Bay Sunrise**. A little about me: I have been a member of the Howard Suamico Club since 1998 and have served in all of the positions including Lieutenant Governor in Zone 5 in 06-07. My club awarded me "Life membership" this past year. My working career has been in the paper industry working for International paper in Toronto Canada 1963 then transferred to Oxnard California in 1969. In 1973 Procter and Gamble purchased the facility and I continued on with them, transferred to Green Bay, WI. In 1982 and retired from the Engineering dept. in 1997. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions and or issues. Emil Gardiner - 1234 Coprinus Dr. - Green Bay, WI. 54313-7287 (920-434-9105) (C: 920-639-6545) egardiner@new.rr.com

ZONE 8: Lt. Gov. Terry Schneider

ZONE 8 With a new optimist year upon us, I am looking forward to meeting with all the clubs in my zone and encouraging them to keep up the good work, but to strive a little harder and reach out to a few more children. My husband and I have been members of the **Two Rivers club** for 7 years. We have one daughter Ariel, who is a sophomore at Silver Lake College. I am looking forward to meeting with all the clubs in my zone and seeing where I may be able to help reach the goals they have set for their clubs. Zone 8 is made up of seven clubs. **The Algoma Club** president is Diana Mcaninch, while the **Manitowoc Sunrise Club** is lead by Gary Bents. The **Manitowoc Noon Club** president is Doug Soodsma, the **Kewaunee Club** president is Steve Mastalir the **Silver Lake Club** president is Samantha Deeley, and the **Sturgeon Bay Club** president is Paul Dreutzer. The last of my clubs is my home club **Two Rivers Club** that is lead by Gregg Goodchild. I would like to give a big Thank You to Ann Sheahan for all her hard work and dedication she has give this past year for Zone 8(which was zone 7). So let us make this an awesome year!

WELCOME To All our 2011-2012 Lt. Governors

A BREAKING BOUNDARIES OPTIMIST CLUB UPDATE (*your Editor brags to the public*)

The following was printed in the Everest Herald on September 16, 2001

September 16, 2011 Optimist column: Optimists reflect on activities of past year

At this time of the year most Optimist clubs look forward to the new Optimist year, which starts Oct. 1. The clubs also look back at what they accomplished, during the last year in their efforts to bring out the best in kids.

The other day I was looking back a couple of years at what we had accomplished and in my opinion the best thing we did was in August 2009 -- sponsoring the Breaking Boundaries Optimist Club at Northcentral Technical College.

My friend Romey Wagner of the Wausau Noon Optimist Club asked me to help him get the club started. Romey said the club would be primarily for students in the International Education program at NTC and specifically for the SEED, Scholarships for Education and Economic Development, program students. SEED was created for the purpose of contributing to the development of the workforce of the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico and Nicaragua and assist in meeting their social, economic and democratic goals.

Romey said the idea was to expose these students to optimism for the two years they are here and have them spread the optimism in their home countries. I have made some wonderful friends through that involvement, and I keep in touch with many of them after they graduate and go home. Two years later, I am proud to say the club still exists and operates as we intended. During the school year, members visit local elementary schools and teach students about foreign countries. They also perform some of their native dances and dance with the kids. At the end of the presentation, the elementary students each receive a stuffed animal.

Are club members spreading optimism and "bringing out the best in kids" when they return home? The answer is a responding yes! Early in August I got a message from the charter president -- who returned to Nicaragua in June 2010 -- telling me that soon he will have a club similar to an Optimist Club operating there.

And just a couple of days ago I received a message from a member who returned home to Haiti last June. She told me she is creating a community youth center that will provide after school programs including tutoring, arts and crafts. She said her foundation for this center should be legalized soon and she will travel back to the U.S. to present her project and look for sponsors.

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WINUM 1st Quarter Conference
November 4-5, 2011
 The Grand Lodge at Stoney Creek,
 805 Creske Ave, Rothschild, WI 54474
 800-659-2220

Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

e-mail address _____ Phone _____ Is this your first conference? _____

Club Name _____ Zone # _____ Your 2011-12 office (if any) _____

REGISTRATION INFO

(\$5 late fee each item)

	Advance (by Oct 29th)	On Site	Number	Total \$
Members				
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration	\$18.00	\$23.00	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Fun Night <i>Pizza Buffet & Bowling at Weston Lanes</i>	\$16.00	\$21.00	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Lunch <i>Chicken Picatta buffet</i> (all menus are subject to change)	\$17.00	\$22.00	_____	_____

Spouse/Guest/Child (non-members) Name(s): _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Fun Night (adults)	\$16.00	\$21.00	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Fun Night (child)	\$11.00	\$16.00	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Lunch	\$17.00	\$22.00	_____	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (Make checks payable to WINUM District) \$ _____

Charge to my credit card! (A \$3 service charge will be added to all credit card transactions!) \$ _____

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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.

