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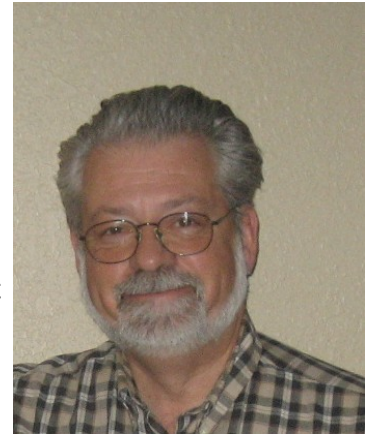
What kind of optimist are you?

Each of us does well to consider the possibilities before us. To begin with, we have the optimist in name only. Said differently--optimism does not regularly define his/her life found in daily words and actions.

Likely the most common optimist is the "circumstantial" one. Here we find the person whose life attitude and actions are defined by the "circumstances" that surround him/her. What is at risk is that different people would have differing opinions on this person's "optimist" identity. The impact of their occasional optimism would also be limited.

The "persistent" optimist is the one of greatest quality. Here optimism is evident in any and all circumstances...in daily words and actions. People like this radiate optimism to others, making this positive life condition desirable to those who are influenced. The legacy (and eulogy) of such a person is a "True Optimist"—what our world needs far more of!

President Dan



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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 5:45 pm at a location to be announced.

- December 8 — Guest Speaker Kayla Midthun, [Chippewa Schools Mentoring](#)
- December 10 — Breakfast with Santa, Hallie Town Hall, 8 am to 11 am, \$5 adults/ children under \$12
- December 13 — Board meeting, 5:15 pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2245 Hayden Avenue, Altoona
- December 15 — [Bridgewater Restaurant](#), 1009 West Park Avenue, Chippewa Falls. Guest Speaker Glen Neubauer, Prescription Drug Drop
- December 17 — Salvation Army Bell Ringing at WalMart. See Bob Radandt for open times.
- December 22 — Sharing our Christmas Plans With Members/Christmas Carols
- December 29 — Guest Speaker Dr. Charles Arntson, [Kindness Animal Hospital](#)

The Perfect Gift



Remember back when you were a kid, when you got that perfect gift during the holiday season? How excited you were to find out that you got exactly what you wanted? How it made you feel? Well this year you can give that perfect gift to someone else. By giving blood with the American Red Cross, you could give someone else the gift money can't buy...time.

Donating blood can save up to three lives and the only cost is about an hour of your time. To someone in need of blood, time is everything -- time to laugh, time to hug, time to live and time to love.

Give the perfect gift and help a friend, family member, or someone you've never met unwrap a lifetime of memories. [Electronic subscribers, watch the video to the left.](#) I cry every time I watch it.

**Hallie 49 (still no new numbers...New staff will be contacting me next week)
Green Bay Sunrise 62**

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

				
	Hattie and Phil Berman	Anniversary	December 6	
	Gale Haas	Birthday	December 7	
	Courtney and Aaron Berg	Anniversary	December 10	
	Bob and Joanne Radandt	Anniversary	December 19	
	Dan Ropa	Birthday	December 25	
	Jerrie and Mary Lee Powers	Anniversary	December 26	
	Vicky Gengler	Birthday	December 30	

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Have breakfast with the REAL SANTA CLAUS on Saturday, December 10 from 8 am to 11 am at the [Lake Hallie Town Hall](#), 13033 30th Avenue, Chippewa Falls, WI. Adults \$5, children 12 and under are free. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce, orange juice, milk, and coffee. Bring your camera to take a picture of your family with Santa Claus.

If you want to help at the event, please contact [Jaiy Carlson](#) at 715-833-7722 or just come and join the fun!

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Tami Schraufnagel- Holidaze Arts Festival

November 3— 22 members present with 1 guest. Secret Greeter was Gale Haas, Boost winner LeRoy Patton, 50-50 won by John Van Beek. Sue Carlson gave awards to Nathan Knuth and Jim Reppert for new members. Bob Radandt reported \$308 of aluminum collected in October with special thanks to Norm Plourde. New member Harriet Dehnke, sponsored by Daryl Dehnke. Daryl noted he met her in the back of the bus and they will be celebrating their 49th anniversary watching a NASCAR race. Nathan presented awards to Rich Carlson and Avis Hanson. Theresa Dean was appreciated for her work on the Halloween Party.

Tami Schraufnagel spoke of the Art Festival held at the Downtown Eau Claire Ramada Inn on November 18th and 19th. Purpose is to help revitalize downtown. Partnering with Gordy's to provide high end food preparation. Excellent variety and quality of art work from 70 artists is available. Proceeds from the event go to Feed My People and Community Table.

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Board Meeting

November 8—Dan Kohn, Linda Soltis-Schroeder, Darlene Alley, Theresa Dean, Gale Haas, Juli Jallas, Lucille VanBeek, Jody Guckenberger, Nate Knuth. Members Absent: Jakki Wittwer

Club Members Present: Jerrie Powers

Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were approved

Motions approved to pay \$225 for new location of Childhood Cancer Picnic, purchase 500 stickers for under \$400, to pay \$500 sponsorship for a JOOI Club at Northstar Middle School, and to accept Linda Wagner as a new member.

Lucille Van Beek turned in \$310 from sale of 62 Younkers Books. Spirit of Christmas will be discussed at regular meeting. Special event insurance for trolley at CCP will be available 45 days prior to the event. This will be discussed later.

Board Meeting Review

November 10—24 members. Secret Greeter took a long time before Mary Lee Powers was chosen by Theresa Dean (only 3 more guesses left)! Gale Haas won Boost, Lucille won 50-50. LeRoy Patton is in the hospital, Rodney Schaefer is also in hospital due to a motorcycle accident. A card was passed around for Jim Nyre. Theresa Dean reported 70 children and 50 adults plus 50 members attended the Halloween party. Nathan presented an award to Evelyn Usher for Board Membership and fund raising. Dictionaries are ordered and Jim Reppert will schedule the distribution. Business contacts for fund raising should be made now. Board meeting was discussed. Jody Guckenberger is looking for a JOOI club coordinator. Park Department wants storage for the trolley as they are no longer funded by the city. Chippewa Falls club visit is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.



President Dan Kohn, Evelyn Usher, and Past President Nathan Knuth

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2012 Fundraisers and Activities

Local Business Sponsors—Gale Haas, Linda Soltis-Schroeder, Darlene Alley, Jerrie Powers
Spaghetti Supper—
Breakfast with Santa — Jim Nyre and Jaiy Carlson
Breakfast with the Easter Bunny — Jim Nyre and Jaiy Carlson
Aluminum Recycling — Bob Radandt
Chippewa Falls Optimist Cheese Curd Stand
Chippewa Falls Optimist Oktoberfest Celebration
Festival in the Pines — Linda Soltis-Schroeder
Childhood Cancer Business Donation Boxes
Childhood Cancer Awareness Picnic in the Park— Nathan Knuth and Kevin Schultz
Dictionary Program — Nathan Knuth
Halloween Party —Darlene Alley and Theresa Dean
Safety On Wheels—Bicycle Rodeo — Gale Haas and Sue Carlson
Essay Contest —Jim Bakken and Linda Soltis-Schroeder
Youth of the Month —Lucille Van Beek and Jaiy Carlson
High School Scholarships — Jaiy Carlson, Rich Carlson, Sue Carlson
Salvation Army Bell Ringing—Bob Radandt
Hooked on Fishing—John and Lucille Van Beek
Youth of the Month and Scholarship Banquet —

History of the National Anthem

November 17— Jodi Arriola won 50-50, Jakki Wittwer won Boost. A short film of the history of the National Anthem was shown. Hayden and Hanna Guckenberg performed the Star Spangled Banner for us. Thanks to Darlene Alley for the notes!



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Help Fill Salvation Army Red Kettles

If you have some time on Saturday, December 17, please contact Bob Radandt at 715-832-8639 to help ring bells for donations at the Hallie Wal Mart. Bell ringers are still needed especially later in the day.



District Governor Sue Van Dresser with Hallie Optimist Club President Dan Kohn

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The Optimist Creed

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- 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 you 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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