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From the Presidents Pen

It's all about heart. That's what our success is tied to.

Yes, it's from the heart that we find the love and motivation to fuel the efforts that are necessary to support the youth of our communities. Love and motivation are interwoven here—toward meaningful impact!

The love we are talking about here is also called compassion. A way to appreciate the meaning of that word is to look at it this way—"Com-Passion" is the "Com"-mitted "Passion" to meet the needs of others. For us as Optimists, the focus is on the youth we serve (with serving being a component of compassion as well). Yes, it all comes together for us as Optimist—with "Committed Passion we Serve the youth of our communities!"

Let this be our focus for 2012!

President Dan



Santa Claus and President Dan are pumped to start the New Year with Committed Passion!

Mark Your Calendar

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.

January 5— Tom Christianson from [Sold4U Auctions](#) is our speaker

January 12— Senator Terry Moulton, District 23, will speak on the Concealed Carry law.

January 19—Evening meeting, **Christmas party** at [High Shores Supper Club](#), 17985 County Hwy X. Social Hour from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Sit down at 6:30. Choices of steak, chicken, or fish with salad bar. No gift exchange, but do bring a \$5 donation per person for the Childhood Cancer Campaign. Call Gale Haas at 715-271-1844 for more information.

January 26— Speaker to be announced.

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SCRAPBOOK MATERIAL NEEDED: John and Lucille Van Beek are preparing the Scrapbook for President Dan's 2011-2012 year. If you have flyers, pictures, newspaper articles, or other material from the 2011-2012 year, please contact them. Let's help them make this an award winning Scrapbook! Thanks.

Who won?



A sampling of truffles from Obsession Chocolates, Eau Claire

Reading 'From the President's Pen' gets me even more passionate about helping others. Every blood donation helps up to 3 people. These people could be your friends or neighbors who have cancer, need an operation, or had an accident. Help them out. 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! But as far as the contest for Obsessions Chocolate or Serogy's Chocolates? Who won?

| | Hallie | Green Bay Sunrise |
|---------------|--------|-------------------|
| Donation Goal | 52 | 52 |
| Pints donated | | 66 |

Will the Hallie Club be going to Green Bay with Truffles? Or will the Sunrise Club be greeting the day in the Western part of the state. Stay tuned....we are waiting for final numbers from the Red Cross.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Darlene Alley—
January 2
Tom Woychik—
January 10
Jodi & Reynaldo
Arriola— January 12

Getting Ready for December Events

December 1— 25 members present. Jim Reppert led invocation. Jakki Wittwer was the secret greeter picked by John Van Beek. Arlene Meier won Boost; Jim Bakken won 50-50. Arlene also won a date book. We wished Harold Snorheim, Rich Carlson and Bob Radandt Happy Birthday with a rousing rendition of the birthday song. We don't have a key, but we sure have volume! 2 hats on a rack, one said 'I'll go on a head'. Funding request from Badger Boys Club. Jim Reppert reports the dictionaries are ready and Nathan Knuth, Jakki Wittwer, Darlene Alley, Dave Meier, will hand them out at Locust Lane and Messiah Lutheran. Bell Ringing at Wal-Mart on Saturday December 17. Breakfast with Santa December 10 from 8-11 am. Bob reported aluminum cans brought in \$60 this month for a new total of \$364.



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Kayla Midthun—Chippewa Area Mentoring Program

December 8— 21 members and 2 guests. President Dan Kohn led invocation and pledge. Guests Brian Chapman and Kayla Midthun were introduced. Larry Bradford was the Secret Greeter, Boost won by David Meier, Dan Kohn won 50-50. Joke of Day...if you jumped off the bridge in Paris you would be in Seine. Darlene Alley reported the door stickers were printed wrong, twice. She hopes to get them this week. Jakki Wittwer announced Dave Meier will be at the breakfast at 6 am and will serve members at 7 am. Set up on Friday at 2 pm. Mike Siker donated 3D glasses for the kids. Please report to the board if you know a family in need. John Van Beek is hoping to get a team for Bowl for Kids in May (1,2,3,or 4). Kickoff is in March so find your \$100 in donations and come have a great time playing basketball, dancing, and having fun for kids sake!

Kayla discussed the Chippewa Area Mentoring Program. Jim Bakken is one of the new mentors. For 30 minutes a week you can make a big difference in a child's life. Men to be paired with boys is the biggest need. You must stay at least 1 year. The program targets children who may be bullied or bullying, shy, doing poorly in school, and more. The program started 23 years ago with 6 church members asking the principal what they could do to help. Now 250 children are served.



Board of Directors Meeting

December 13—Members in Attendance: Linda Soltis-Schroeder, Darlene Alley, Theresa Dean, Gale Haas, Lucille VanBeek, Juli Jallas, Jakki Wittwer, Nate Knuth. Members Absent: Dan Kohn. Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were approved.

Motion approved that Vicky Gengler and Margo Gramling be removed from the roster if first quarter dues are not paid by December 31, 2001.

Motion approved to contact the family of a Childhood Cancer Campaign recipient and offer them a Christmas present of a \$100 Wal-Mart gift card. Meeting was adjourned.

Discussions:

We have a Christmas party in the making! We decided on January 19th and Gale Haas has stepped in to get the ball rolling! There will be no gifts this year; instead there will be a \$5 donation to our cancer fund. More talk to follow.

Jakki Wittwer and Darlene Alley have decided to chair a spaghetti dinner in April. It will be an appreciation dinner for the people of our emergency services. More talk to follow.

Jakki Wittwer and Darlene Alley have agreed to chair a fund raiser which involves ticket sales from Subway. That one seems to be a good money maker. More talk on that also.

Lucille VanBeek also wants our club to send money to other organizations that feed people. We will talk about this and make that decision at our next regular meeting.

We have a Wal-Mart gift card that is left over from last year. We bought it as a Christmas gift, but did not have a need for it. We will use it this year for the cook at Mom's Kitchen.

Congratulations to **JOHN VAN BEEK** on receiving the **WINUM 100% AND THEN SOME** award at the 1st quarter conference.

FOR MORE OPTIMIST NEWS CHECK OUT:

www.winum.com—Wisconsin and Upper Michigan District Optimist

www.hallieoptimistclub.org— Hallie Optimist Website with news and (coming soon..photos)

www.optimist.org— Optimist International website

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Glen Neubauer; Hallie Drug Drop Box

December 15—26 attendees with 9 guests. Guests were Glen and Barbara Neubauer, Joann Radandt, Rod Schafer, Twyla and Carol Bakken, Brooke Wittwer, Sue Plourde, Lane Soltis-Schroeder. Dan Kohn was the Secret Greeter picked by Lucille Van Beek. Jim Bakken had just asked if the Secret Greeter would please stand up and Dan was! Jaiy Carlson won Boost, Dan also won 50-50. Jakki Wittwer discussed the Subway fundraising program. Linda Soltis-Schroeder encouraged everyone who can to make that last minute blood donation. Bob Radandt encouraged everyone to save the aluminum cans from their holiday parties for the Childhood Cancer Campaign. Young Life requested funding. Messiah Lutheran School received their dictionaries today. Glen Neubauer from the Planning Committee discussed the need for a drug drop box to eliminate long term storage, improper disposal, and illegal use of prescription drugs. 9.91 tons were collected in Wisconsin last year. Second only to New York state. Tabs, capsules, over the counter, lotions, patches, inhalers are all accepted. No needles, thermometers or medications from businesses.

Christmas Sing-a-long



December 22— Thanks to Darlene Alley for the meeting information while I was on vacation visiting my daughter in sunny North and South Carolina. Christmas donations of a \$100 Wal-Mart card were given to a family previously contacted through the Childhood Cancer Campaign. The club gave \$250 to Feed My People food bank, including a \$20 donation from Rosanne Hartung. Jakki Wittwer won the Boost, Darlene Alley was the Secret Greeter, and Harriet Dehnke won the 50/50.



A great time was had singing all the favorite Christmas Carols.

President Dan presents a thank you gift to 'Grandma' the cook.



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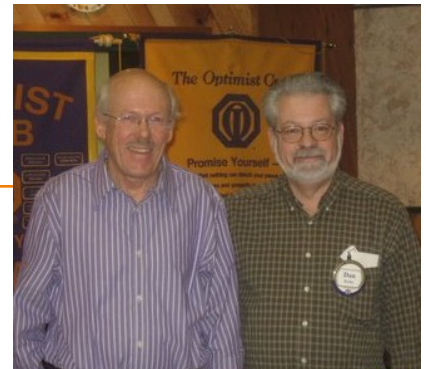
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December 29— David Meier was the Secret Greeter, Jim Bakken won the Boost, and Jim Reppert won the 50/50.



Dr. Arntson and President Dan Kohn

OI Looking for Vendors

Optimist International is expecting 1,200 attendees at its 2012 conference. The Exhibit Area (House of Optimism) features fundraising companies, endorsed organizations, our Bragger's Hall (new project ideas to serve the community), Optimist International departments and the official Optimist suppliers. Vendors are allowed to sell their product. All displays will be located in a public, high-traffic area where attendees gather. Maximize your exposure to this targeted audience while minimizing your expense and time! For prices and options contact Sharon Parton, Meetings and Travel Manager, 800-500-8130, ext. 207, sharon.parton@optimist.org

WINUM 2nd Quarter Conference @ Fond du Lac February 10-11

94th Annual OI Convention @ Milwaukee July 12-14



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- 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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