

# Merrill Noon OPTIMIST

Chartered June 5, 1968



**Hwy Cleanup**  
October 9<sup>th</sup>  
3:00  
Meet at Carl's  
Liquor

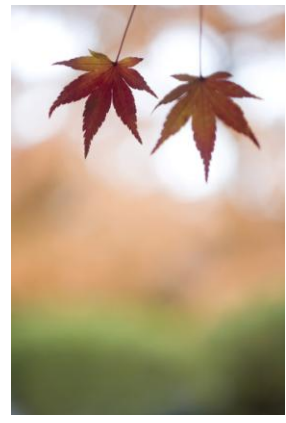
## Greetings Fellow Optimist!!

Week of September 21, 2011

**Greeter:**  
September 21st  
**Nancy Stadler**  
  
September 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Tom Burg**

## This Weeks Guest Speaker:

*Laura Clabots –  
Big Brothers Big Sisters*




*Etiquette 101*

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

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**Last week's winners**  
Mystery Optimist – Ken Neff  
50/50 Cash – Sharon Schmidt

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## Upcoming Events

Listed below are our upcoming events. If you or anyone you know could help out at any of these events please contact Meredith Prebeg (President) [rlelectric.meredith@frontier.com](mailto:rlelectric.meredith@frontier.com)

**New Year Begins October 1, 2011**

**Highway Cleanup – October 9<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm (Meet at Carl’s Liquor)**

**Installation Banquet – October 27<sup>th</sup>**

## Upcoming Speakers

9/28/2011	Amanda and Carrie	Social Committee	Optimist Show and Tell: Bring an item that represents an art form you enjoy (be prepared to tell us a little about it in about 2 minutes)
10/5/2011	Erin Zastrow	Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin	Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin
10/12/2011	Georgia Fischer	Bridge Dental/Medical Clinic of Merrill	Bridge Dental/Medical Clinic of Merrill’s Services
10/19/11	Herb Schotz	Ice Age Trail	

*If you have a topic or a speaker in mind for our meetings please **contact Amanda Kostman** at [akostman@co.lincoln.wi.us](mailto:akostman@co.lincoln.wi.us)*

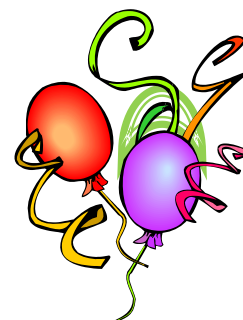
## Upcoming Birthdays

We would like to include your birthday to our newsletter. Please email me at [ccordova@merrillfederal.com](mailto:ccordova@merrillfederal.com) I know many of us do not “celebrate” our special day but in fact it is special and we would love to acknowledge it. No years needed, just Month and Day



# SEPTEMBER

- 1 John Kraatz
- 9 Meredith Prebeg
- 12 Dave Jannusch
- 15 Rob Norton
- 18 Randy Frokjer
- 19 Rita Poyer



# President's Page

Well the cool down in the weather forecast is official! So my first reactions are... I HATE THE COLD, I'M NOT READY FOR WINTER, DARN WISCONSIN WEATHER...but in the midst of feeling sorry for myself and working up the reality to say goodbye to the summer sun and warmth it occurs to me that I may just be setting myself up for a poor attitude and a LONG winter...Maybe, just maybe I should practice what I preach (and believe)... "...to look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true..."

It would be easy for me to wallow in the feeling of not liking the cooler temps and the reality that one day soon we will be shoveling wearing face masks and boots and miss the opportunity to see the sunny side and make my optimism come true. So...as we transition seasons I promise to take a moment to look at the fall colors, watch the kids laugh as they play in the leaf house, watch the beauty of first ice being formed on puddles and my parents lake, look with wonder at each individual beautifully created snowflake (or a few anyway...), listen for the laughter of kids and adults going down sledding hills, enjoy every sip of my hot chocolate and maybe even add a few mini marshmallows!

Anyway...my point is when we are going through transition; whether it be weather or something else take charge of your attitude. As Optimist we know the words now let's live them out! What will you do to see the sunny side of something in your day!

*MEREDITH*

## *The Optimist Creed*

### **Promise Yourself-**

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to ever 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.

# Tidbits

## TORNADO VOLUNTEERS

Gloves are needed for volunteers assisting with clean up efforts. About 150 pairs of rubberized or light-weight leather gloves are needed within the month of July/early August. Rakes and shovels are also needed. You may drop off donations at St. Johns Church or contact Ron Kautz at 715-218-0103. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ron. Many volunteers are still needed to assist with clean up efforts.

## \*Teen Court Highlights

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/2011/05/10/teen-court-training-may-6-2011/>

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/2011/03/25/march-22-2011-teen-court-training-highlights/>

Project Discovery Day – not just for 4-H members: <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/2011/08/08/4-h-project-discovery-day/>

**Merrill Optimist  
chartered  
Boy Scouts  
Pack 502**



**Optimist Club Liaison for Pack 502** – Nancy Stadler [nancy.stadler@micorp.com](mailto:nancy.stadler@micorp.com)  
**Pack 502 Leader** – Derek Krzanowski [derek@amplify.com](mailto:derek@amplify.com)

# Donations



Merrill Noon Optimist presents a check for \$500.00 to Optimist Chartered Pack 502

## Other donations this club year have gone to:

Octagon Club	\$3000
After the Bell	\$500
Teen Court	\$1000
Merrill Historical Society – Brickyard School	\$100
LCHCE Reading Buddies – Bookworm	\$250
TB Scott Library – Summer Program	\$600
Crime Stoppers	\$250
Special Needs Prom	\$200
WINUM District	\$100
Special Olympics	\$200
MFD- Fire Safety	\$120

## Along with all the other wonderful events that Merrill Optimist holds or sponsors including:

Protective Service Banquet	Easter Egg Hunt
Installation Banquet	Kids Bowl for FREE
TRI-Star Sports	Bike Rodeo
Halloween Parade	Youth Golf Tournament
Pumpkin Patch	Christmas Movie

# Cheese Curds





# Officers & Board

Recently the Merrill Noon Optimist Club installed their **Club Officers and Board Members** for the 2010-2011 year. From left to right in the front row are 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jay Stapleton, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ken Neff, President Meredith Prebeg, Secretary Debbie Stadler, and Treasurer Marci Borchardt. In the Back row from left to right are Board Members Amanda Kostman, Carrie Cordova, Past President Shelly Storm, Board Members Nancy Stadler, Tom Burg, Tom Hayden, Octagon Representative Matt Hanson, and Board Member Doug Williams.

## 2010-2011

### Officers

*President: Meredith Prebeg*     [rtelectric.meredith@frontier.com](mailto:rtelectric.meredith@frontier.com)  
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*Secretary: Debbie Stadler*     [DebbieS@parkcitycu.org](mailto:DebbieS@parkcitycu.org)  
*Past President: Shelly Storm*     [stewartfan1970@yahoo.com](mailto:stewartfan1970@yahoo.com)

### Board of Directors

#### Elected:

'09 Tom Burg - [teb2771@earthlink.net](mailto:teb2771@earthlink.net)  
 '09 Nancy Stadler - [nancy.stadler@micorp.com](mailto:nancy.stadler@micorp.com)  
 '09 Amanda Kostman - [akostman@co.lincoln.wi.us](mailto:akostman@co.lincoln.wi.us)  
 '10 Carrie Cordova – [ccordova@merrillfederal.com](mailto:ccordova@merrillfederal.com)  
 '10 Tom Hayden - [tnhayden@aol.com](mailto:tnhayden@aol.com)  
 '10 Doug Williams - [mrlfd@frontier.com](mailto:mrlfd@frontier.com)

#### Appointed:

'11 Octagon: Brooke Draxler     [draxl5@aol.com](mailto:draxl5@aol.com)

Board meets every third Tuesday of the month at 5:15pm @ Ballyhoos.

If you have any information you would like the Board to discuss, please get it to one of our Board members prior to our meetings.

See                      contact information at left.