

OPTIMIST CLUB OF MERRILL

P.O. Box 881, Merrill, Wisconsin 54452



Chartered June 5, 1968

Week of February 9th , 2011

A note from the President:

Camaraderie –

1. *Close friendship in a group of friends or team mates.*
2. *A spirit of familiarity and closeness*

Isn't that a GREAT definition for what Optimist can do for you?

Last week's Packer / Team Spirit meeting was well enjoyed by all! Watch the Foto News for some possible pictures! Our attendance at meetings has been outstanding but we still have room for more!!! At our last two meetings we have had over 30 members and several guests!! If you haven't been to club in a while come see what's happening enjoy the Optimist camaraderie that is always evident and meet our many new members!

SEE YOU SOON!

Meredith Prebeg



Another Opportunity for Citizen Input on the Lincoln County Fairgrounds

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/2011/02/07/another-opportunity-for-citizen-input-on-the-lincoln-county-fairgrounds/>

Hayley Schoeppler: Speaker at club has now begun her internship in Japan. Follow her experience thru her Blog.

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/lincolncounty4h/category/projects/international/adventures-in-japan-a-special-series/>



Greetings Fellow Optimist!!

This Weeks Guest Speaker:
Woodchucks

Way to go Pack!
Send us your Packer party Photos!



Check out our
new
Member on
page 4.

Greeters:

2/9 Tom Burg

2/16 Meredith Prebeg
2/23 Amanda Kostman



Upcoming Speakers

- Feb 16th Youth of the Month
- Feb 23rd Diane Goetsch –Kindhearted Home Care
- Mar 2nd Social Event
- Mar 9th John Henson – Antique Axe collector
- Mar 16th Youth of the Month
- Mar 23rd Lyn Pank – M&I security Officer - Fraud
- Mar 30th Tana Frost & Youth – Peer Players
- Apr 6th Karen M Redmond-Toast Masters
- Apr 13th Rich Thwait's-Big Picture
- Apr 20th YOM



Etiquette 101

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

Last week's winners

Mystery Optimist –

50/50 Cash –

Board News & 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 or names listed below event.

Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of the Month unless otherwise specified.

- Rotary Wine and Cheese** – Feb. 10 6:00pm @ at the Eagles
- Lincoln County Fair Grounds Meeting** – Feb. 17 @ the Social Services Building basement meeting room 6:30 RSVP to alersch@co.lincoln.wi.us
- Tri-Star Hockey** – March 12 10:00 @ the Smith Center
- Tri-Star Basketball** – March 19 9:00 @ PRMS Field House

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Birthdays

February



9	Tony Chladek
11	Mark Zulliger
17	Lori Hanson
29	Jay Stapleton

We would like to include your birthday to our newsletter. Please email me at 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 please just Month and Day ☺

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**Hometown:**

I was born and raised Merrill.

DOB: July 18th

Family: Married to Brian Hofele, 2 daughters Amber(Ryan)Rice, Ashley Baumann and a grand-daughter, Reegan Nicole Rice

Occupation: Manager of SSG Holiday Westside and Clerk of the Town of Scott

Pets: 1 Dog

Hobbies: Reading, gardening and spending time with the new love of my life, my grand-daughter☺

Sponsor: Meredith Prebeg

What you enjoy about, or hope to get out of Optimist: I've heard so many positive things about Optimist and wanted to be a part of this amazing group of people and volunteer my time for the youth of the community.

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Nickname: I thought I would be given one at my initiation ceremony!

Hometown:

I was born at Holy Cross Hospital and raised in my parents' home☺ Merrill.

DOB: December 25th

Family: Wife, Sheila (Hofmann) Children, Hannah-5, Emily-2

Occupation: Financial Advisor with Edward Jones

Pets: My Wife has a toy Chihuahua.

Hobbies: Trap shooting, Golf, and the usual Northern Wisconsin outdoor activities; Hunting and Fishing

Sponsor: Meredith Prebeg

What you enjoy about, or hope to get out of Optimist: I joined Optimist because Meredith and Carrie told me too☺

What he meant to say is that he can't wait to fry cheese curds and be a part of this wonderful organization. And oh yeah, we will work on that nickname.

Youth of the Month

October

Emma Sowieja



Emma has been nominated by Janeen LaBorde who writes “Emma is a serious student with a promising future”. Emma has succeeded in taking many Advanced Placement and Honor courses in all core academic areas to prepare her for dental school. As Emma’s teacher, Mrs. LaBorde also writes that she “has been impressed with Emma’s dedication to her high performance standards” and that Emma is always interested in understanding the material not just her grade.

Emma has a GPA of 3.95 and an ACT score of 31. She is currently taking AP Calculus, AP Literature and Composition, AP Psychology and Organic Chemistry. In previous years she has taken such classes as advance Biology, Algebra 2 honors and Geometry honors.

Some of the many activities that Emma is involved in are Varsity Merrill Swim Team and basketball for four years. Emma also is involved in Octagon Club, National Honor Society and Link Crew. As well as being president of Student Council for her Junior & Senior years.

Emma has lettered in swim all four years, and has lettered in basketball last year and will again this year. She has also received an academic medal for every semester of her high school career.

When not in school Emma has volunteered at Bell Tower, helped with highway clean-up, Make-A-Difference day and has judged the elementary science fair.

After graduating from high school Emma plans to attend Marquette University to pursue a degree in biology. After that she would like to attend dental school at Marquette to become a general dentist. Emma is the daughter of Charles and Ginny Sowieja.

Donations



\$500.00 to the After the Bell Program

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 is 2nd Vice President Jay Stapleton, 1st 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 rtlectric.meredith@frontier.com
 Vice President: Ken Neff kenner59@charter.net
 2nd VP: Jay Stapleton ljstapleton@gmail.com
 Treasurer: Marci Borchardt marcib@parkcitycu.org
 Secretary: Debbie Stadler DebbieS@parkcitycu.org
 Past President: Shelly Storm stewartfan1970@yahoo.com

Board of Directors**Elected:**

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

Appointed:

'10 Octagon: Matt Hanson mhanson3679@gmail.com

Merrill Optimist
 chartered
 Boy Scouts
 Pack 502



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 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.