

OPTIMIST CLUB OF MERRILL

P.O. Box 881, Merrill, Wisconsin 54452



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FRIEND OF YOUTH

Greetings Fellow Optimist!!

Week of April 27th, 2011



This Weeks Guest Speaker:

*Teen Brain Development –
Debi McGregor and Christy Wheeler*

Greeter:

April 27th
Carrie Cordova

May 4th
Meredith Prebeg

Club Elections!!



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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 – Larry Wolf
50/50 Cash – Lana Strassman

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) rtlectric.meredith@frontier.com

Post PROM Party – April 30th @ Lincoln Lanes 10:30pm – 1:00am

Protective Service Banquet – May 4th @ Eagles Club

Junior Golf Tournament – June 10th

Upcoming Speakers

May 4th	NO CLUB MEETING – Protective Service Banquet in the evening
May 11th	Sue Hawkins and Debbie Moellendorf - Social Norms
May 18th	Shannon Murray – Youth of the Month
May 25th	Tony Campion - Headwater Search and Rescue
June 1st	Corky McReynolds - Treehaven
June 8th	Social Event
June 15th	Youth of the Month
June 22nd	Nick Wall – The Wellness Center

Upcoming Birthdays

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 needed, just Month and Day

April

- 5 Heather Summers
- 11 Bill Wulf
- 11 Jane Deau
- 19 Art Lersch
- 20 Sharon Schmidt
- 23 Lana Strassman
- 28 Yurgen Markewycz



President's Page

Spring has sprung... not! Between the devastation that the tornado caused our community and this awful snow during spring break I admit my Optimism has been tested...but is passing with flying colors! I was feeling the pressure of the extra hours needed at work, the want and need for finding more time to help in the community, the need to keep the kids busy inside during break since it isn't spring like weather to enjoy and the many other items that like many of you are needed to balance this sometimes hectic life. I was even to the point that when an older lady yelled at me from her rolled up car window to "M.O.V.E O.V.E.R G.I.R.L!) with a very angry face because I was over the middle of the driveway she wanted to enter that I admit the first wave that came to mind was not a friendly one! So I sat down, calmed down and looked at my office wall and there it was...the Optimist Creed. I read it, again, line by line and like always I could feel the natural Optimistic spirit I enjoy coming back! The line that was most important to me this time was "To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile" Now more than ever our community is being tested, stress levels are high. I am reminded though of how much a smile shared does for the recipient and the giver! So SMILE, it just may make someone's day or change yours. Has your Optimism been tested lately...and are you passing?

See you all, and I'll be smiling, soon!

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 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.

Tidbits

*Fairgrounds Event and Marketing meeting

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/2011/02/23/fairgrounds-event-and-marketing-meeting/>

*Hayley Schoeppler: has now begun her internship in Japan. Follow her experience thru her Blog.

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/2011/02/23/anyone-can-speak-7-languages/>

*Everyday People Honoring Our Community Volunteers

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/2011/03/15/everyday-people-honoring-our-community-volunteers/>

2011 Calendar

Merrill Optimist chartered Boy Scouts Pack 502



April

16 Sa	Scouting for Food Bag Pickup	Kate Goodrich	9:30am
16 Sa	BALOO Training	Scout Center	
26 Tu	Pack Meeting	Trinity School	6:30pm
30 Sa	Family fishing Day	Council Grounds	8:00am - ?

May

3 Tu	Den Meeting	Trinity School	6:30pm
6-7 Fr-Sa	OWL Training	Camp Philips	TBD
10 Tu	Den Meeting	Trinity School	6:30pm
17 Tu	Pack Meeting	Trinity School	6:30pm
21 Sa	Pack Picnic	Riverside Park	1:00pm
30 Mo	Memorial Day Parade	Armory	10:15am

June

10-12 Fr-Su	Pack Campout	Council Grounds	6:00pm
11 Sa	Bike Rodeo	Council Grounds	1:30pm

Optimist Club Liaison for Pack 502 – Nancy Stadler nancy.stadler@micorp.com

Pack 502 Leader – Derek Krzanowski derek@amplify.com

New Members

Name: Laura Clabots

Hometown: I was born in Green Bay and raised Merrill.

DOB: July 30th

Family: Parents, Chris & Amy Clabots also of Merrill

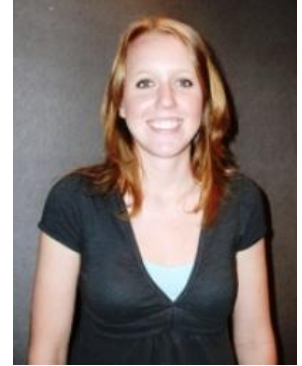
Pets: 1 dog – Springer Spaniel Riley

Occupation: Coordinator of Merrill Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Hobbies: Camping, four wheeling, reading, spending time with family & friends

Sponsor: Meredith Prebeg

What you enjoy about, or hope to get out of Optimist: Helping the community and the children of this community that I am so proud to be a part of! I am very happy to be back in the Merrill area and to be part of the Merrill Optimist.



Name: Brenda Marie Check

Hometown:

I was born in Stevens Point, raised in the small town of Bevent.

DOB: May 28th

Family: Married to my high school sweetheart Jerry for 22

“Fabulous” years. We have 2 amazing children, daughter Christine and son Derek.

Occupation: Relationship Consultant for Park City Credit Union

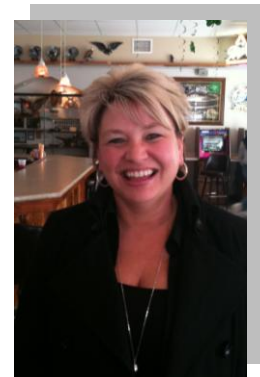
Pets: Miniature Dachshund named Smokey

Hobbies: Spending time with my family and friends is a HUGE part of my life.

Sponsor: Marci Borchardt

What you enjoy about, or hope to get out of Optimist:

I am excited to be a part of a great organization.



Youth of the Month



Andi English

Andi English has been selected by the Merrill Noon Optimist Club for the month of February; she was nominated by Melissa Yuska. Ms. Yuska has had the privilege of being the coach for Andi the last four years and says that “Andi is a bright young lady who has exceptional work ethics and a positive outlook on everything”. Ms. Yuska also has stated that “Andi has tremendous leadership qualities and is very reliable while being dedicated to both her school work and her extra-curricular activities”.

Andi currently has a 3.5 GPA in classes of Advanced Biology, Chemistry 2 (Organic Chemistry) and Studio Art. She has taken such classes as Honors Speech & Composition, Honors American Literature & Composition and Advanced Pottery & Crafts.

She has been involved in Girls Volleyball during her four years and has received the Junior Jay Award. During her four years playing Girls Basketball, Andi was the team captain her Junior year. She is also in track and received the Most Improved Award in her Junior year. Andi has been a Varsity Letter winner for all three sports.

Andi is involved in Octagon Club, Link Crew, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Student Senate, Accelerated Art, Senior Celebration and Homecoming. She also volunteers for Drill for Skill (Youth Basketball Camp) and Special Olympics. Andi is a clock/scorekeeper for elementary basketball tournaments as well.

After graduation Andi plans on attending UW LaCrosse. Andi is the daughter of Bruce and Jean English.

Donations



Merrill Noon Optimist President, Meredith Prebeg, along with Optimist Members – Kyle Reimann, Ken Neff and Tom Hayden – presents a check to the Teen Court Panel Members to help support the program!

\$1,000.00 to Teen Court

Check out other Teen Court photos at:

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

www.merrilloptimist.org



Easter Egg Hunt



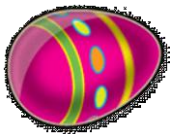
Through wind, snow, sleet and rain, we **will** deliver an Easter Egg Hunt to the children of Merrill☺

Volunteer Optimist Members:
Back: Tony Chladek, Dawn Smith
Front: Amanda Kostman, Easter Bunny-Danielle Bloch, Teri Chladek, Carrie Cordova
Missing from Photo: Bill Smith



Volunteer Octagon Members:
Cody Dengel
Morgan Thompson

Happy Kids





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 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 rtelectric.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

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.