

OPTIMIST CLUB OF MERRILL

P.O. Box 881, Merrill, Wisconsin 54452



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FRIEND OF YOUTH

Greetings Fellow Optimist!!

Week of April 6th, 2011



This Weeks Guest Speaker:

*Karen Redmond –
Toast Masters*

Greeter:

April 6th
Tom Hayden

April 13th
Carrie Cordova

Is Spring Here Yet?



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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 – Ned Seubert
50/50 Cash – Lana Strasmann

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) rtelectric.meredith@frontier.com

- Children's Festival** – April 9th @ MARC 10 – 2:00pm
Easter Egg Hunt – April 16th @ Kitchenette Park – 9:00am – Noon
Board Meeting – April 19th @ Ballyhoos – 5:15pm
Post PROM Party – April 30th @ Lincoln Lanes 10:30pm – 1:00am
Protective Service Banquet – May 4th @ Eagles Club

Upcoming Speakers

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| April 13th | Rich Thwaites - Lincoln County Drug free coalition happenings |
| April 20th | Youth of the Month |
| April 27th | Debi McGregor and/or Christy Wheeler – Teen Brain Development |
| 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 Champion - Headwater Search and Rescue |
| June 1st | Corky McReynolds - Treehaven |
| June 8th | |
| 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 -Weddig
- 19 Art Lersch
- 20 Sharon Schmidt
- 23 Lana Strassman
- 28 Yurgen Markewycz



President's Page

Hello club members,

Are we thinking spring yet? I know I am! I do love the seasons that WI offers but truthfully speaking I'm done with this winter season! So my mind turns to spring cleaning and all the wonderful upcoming spring events that will be happening for our youth in the upcoming months. One specific event comes to mind today and that is the **Easter Egg Hunt!** Optimist partner with the Merrill Area Park and Recreation department to offer this fun filled morning event to our area youth. **This year's event will be held on April 16th** and will be taking place at Kitchenette Park. A flyer will be coming out shortly with more information.

If you have not participated in this event in the past, please consider helping out. We will need a few volunteers to help fill the eggs, place them throughout the park, help families get ready to participate, wearing the bunny suit (let me know if you want that one right away so I don't get to many signed up!!!) and take photos. If you aren't available to help on that day consider donating gently used stuffed animals that can be used during the event. You can bring any stuffed animals you happen to find during your spring cleaning to club and I will coordinate getting them to Dawn at the parks department.

Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be routed soon!

Thinking of spring AND SEEING YOU AT CLUB,

Meredith Prebeg
President



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

5 Tu	Den Mtg (Game Night)	Trinity School	6:30pm
7 Th	Roundtable	Tomahawk Ele.	6:30pm
9 Sa	Scouting for Food Bag Dist.	Kate Goodrich	9:00am
12 Tu	Den Mtg	Trinity School	6:30pm
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 Phillips	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

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

January



Emily Klade

Merrill Noon Optimist Club has selected Emily Klade for the January Youth Optimist who was nominated by Jean Bowen and Janeen LaBorde. Mrs. Bowen writes that Emily is “overall an excellent student” and always goes above and beyond what is expected of her. Emily is very creative and is committed to excellence in her every day work. Mrs. LaBorde states that “Emily has high expectations for herself and works hard to reach them”. “Her work is meticulous and always of high quality”. Mrs. LaBorde also says that “Emily seldom has anything on her face other than a smile”.

Emily currently has a 3.95 GPA and is ranked 10th in her class of 277. She has taken such classes as AP Psychology, AP Lit and Comp, Advanced Biology and Enhanced Algebra 1, Algebra 2 Honors and Chemistry 2.

She has received medals and letter for Merrill Academic Scholar and has been on the High School Honor roll for her first three years.

Some of the high school activities that Emily is involved in are Marching Band all four years, Clarinet Section Leader, Concert Band all four years, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Graduation Band, and Solo Ensembles. She played softball for three years along with Merrill Babe Ruth Softball. Emily is also involved in Earth Club, Math League, National Honor Society, Link Crew and FACT.

Locally Emily has been involved in Read Across America, Summer Library Program volunteer, Homecoming activities and babysitting.

Emily’s goal is to graduate from a UW school with a degree in Medical Science. Emily is the daughter of Jayson and Karla Klade.

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



Octagon Club



Valentines



Cookies



Delivered to
Pine Crest

