

OPTIMIST CLUB OF MERRILL

P.O. Box 881, Merrill, Wisconsin 54452



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FRIEND OF YOUTH



Greetings Fellow Optimist!!

Week of May 25th, 2011

Greeter:

May 25th

Marci Borchardt

This Weeks Guest Speaker:

Tony Campion

Headwater Search and Rescue



Hope to see you!



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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 – Youth Guest

50/50 Cash – Carrie Cordova

Leather Case – Carrie Cordova

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

Junior Golf Tournament – June 10th

Fair - July 20th – 24th Cheese Curd Time – Don't forget to schedule your shifts

Upcoming Speakers

June 1st	Corky McReynolds - Treehaven
June 8th	Social Event
June 15th	Lynn Pank M&I Security Officer - Fraud
June 22nd	Nick Wall – The Wellness Center
June 29th	Meredith Prebeg – Facts and History of Optimist
July 6th	
July 13th	Tammi Boers and Pete Annis – Parents that host
July 20th	NO CLUB FAIR time

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

May

- 6 Tom Hayden
- 8 Ken Neff
- 13 Nicole Lenhart
- 16 Dennis Abegglen
- 20 Gail Mattson
- 28 Brenda Check

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 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, to 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 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

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

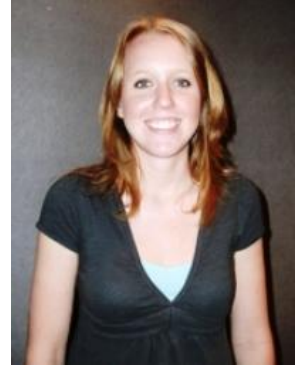
Pets: 1 dog – Springer Spaniel Riley

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

Leo Olson

Leo Olson, who was nominated by Amy Heimerl, has been selected by the Merrill Noon Optimist for the month of March. Mrs. Heimerl stated that “Leo lives the definition of ‘optimist’ as one who believes all things will work out for the best and consistently looks at the bright side of things.” Leo is able to laugh at himself and show others a healthy way of doing the same – while never compromising his integrity. Mrs. Heimerl also points out that “Leo has an excellent sense of humor, he is able to lighten all situations while preserving the dignity of others.”

Leo currently has a GPA of 3.85. He has taken Honors English, Biology and Physical Science as well as AP Calculus, Psychology and European History. Also during all four years at the high school he has taken Advanced Math. Leo has been on the honor role every semester in High School.

Some activities that Leo participates in are soccer, Marching Band, the fall play and the high school musical. Leo has been his class president for his entire high school career and is also a student representative for the MAPS Board of Education. He is also a member of the Link Crew which he was a co-creator of videos to help freshmen become familiar with the norms at the high school.

Leo also is involved in the Fellowship of Christians United Spiritually and Our Saviors Call Committee. Leo also volunteers for Make A Difference Day and the church fair stand.

After graduation Leo plans to attend UW Madison for an engineering career. Leo is the son of Karen Olson.

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



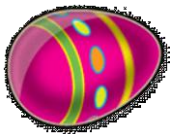
Through wind, snow, sleet and rain, we **will** deliver an Easter Egg Hunt to the children of Merrill☺

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



Happy Kids

Volunteer Octagon Members:
Cody Dengel
Morgan Thompson





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.