

OPTIMIST CLUB OF MERRILL

P.O. Box 881, Merrill, Wisconsin 54452



Chartered June 5, 1968

FRIEND OF YOUTH



Greetings Fellow Optimist!!

Week of June 8th, 2011

This Weeks Guest Speaker:

Social Committee

Greeter:

June 8th
Ken Neff

Congratulations to our Grads!



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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 – Ken Neff

50/50 Cash – Chuck Sauer

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

Hwy cleanup – June 10th at 3:00 p.m. We will meet in the parking lot next to Carl's Liquor store. Everyone is welcome. The more hands the faster it gets done

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

Upcoming Speakers

June 15th	Lynn Pank M&I Security Officer - Fraud
June 22nd	Tom Burg and Amanda Kostman - Optimist members and 4-H Alumni
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
July 27th	Social Committee

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

June

- 5 Club Chartered 1968
- 8 Tom Burg
- 13 Nancy Stadler
- 18 Jay Schlueter
- 29 Shelly Storm



President's Page

For a bit of time now I've had a compliment to share with a friend I knew from high school and now a Facebook friend. We don't really interact much but I see her post, she see's mine and we occasionally comment. I've noticed in a few recent photo updates that she is looking really good, lost a bit of weight, new hair style and a confident smile. I took time the other day to send her a short message that I thought she looked just great and happy and hoped all was well with her. I felt good. When I received her response I felt GREAT! She stated..." How kind of you to reach out to me. THANK YOU!... I cannot thank you enough for your words today...." Her comments really reinforced the good that comes from sharing positive thoughts with others. It does have a rebounding effect.

We may not always get to know the effect our compliment or kind words have but I'll just bet the effect is bigger than we think! Think about how you feel when you receive kind words. Why not pass it along! Have you thought kind thoughts or a good compliment about someone lately but for whatever reason you didn't share it? Maybe you know the person but not really well, maybe your too shy to share, maybe you haven't gotten one in a while so it's just not feeling natural to share one, or maybe you have good intentions but just haven't gotten around to it. Well whatever the reason I encourage you to nurture your soul and share it!

I'm Optimist just a few more acts of kindness won't hurt you but rather will have a lasting effect on the world we all share.

Here's to spreading kindness and compliments,
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

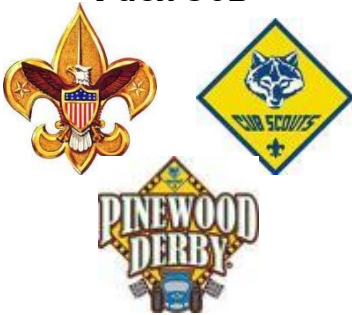
*Teen Court Highlights

<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/>

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: Ruth Markewycz

Hometown

DOB:

Family:

Pets:

Occupation:

Hobbies:

Sponsor:

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

Name: Kurt Rust

Hometown:

DOB:

Family:

Occupation:

Pets:

Hobbies:

Sponsor:

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

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





2011 Octagon Club Awards

Officers:

President: Elise Ordemann
 Vice-President: Jessica Niemi and Sarah Hanson
 Secretary: Hayley Walbeck

Standing Committee Chairs:

Historian: Hannah Ziemke
 Organizational: Haili Drury
 Social: Jess Sabey
 PR Rep: Emma Sowieja
 Optimist Board member: Matt Hanson

Class Community Service Honor Awards:

Awarded by the body to a member who has good conduct while volunteering generously to the Octagon Club.

Freshman: Taylor LaBorde
 Sophomore: Karina Baacke
 Junior: Ashley Mussell
 Senior: Olga Cebotarean

President's Citation Award (International Award): Sarah Navarro

Awarded by the Club President to a member who has made the Octagon Club a number one priority by devoting their time and energy to volunteer.

Ruby Blair Award (International Award): Mackenzie Baacke

Awarded by the Awards Committee and Advisors to a member who has spent a huge amount of time and effort to help **improve** the Octagon Club.

2011-2012 Officer Elections

President: MacKenzie Baacke
 VP: Sarah Navarro
 Secretary: John Koehler
 Historian: Taylor Laborde
 Organizational Chair: Karina Baacke
 Social Chair: Elise Ordemann
 Public Relations Representative: Morgan Thompson
 Optimist Board Liaison: Brooke Draxler



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:

'11 Octagon: Brooke Draxler daxl5@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.