

OPTIMIST CLUB OF MERRILL

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FRIEND OF YOUTH



Greetings Fellow Optimist!!

Week of July 6th, 2011

Last Week

Meredith gave us
some very
"Optimistic" tips

Greeter:

July 6th
Nancy Stadler

July 13th
Tom Burg

This Weeks Guest Speaker:

Dr. Lisa Snyder
Successes and Challenges
of the 2010-2011 School Year



Happy
Independence
Day!

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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 –
50/50 Cash –

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

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

Upcoming Speakers

July 13th Tammi Boers and Pete Annis – Parents that host
July 20th NO CLUB FAIR time
July 27th **Social Committee**

*If you have a topic or a speaker in mind for our meetings please **contact Amanda Kostman** at akostman@co.lincoln.wi.us*

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

July

18 Scott Doerr
 18 Mary Hofele
 30 Laura Clabots



President's Page

So as I write this it's Friday afternoon and the sun is out and the extended forecast for the upcoming holiday weekend looks hot and sunny! How can you help but smile? Well as we take the external cue from the sun and let it brighten our spirits let us not forget that the optimistic attitude can be something that keeps us smiling all the time, no matter the weather. I admit a few grey days in a row and I start losing a bit of wind in my sail but maybe focusing on one line from the creed this week would help those grey days in the future "To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true". So here's to looking at the sunny side and remembering as Optimist we have the ability to direct our own forecast!

My extended outlook says: full of smiles with a chance of an outright grin!

Hope to see you all soon!

Yours in Optimism,
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

***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/>

4-H Project Discovery Days Leaders Needed:

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/2011/05/26/project-discovery-day-volunteers-needed-to-lead-workshops/>

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
24-27 Fr- Mo	Akela's World	Akela's World	

Optimist Club Liaison for Pack 502 – Nancy Stadler nancy.stadler@micorp.com
Pack 502 Leader – Derek Krzanowski derek@amplify.com

New Members

Ruth Markewycz

Nickname: Ranndy

Hometown: Born and raised in Merrill. We lived in Madison for 28 years and moved back to Merrill two years ago.

DOB: September 20th

Family: Married to Yurgen

Occupation: Retired closer for Dane County Title in Madison

Hobbies: We love to travel

Sponsor: Yurgen

Kurt Rust

Hometown: Born in Neillsville and raised in Greenwood WI

DOB: April 15th - Tax Day

Family: Single, no children

Occupation: VP of Lincoln Community Bank

Pets: 5 year old English Bulldog named Quincy

Hobbies: Golfing and Biking

Sponsor: Teri Chladek

What you enjoy about, or hope to get out of Optimist: Working with the youth of the community, Camaraderie with fellow Optimist and meeting the people of Merrill



Youth of the Month



Morgan Wolfram

Morgan Wolfram was nominated for the Youth Optimist by Janeen LaBorde and was selected by the Merrill Noon Optimist for the month of May. Mrs. LaBorde wrote that “Morgan is one of the hardest working students she has ever had in class. Morgan has taken demanding courses to help prepare her for nursing school and her study habits are impeccable”. Mrs. LaBorde also states that “the maturity Morgan demonstrates in her learning academic content is well above many of her classmates. Her resilience is incredible”.

Morgan has a cumulative GPA of 3.5. She participated in the Health Apprenticeship and is currently a CNA.

Throughout her high school career Morgan has been active in Forensics, Octagon Club, Deca, choir, Camp Manitowish and Youth Apprenticeship for healthcare at Pine Crest.

Outside of school Morgan volunteers at Bell Tower, Special Olympics, Make A Difference Day and is involved in various church activities. Morgan also enjoys hunting, fishing, going for walks and spending time with her friends.

Morgan plans to attend UW Marathon and then going to UW Oshkosh for the registered nursing program to become a full time CNA at Pine Crest. She is the daughter of Rick Wolfram.

Donations



Merrill Noon Optimist presents a check for \$225.00 to Youth Mentor, Ken Neff for the Youth Turkey Hunt

Other donations this club year have gone to:

Octagon Club	\$3000
After the Bell	\$500
Teen Court	\$1000
Merrill Historical Society – Brickyard School	\$100
LCHCE Reading Buddies – Bookworm	\$250
TB Scott Library – Summer Program	\$600
Crime Stoppers	\$250
Special Needs Prom	\$200
WINUM District	\$100
Special Olympics	\$200
MFD- Fire Safety	\$120

Along with all the other wonderful events that Merrill Optimist holds or sponsors including:

Protective Service Banquet	Easter Egg Hunt
Installation Banquet	Kids Bowl for FREE
TRI-Star Sports	Bike Rodeo
Halloween Parade	Youth Golf Tournament
Pumpkin Patch	Christmas Movie

Junior Golf Tourney

Kevin Lee- 2nd 14-15age
Cody Vonderheid 2nd 12-13 age
Philip Guenther 3rd 14-15 age



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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 draxl5@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.