



PRESIDENT - Kim Pearson



Greetings everyone,

July was a surprising month, with more than our usual number in attendance at the meetings. Awesome!! It's always nice to provide a big welcome for our speakers. Speaking of speakers... I believe Dave Cochrane has set a new record for the club – he's provided speakers for THREE MONTHS in a row!! Outstanding!! Thanks, Dave! They've all been amazing, and August looks great too.

As you all know, August means our annual **Pancake Breakfast**. Mark your calendars, and plan to be on site to help, **7-11am, Saturday, August 27** on Barkers Island during the Dragon Boat Festival.



REMINDER – we are in need of a new president for the 2017 Optimist year, which begins October 1. We're already a little behind in providing the information to the district and Optimist International, but I've not had anyone step forward yet. Please think it over – if I can do this, so can you!

I'm getting set for a two-week vacation on Lake Vermillion, and very thankful for Dave Minor, as he will cover the meetings during my absence. Serenity, here I come! ☺

Have a great month!  
Kim



- Dave Minor - 8/4
- Dave Cochrane - 8/7
- Gary Dunning - 8/19
- Rick Rockwood - 8/24



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**August 18**  
Weeding at Central Park - 6 PM

**Aug. 27:**  
Pancake Breakfast

### Attendance Winners

#### July

- 7/06 - No Meeting
- 7/13 - Jasmin Burt
- 7/20 - Richard Keskinen
- 7/27 - Gary Dunning

**PROGRAMS FOR August**  
**SPEAKER CHAIR**  
Dave Cochrane  
**PRIZE SPONSOR**  
Danna Livingston-Matherly

**August 3**  
Kate Paine  
Children's' Literacy

**August 10**  
Wendy Morris  
Lutheran Social Services


**August 17**  
Margie Nelson, United Way

**August 24**  
Club meeting on  
pancake planning

**August 31**  
TBD

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** Aug. Optimist Anniversaries

- Kaye Tenerelli - 17 yrs
- Scott Sommer - 1 yr

 **Keep in your Thoughts/Prayers**

Anita King and her family, as they prepare to move to Lakeville, MN.  
All fellow members, as we search for a club president.



## Member Spotlight - Joel Certa-Werner



### Personal Background

Born: Cavalier, North Dakota Family Information: My wife, Barb, and I have been married for 22 years. We have four children, Thanael, who just completed his first year of college, Julianna, who will be a high school senior next year, Hannah, who will be a sophomore, and Hope, who will be in eighth grade at Cathedral School. Occupational History: newspaper boy; grocery store carry-out boy and shelf stocker; pasta factory line worker; food production factory line worker; salesman at Sears and JCPenney; gas station attendant; cook at Arby's; missionary to St. Paul's United Methodist School, Ybor City, FL; youth pastor at Ivanhoe United Methodist Church, Chicago; youth pastor at Wesley United Methodist Church, Manitowoc, WI; clerk at an awning company; pastor at Elmwood and Rock Elm United Methodist Churches, Elmwood, WI; and pastor at Faith United Methodist Church, Superior, WI Pets: Three dogs: Zeke, Scout, and Daisy; two cats: Pumpkin and Lava

### Optimist History

Currently I've been a member for just one month! My wife, Barb, and Linda Berg both impacted my decision to join. What I like most about the club: each week I get to enjoy a good meal with great people who are striving to make the world a better place. I really appreciate the Optimist Creed.

### Core Beliefs – What is most important to you? What is one of your proudest moments?

My Core Beliefs: deep faith in Christ and the Christian faith; importance of family; our calling to live for a purpose greater than just ourselves; the importance of community. I am passionate about: my family; The United Methodist Church, and especially Faith United Methodist here in Superior; traveling; Studebakers. One of my proudest moments: all the biggies: marrying an incredible woman; birth of our children; being ordained with my wife as pastors; and baptism and confirmation of our kids.

### Something most members wouldn't know about you?

My sister, brother-in-law, my two brothers and I all had motorcycles and would go out riding with my mother!

### Fun Stuff

Hobbies: motorcycles, old cars, working in the garage My guilty pleasure: overdosing on Netflix Heroes include: my wife, my parents, John Wesley, Martin Luther Favorite saying: "Anticipate great things for God, expect great things of God" (William Carey); "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can" (John Wesley). Favorite seasons: Fall and Spring

# ***Flashback - August 2009***

*Gentle Thoughts for Today - from Margaret Ciccone -*

*Birds of a feather flock together and then poop on your car.  
(Or on you head ~ Yuck! Never look up if birds are overhead!)*

**A penny saved is a government oversight.**



*The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time,  
but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.*

**The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then  
your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.**

*The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.*



**He who hesitates is probably right.**

*Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.'*

**If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.**

*If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.*

**There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it.  
For example I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.**

*Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying  
about your age and start bragging about it.*



**The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.**

*Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know 'why' I look this way.  
I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.*

**When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.**

*You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.*



**One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from  
being young. Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.**

***Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth . . . . . AMEN!***

Assistant Editor Judy Carlson

*In Loving Memory of  
Merrill Thompson & Bill Downs, Jr.*

# Optimist Creed

## Promise Yourself

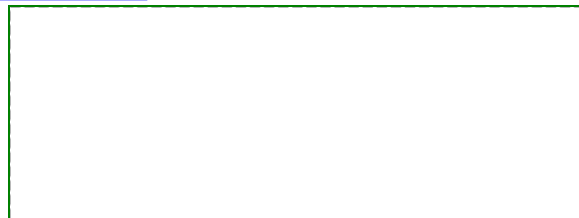
- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, 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.

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