



Official Newsletter of the Superior Optimist Club



August 2017

PRESIDENT - Dave Cochrane

President's message

Since I actually started the position as President of the Optimist club in January of this year, I missed the most important function of the club and that is the "planning". I use for the definition of planning "Thought before Action". Planning is especially important for Nonprofits because it gives buy-in from the members as the ideas are implemented in the following year. I would like to develop a plan for the incoming President so that she has an overall game plan for the coming year. We will begin the planning year by doing a general survey to give the board some feedback and input from the members. A survey will be sent to the members in the next couple of week.

For the purpose of planning here is a list of the activities for the current year to date.

Youth Projects

- Sponsored and hosted two high school students at our weekly club meetings.
- Provided and assembled 50 Easter Bags for the Boys & Girls club in Superior.
- Gave financial support to the Jamaican Orphanage Project. Northwestern High School youth brought supplies to the Orphanage. A brick with Superior Optimist club was engraved in Jamaica in appreciation. (\$250)
- Provided annual scholarship for a WITC student. (\$375)
- Provided UWS scholarship.(\$1,100)
- Speakers in April were Senior High School students who presented their "student projects".
- Funded a daily lunch for a low income student at a private school for the year.
- Maintained the Central Park Garden with students from Northern lights elementary school . This is a project of the Superior School District, the City of Superior Parks Department and the Superior Optimist Club
- Financial support for youth basketball camp for grade K-8th. (\$100)
- Participated in community project where children visit with K-9 dogs.
- Donated to Senior High scholarship program. (\$750)

Club Projects

- Completed meatball fund raiser. Served 447 meals.
- Two Joint meetings with the Kiwanis club of Superior
- Published monthly newsletter to members
- Included spotlight articles on club members in our monthly newsletter.
- Sent Holiday message and club picture card to all club members.
- Conducted weekly club meetings with community speakers.
- Added two new Optimist Club Members
- Hosted district meeting
- Pancake breakfast planned for August.

Dave Cochrane

Superior Optimist Board Meeting - June 7, 2017 DRAFT

Attended by: Dave C., Scott, Jan, Tom, Joel

I. **Minutes of the Meeting**- Were not available to be approved

II. **Correspondence** - No new correspondence

III. **Budget Report** - No report available

IV. **Club Growth**

Dave Cochrane was approached by Kiwanis to host a NOW (New Optimists Wanted) event. Discussion following involving questions regarding who we would invite and when we could have this event. Dave was hoping to have it before October 1st. (the new year for the club begins)

1. Joel feels that we need to have more of an identity before we invite people to join. People like to do more than just come without knowing its purpose.
2. A suggestion was made to work with a community joint venture with UWS. Perhaps join in on their events. As Optimist members we have the opportunity join together for a lunch and listen to speakers. But we must offer potential new members more than just an invitation to a lunch.
3. Potential younger members need to know what the Optimist's mission is and what they can do to help. They like to be active in our community. Dave made the suggestion to join with UWS. Janna Stevens had mentioned a group at UWS that helps people with various things including fundraising. Dave is soon speaking for UWS, and he will look for ideas.
4. A decision was made to delay hosing a NOW event and look for other ways to bring in members.

V. **Upcoming events**

A . K-9 event

B. Weeding the garden at Central Park

C. Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, August 27

1. Jan made a motion to put the breakfast back to \$%. Motion seconded by Scott, motion carried.

Next meeting: August 9, 2017 at VIP at 1 pm.

Attendance Prize Winners

6/7 – Gary Dunning
6/14 – Dave Cochrane
6/21– Charlie Place
6/28 – Gary Dunning

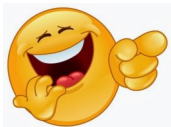


Dave Minor - 8/4
Dave Cochrane - 8/7
Gary Dunning - 8/19
Rick Rockwood - 8/24

Optimist Anniversaries

Kaye Tenerelli, 19 years
Scott Sommer, 3years
Jasmin Burt, 2 years

Kids Say and Do the Funniest Things



I went to see a mortgage advisor with my 7-year-old son. As I sat at the desk, my son sat down and said to the man “Hello, I am not her husband.”

“C’mon, Elsa! Get it together!” My almost 3-year-old said this to her doll who kept falling over.

I sat down with my 3-year-old daughter who was playing in her dollhouse. I asked her which doll I could be and she replied, “The one that does the dishes.”

Dropped (my son) off at preschool and he says, “Have a good weekend, Mommy” as he leaves the car. Clearly he has plans that don’t include me.

My 3-year-old son saw Nick Jonas singing on TV and said, “He doesn’t have any friends, does he?”

Me: “Why is the dog’s head all wet?”

My 3-year-old (standing outside on the patio): “Oh, because I peed on him.”

2-year-old: “What’s that? Can I hold it?”

Me: “That’s a calculator.”

2-year-old: “No, that’s a calcuNOW.”



I told my kids that we are no longer saying “shut up” because it sounds mean and can hurt people’s feelings. So my kids are getting creative with their use of words. My 9-year-old daughter was talking and talking, and my 6-year-old son couldn’t take it anymore and said, “SILENCE YOU PEASANT!”

When my child came home from school on the bus, I paused my work conference call I was on to ask her how her day was. She responded, “Shhh go back to work. I have a list of things I want you to buy me with the money you’re making.” She’s five.



August 9th

Board Meeting
1:00 PM at VIP

August 17th

Garden Weeding
6 PM - Central Park

August 26th

Pancake Breakfast
8 AM
Dragon Boat Festival
Barkers Island

Appreciation & Attendance

Tom Strewler for the June speakers, prizes & Reflections

Gary Dunning, Rick Rockwood for helping out with the K-9 project

Hugo Salmi for leading the garden project



PROGRAMS FOR AUGUST

Aug. 2

Blooms Brothers - Gary Banker & Tom Borich

Aug. 9

Senator Janet Bewley

Aug. 16

Finalizing details for our pancake breakfast fundraiser

Aug. 23

Monaco Air Duluth - Don Monaco

Aug. 30

Optimist Strategic Planning Meeting

SPEAKER CHAIR & PRIZE SPONSOR
Elizabeth Gilbertson

Assistant Editor Judy Carlson

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Optimist Creed

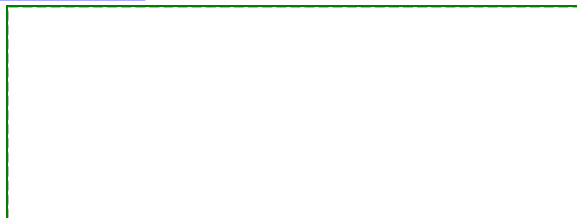
Promise Yourself

- 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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The Superior Optimist Club fosters positive fellowship and community awareness to inspire and support youth.

Mission Statement

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