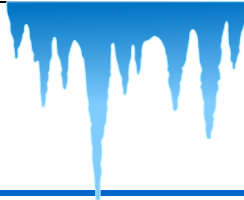




Official Newsletter of the Superior Optimist Club



January 2017

PRESIDENT - Dave Cochrane

Message from the President:

Happy New Year. Best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

As of January 4, 2017, I am officially retired. The last few months have been hectic, training a new person while dealing with the day to day operations. I probably haven't given the time for planning the constantly asked question "What are you going to do when you retire? I looked up retirement on Wikipedia and it said that it is the time a person stops employment completely. So, I guess that part is days away from completion. To be honest, I do have a plan and that is to live one day at a time, try to be useful and continue to do the things I like to do. I liked the work I did so I will try to stay active in the community and stay involved in advocacy of some type. So until I figure this all out, I will focus on being President of the Optimist club and attending grandkids basketball. " Change isn't meant to be met with a clenched fist, but rather an open hand." (D.J. Enga, CPFC)

I came down with the flu and had to miss this week's Optimist meeting. (12/28) I went to work in the morning but by 11:00 I realized that I was getting worse so I went home which was a great decision on my part. But sadly, I missed the part of the meeting when the members reflected on the last year and hopes for the future. I would have said that last year for me was a period of transition from my job to retirement, getting two new grants at work and a trip to Nashville. My personal hope is to adjust to retirement, get a physical exercise program going, and my hopes for the Optimist club is to increase membership and attendance and to identify and fund some projects that will be helpful to the community.

Optimism 101, Optimists tend to be...

- Proactive. They take action and get things done.
- Persistent. They pursue goals and try again after failure.
- Creative. If one approach fails, they find another one.
- Confident. They expect things to work out in the long run.
- Crucial. Optimists tend to notice and focus on the positive things in their lives, such as rewarding experiences and possibilities rather than the negative.

*(Elaine Fox, director of the Affective Neuroscience laboratory in the department of psychology at the University of Essex, Colchester, UK)

~ Dave

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 18

Noon - Joint Meeting with Kiwanis

January 18

1:00 PM Board Meeting

SPEAKER CHAIR
Barb Certa-Werner

PRIZE SPONSOR
Gary Dunning

PROGRAMS FOR January

January 4

Lieutenant Jasen & Kimberly Elcombe - Salvation Army, Superior

January 11

Araceli Whitwam-Sell - Family Living Educator, UW-Extension

January 18

No Speaker - Joint meeting with Kiwanis at VIP

January 25

Gary Valley, Director of Housing - Catholic Charities Bureau Superior Diocese





November Jr. Optimists
Sophie Kintop & Nate DeRoche

Sophie Kintop and Nate DeRoche were the Youth Optimists for the month of December.

Sophie is involved in soccer, cross country, basketball, DECA, FBLA. She is also involved in Interact Club, Student Council, Pledgemakers and Youth Leadership. She is the daughter of Christina and Thomas Kintop. She has 3 sisters. After high school she would like to attend a 4 year university and major in Pre-Med.

Nate is involved in Youth Leadership, Soccer, Pledgemakers, Swim and Dive team, and Youth Group at Cathedral Church. He works at Spirit Mountain and as a soccer referee. He is the son of Dave and Melinda DeRoche and has two sisters. He would like to attend college at Stevens Point and major in Chemical Engineering.

Appreciation & Attendance

All December Bell ringers; Kim Pearson for Holiday message project; Kaye Tenerelli for December speakers; Colleen Tuura Wicklund for December Prizes; and Pam Stangas (server) for Holiday treats.

Average attendance at meetings - 10, not counting students and speakers.

Jan. Optimist Anniversaries
Al Kurtz, 30 years
Kim Pearson, 11 years
Barb Certa-Werner, 1 year

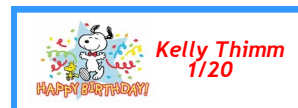
Attendance Prize Winners

12/7 – Jasmin Burt
12/14 – Hugo Salmi
12/21 – Jasmin Burt
12/28 – Richard Keskinen

**Keep in your Thoughts/
Prayers**



All of our members, their families, and friends of the Optimists for a happy & healthy 2017.



CHURCH LADIES & TYPEWRITERS

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services.

1. Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa..
2. Announcement in a church bulletin for a national PRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals."
3. The sermon this morning "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight "Searching for Jesus."
4. "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."
5. "The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict."
6. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
7. Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.
8. Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
9. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Reflections: by Dave Minor

The Charles Schulz Philosophy

This is something that I share with the seniors in the Youth Leadership program during their senior year to help them focus on the important things in life. How will you do?

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, the creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip.

Answer the following questions.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday.

These are no second-rate achievers.

They are the best in their fields.

But the applause dies.

Awards tarnish.

Achievements are forgotten.

Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. Think of a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Think of three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Think of five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special!!
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.
6. Now think of the one person who will drop everything and come no matter the time of day when you call and say you need their help.

Easier?

The lesson I want you to leave with is: The people who make a difference in our lives are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money...or the most awards.

They simply are the ones who care the most

'Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia!'

"Be yourself ~ you were born an original don't die a copy"

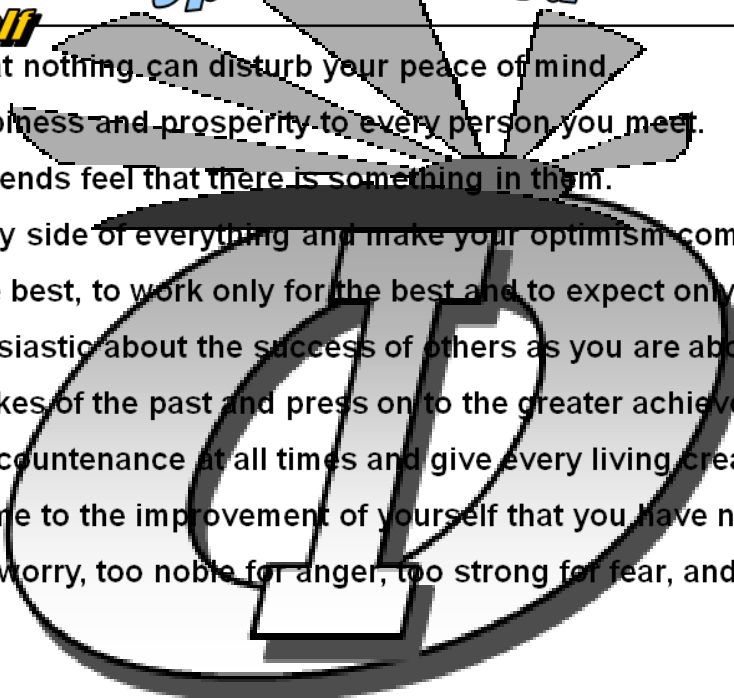
Assistant Editor Judy Carlson

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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