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- Club Photos

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Greetings From the Governor

The Quiltin' Times Are A-Changing

By Cindy Thury Smith 1999

For our Great-Great Grandmothers,

In quilting times past –
 A frugal quilter had to scrimp, make every scrap last –
 Today wasting fabric is not such a crime –
 Today what's scarce is a quilter's TIME.
 Patterns used to travel with pioneers going west –
 Now we swap and share instantly on the internet –
 Once templates were traced, fabric carefully scissored –
 Now we slice multiple layers, we're all Olfa wizards.
 At one time a two fabric quilt was a sign of status –
 Now Watercolor quilts have hundreds of prints comin' at us –
 Quilters used to gather at small local quilting bees-
 Now we congregate at conferences, national teachers to see.
 Like our Great-Great Grandmothers our lives are busy, we're Stressed –
 But with the beauty of our quilts, we fell we are blessed –
 As with our Great-Great Grandmother, our quilting serves many goals –
 To give warmth, grace our homes, and feed our souls.

In our Optimist Clubs we hear many times, "This is the way we've always done it." Times are changing just like in quilting. We need to be open to new suggestions, new ways to try things, new people and realize that we will serve many children through our Optimist Club efforts.

The following is a quilt teacher's Ten Commandments. Listen carefully as I feel these definitely apply to our efforts in helping the children in our communities.

- Thou shalt not ridicule a student's choice of fabrics nor their colors; a student's taste should be reflected in their work.



Governor Sue K. Carlson

- Thou shalt not require excessive expenditures for a class; thou dost not know a student's financial situation.
- Thou shalt provide students with clearly written and illustrated handouts. Thou shalt be able to explain a construction step with more than one method (written, verbal, visual).
- Thou shalt provide value



A Reminder from the Past Governor

Greetings to you all;

Just a reminder that the second quarter conference on Saturday evening is the 'Awards Banquette'. I would like to see all of the 2015 – 2016 WINUM Team Members for my year as the Gov. to please come to the conference...awards and thank-you gifts will take place that evening in a celebration and thanks for all that our WINUM Team did for our District. Remember, at the banquet, the dress code is Black or dark grey pants, white

shirt/blouse and our 'Dream Big! Make It Happen!' pins.

I will be sending a personal letter to all of the (13) Clubs that made 'Honor' Clubs last year to please send their Officers/Club Representative to accept their awards for their respective Clubs.

Again, thanks for all that you did and accomplished during my year as Gov. These thanks are for all of you Optimists in WINUM. You have done truly great

things for our youth and have made a difference in so many lives. Well Done!

Yours in Optimism;

Gregory L. Goodchild

Immediate Past Gov.

Catch a Rising Star

The Catch a Rising Star Program will be offered at 2nd Quarter conference. This session is designed to help members develop leadership skills and seek out leadership skills and opportunities. Learn more about the organization structures of club, district and international Optimist. Develop communication styles and skills; think about a different way of working with others.

Whether you are a new member or a seasoned member, this session will offer something to enhance your personal optimism and your club involvement.



Stitching Clubs Together Through Club Projects

This session offers you two different opportunities to network with WINUM Optimist. Don't miss it!

You have the opportunity to learn about projects that other clubs are doing. How did they see a need in their community and make a difference? There will be presentations on events, fund raising, and programs.

The other opportunity is to be one of the presenters. Let the leadership team (judygoodchild@charter.net) know that you would like to share the excitement of your project or event or fundraiser. Then bring your information to the session and share.



Second Quarter Convention

'STITCHING' YOUTH & COMMUNITES TOGETHER

WINUM SECOND QUARTER CONFERENCE

BEST WESTERN WITTENBERG INN

W17267 Red Oak Lane

Wittenberg, WI 54499 (715-253-3755)

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY

Service Project Tour the Wittenberg Food Pantry, 607 South Web b Street, in the afternoon—time to be determined.



Executive Board Meeting All members are welcome to join Governor Sue Carlson and the WINUM District Team for the exec meeting at 6:30pm.



Hospitality Check in and then relax with your fellow Optimists in a casual atmosphere

SATURDAY

Lt Governor's Morning Meeting A new addition to our schedule! Another opportunity to strengthen the team and support each other!



Catch A Rising Star Are you a leader in your club, or in our district? Do you aspire to continue your path to greater involvement? This is the break out session for you!!

Break outs "Stitching Communities Together" thru Club Projects! (speakers and break outs to be announced).



Service Project We'll teach you how to hand tie fleece fabric into a blanket, which will then be donated to the Wittenberg Food Panty. *Clubs/individuals are asked to please bring 1.5 yards of fleece to ensure your participation.*

2015-16 Awards Banquet: It is time to celebrate the achievements of the "Dream Big: Make it Happen!" year. Join Immediate Past Governor Greg Goodchild for the Awards Banquet!!!

Register Online Now!

ROOM RESERVATIONS: Call the Best Western Wittenberg Inn at 715-253-3755. Ask for the WI Optimists room block. Rate is \$92 for a standard room. Rooms "unblock" January 20, -----2017!

**WINUM 1st Quarter Conference
February 3-4, 2017
Best Western Wittenberg Inn,
W17267 Red Oak Lane
Wittenberg, WI 54499 (715-253-3755)**

Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____ Is this your first conference? _____

Club Name _____ Zone # _____ Your 2016-17 office (if any) _____

REGISTRATION INFO

(\$5 late fee each item)

	<u>Advance</u>	<u>On Site</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
<u>Members</u> (by Jan 28 th)				
Registration	\$20.00	\$25.00	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch <i>Menu: Soup & Sandwich buffet</i>	\$17.00	\$22.00	_____	_____
2015-16 Awards Banquet <i>Menu: roast beef & cod buffet</i>	\$20.00	\$25.00	_____	_____

Spouse/Guest/Child (non-members) Name(s): _____

Saturday Lunch <i>Menu: Soup & Sandwich buffet</i>	\$17.00	\$22.00	_____	_____
2015-16 Awards Banquet <i>Menu: roast beef & cod buffet</i>	\$20.00	\$25.00	_____	_____

(all menus are subject to change)

TOTAL ENCLOSED (Make checks payable to WINUM District) \$ _____

If you would like to request a special meal **due to specific diet restrictions** please indicate: YES NO

Type of meal required: _____ Every effort will be made to accommodate special needs.



Register on-line at www.wisconsinoptimist.org (or by snail mail or email!).

If not using PayPal on-line, please mail your check & this form to:

Laurel Schirmer, 1807 North 6 Street, Sheboygan, WI 53081, or bring your check to the conference!

Zone Reports

Zone 1

Zone 2

Zone 3

Zone 4

Happy Holidays everyone from Zone 4!

The Antigo Club has had a busy Fall with their spooky Halloween Parade and getting ready for the annual Christmas Parade, Free Community Holiday Movie, Free Swimming Day and Christmas Tree Burn.

The Rhinelander Club had their Open Skate in November with many attendees.

The Merrill Club was also very busy with their Halloween Parade and getting ready for Christmas with Santa, Free Holiday Movie and upcoming Cardboard Sled Races.

This is just a few of the many events that the Zone 4 Clubs provide to our communities. As with all of our WINUM District Clubs there are many, many more programs that are sponsored by Zone 4 Clubs.

Trina DeLasky, Lieutenant Governor Zone 4

Photo caption



Cathy Finney (center) of Joshua's Camp is welcomed as a new member of the Hallie Optimist Club. With her are Chippewa Valley Technical College intern Peg Olevsen and President Gale

Zone 5

Zone 5 is alive and well.

West Side Optimists have been found. They meet weekly at DJ's in DePere.WI. Dave is their leader. They are helping local kids by being Santas.

Pulaski Optimists have been busy with activities. They held a rummage sale for the City of Pulaski and have recently completed their annual Craft Fair. No meeting place except for outings, working to change that. Nora Scray is their leader. Also helping families for Christmas.

Howard Suamico Optimists held their Santa breakfast (replacement for Pancake and Porkie) last weekend at Bay Port High School. Their Octagon Club and they are in the Howard-Suamico Christmas Parade. Great club, growing towards 100 members. Their challenge is to be the biggest club in the State currently held by Wausau Noon). They can do it! Tina Siefert and crew are a smooth machine. Added two members recently.

Shawano Optimist had a rose sale in November. They are extremely successful with this fundraiser, in that it nets them \$4000. Congrats to them! Lots of holiday parties and sponsorship of families this time of year, down 3 members, but NOW meeting being scheduled. Gail Moesch is a great leader, and this club is at 60 plus members.

Sunrise Optimists of GB are on a drive to grow, as many members are retiring and leaving the Club. Gordy Chavalier has the Club on track working with House of Hope, Farmory, Jefferson School, CASA and other non-profits in the area. We are building a club within a club with Young Professionals, who are friends of Optimist. The idea is to recruit these 20-35 age bracket as the future of the club. They may decide to meet one evening per month, and set their own dues once their numbers get above 20 or so. It's



Hallie Optimists held a successful Breakfast with Santa!

Zone Reports (continued)

a risky venture, but we have recruited one member under this program. Looking for referrals for more. They are doing a Christmas Party at Jefferson school, and a Homeless Shelter feed in January with the Octogon Club. They have also signed up to start the New Year in building a new club in New London. Membership steady, with as many put on as have been taken off, plus 1.

We are looking forward to the Next Meeting in Wittenburg.
Phil Simila. Lieutenant Governor Zone 5.

Zone 7

Zone 8

Zone 10

College Clubs

**Zone 5 is alive and well!
Sunrise Optimists are building a new club in New London!**

Greetings from the Governor (continued)

for their money; at least one other variation of the quilt in addition to the standard design.

- Thou shalt be on time, start on time and provide time for questions.
- Thou shalt circulate amongst the students, checking progress, even if thy feet dost hurt.
- Thou shalt find something positive to say about each student's work. Thou shalt not have a "My way or the highway" frame of mind; creativity comes in many forms.
- When a student makes a good suggestion, thou will announce it to the class and give credit where due.

- Thou shalt allow some time after class to help anyone who sews at a more leisurely pace.
- Thou shalt show numerous samples; and if thou dost not have numerous samples done, make suggestions for other applications of the pattern.

What more can I say? We are all teachers/helpers/mentor for children in our communities. Thank you for being an Optimist! I ask that you go out into our communities and start making or continue making YOUR quilt. "Stitching Youth & Communities Together"... Together We Can! *Governor Sue Carlson*



Governor Sue Carlson (center front) rings bells for the Salvation Army with the Hallie Optimist Club! Left to right President Gale Haas, Vice President Jim McDonald, Jaiy Carlson, Sue Carlson, Etta McDonald, Rich Carlson. Thank you for your wonderful public service!



Wisconsin-North Upper Michigan District



"Stitching" Youth and Communities Together



Optimist Mission:

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.

Optimist Vision:

Optimist International will be recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps them develop to their full potential.

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 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.

Conferences and Convention Dates

WINUM District

February 3 & 4, 2017

Wittenberg

May 5 & 6, 2017

Oshkosh

August 26 & 27, 2017

Rhineland

Optimist International

July 6 - 8, 2017

Albuquerque NM

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