

# WINUM DISTRICT



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## Greetings From the Governor

Quilts fulfill one of our most primal needs, that of shelter and comfort. There is a bond between maker and user, whether across months or generations.

A quilt may be made up of one large piece or many small patches, and many different kinds of materials. Sewing cotton and linen together can be quite difficult. Some fabrics begin to go askew when sewing them and the corners don't fit exactly. But we continue making the quilt until it is finished. Quilts can be many different things to people; a happy quilt full of wonderful memories; soft positive materials that symbolize inner peace and promises for the future. There are also quilts made that are hard to do; cause frustration, disappointment, difficulties, or discouragement; just as in life. When given away these quilts only give comforts, satisfaction and joy.

How appropriate it is then for us to make quilts/throws for a service project at this past conference. Think of the love, cooperation, friendship, caring and creativity that took place when we worked together to make something beautiful and useful. We will never know who received those quilts, but there will always be a bond that will be there between us and the people who received the quilt. And do we know what the quilt will be used for?? Maybe it will be used as

a backdrop for family or individual pictures; maybe wrapping up a grandchild or sharing it with them sitting on a couch, sharing stories on a porch, sitting in a swing, or the quilt airing on the porch railing, or maybe even framed or on display. It doesn't make any difference what the quilt will be used for as what you have created was made with caring and love and was received the same way.

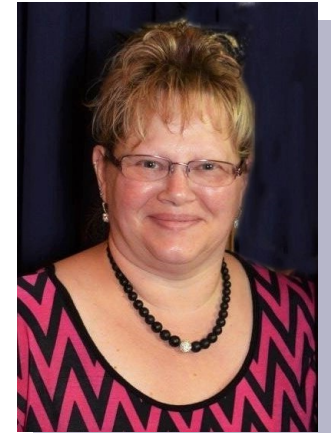
Our Optimists Clubs can be compared to making quilts. Such as:

Let go of perfection. Not all quilts turn out perfectly but "done is better than perfect". Doing projects for the children in our communities may not always turn out perfectly, but you at least have tried it.

You can't do it all. Especially not all at once. Small steps will work just fine. You can't do everything by yourself but taking small steps and working with others make the outcome so much greater.

Stick with your goals, but constantly reevaluate them and make sure you're not letting short-term clutter get in the way of the most important priorities. Sometimes when tying quilts we begin to think of other things that get in our way and mistakes are made. Don't let this happen to your Optimist Club.

Quilts are different just as each Optimist Club in different, but everyone's Club is exciting. DON'T COMPARE



Governor Sue K. Carlson

your Club to anyone else's. Stay on your path and enjoy the people and opportunities that come your way. Focus on what is in your control; not on what's out of your control. Cheer other people on. Be happy for other people's achievements and successes – if your perspective is to see the world as a place where there is enough success and happiness for everyone; you're going to find a lot more of it in your life. Finally, don't fear adversity or struggling for something you want – sometimes that will change the direction of our lives in remarkable ways.

Let's work together to create something that will be cherished by someone we may not ever know.

"Stitching Youth & Communities Together"...Together We Can!  
Governor Sue Carlson



## North Fond du Lac Optimist Tri-Star Competition

Each year, the North Fond du Lac Optimist Club organizes and runs the Optimist Tri-Star Basketball Competition. The event is held in the Bessie Allen Gymnasium in the School District of North Fond du Lac. 20+ members arrive early to set up the shooting, passing, and dribbling stations, as well as working to get kids signed up and orga-

nized. This year we had 96 participants, with awards going to the top 3 place winners in each age (8-13) and gender category. The trophies and t-shirts for winners were handed out during halftime of a local varsity basketball game. Parents are invited out onto the floor to take pictures, and the participants really enjoyed being introduced

in front of a large crowd! The participants that won their respective categories are entered into the District-wide contest, which is being held at UW-Fond du Lac on April 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are looking for a great way to engage local kids and their families, the Optimist Tri-Star Basketball contest is a great way to do it!



## Tony Yaggie, WINUM District Governor-Elect

Hello Fellow Optimists,



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your service to our Youth in the WINUM District of Optimist International. Your diligent work with the Youth in your communities has left a high regard for the values we follow in our Optimist Creed. You should be proud of what you and your club have accomplished; the time you have spent improving someone else's life will reward you many times over at the end of the day.

Presently, I'm in the process of drafting a 2017-2018 Action Plan for our WINUM District. This plan will incorporate my vision for the future, but, more importantly I'm asking each of you who are reading this message to share with me what you would like to see for the future of the WINUM District to incorporate into our plan. I'm looking for your suggestions on how you would like to see this crafted with thought, research, reflection and discussion on how to develop and implement an effective game plan for moving the WINUM District forward to build and improve on past successes.

Also, I'd like to thank those of you who have stepped forward to serve the WINUM District as a Lieutenant Governor or as a District Chair for 2017-2018. We have an excellent group already assembled who are willing to help their fellow members with their experience and knowledge. Thank you to each of you! We have 4 vacancies for Lt. Governors along with 4 vacancies for District Chair positions that are available, if you're interested you may contact me directly at my business number of [920-901-2020](tel:920-901-2020) or e-mail me at [tony@katymarketing.com](mailto:tony@katymarketing.com) I'd appreciate the opportunity to discuss this further with you, thank you again.

"Work only for the Best".

Tony Yaggie, Governor-Elect  
WINUM District  
Optimist International



## WINUM JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Children ages 10 to 18 can compete in the Junior Golf Tournament sponsored by the Wisconsin Upper Michigan Optimist District on June 17 at Lake Hallie Golf Club, 2185 119th Street, Chippewa Falls, WI. Registration is from 9 to 10 am. Boys divisions are in ages 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, and 16-18. Girls divisions are in ages 10-12, 13-14, and 15-18. A limited number of golfers in each division will advance to the international championships provided they shoot the minimum qualifying score. **Entry Fee is \$50.00. Registration Deadline: June 3, 2017.** Contact Galle Haas

715.271.1844 or Jim McDonald 715.829.1019 for more information. [Registration](http://www.wisconsinoptimist.org/scholarships-programs) can be found at [wisconsinoptimist.org/scholarships-programs](http://www.wisconsinoptimist.org/scholarships-programs).

The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships is one of the largest and best-known junior golf tournaments in the world. Each year, more than 600 golfers participate in the Optimist Junior Golf Tournament. Optimists have been involved in the sport of junior golf for more than 30 years by holding local, regional and international tournaments.

More than 5,000 golfers compete in official Optimist District qualifying tournaments. The best of these golfers, along with international golfers from around the globe, advance to the annual Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. Former champions and top finishers of the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships include Beth Bauer, Jonathan Byrd, Jason Day, Bill Haas, Brittany Lincicome, Jeff Overton, Stacy Prammanasudh and Jennifer Rosales.



## NFL Football Sweepstakes Fundraiser

Greetings from wintry Wausau!!

It feels like football weather outside and guess what FedEx delivered today? The NFL Sweepstakes tickets for the upcoming season!! I am pumped to think I can help all of you raise money for your kid's cause again this year!

Now is the time to get a **committee together to figure out if you want to do this again and if so how many tickets do you want?**

I have some large posters that explain the Sweepstakes this year for you to use. I think we will stay with the same return to the sellers organization as we did last year.

I will be handing tickets out at the Conference and **I hope to get a few more organizations to participate as we had about 1000 tickets that were not sold last year. If I get them all sold I will up the profit to all of you!!!!**

Non Optimist groups have also been selling for themselves, so if you have such a group please put them in contact with me or work through your Club contact.

Again, we pay the expenses, write the checks both to you and the winners, and are proud to help the cause of kids everywhere. The ticket doesn't say Wausau Noon Optimist...it says **Optimist Sweepstakes so you can use it as your own and not have to explain that the money is leaving your area. So let me know if you are on board**

Romey/Jim

cell [715.571.2901](tel:715.571.2901)

The service project at the Second Quarter Conference was tying fleece blankets that were then donated to the Wittenberg Food Pantry. Photo below shows Lt. Gov. Ann Sheahan, Two Rivers, with her finished blanket.



## Third Quarter Convention



### 'STITCHING' YOUTH & COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

WINUM THIRD QUARTER CONFERENCE

BEST WESTERN WATERFRONT – 1 N MAIN ST, OSHKOSH WI – MAY 5-6, 2017  
CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



#### FRIDAY

**Service Project** at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, 501 E Parkway Ave (approx. 4-5:30pm)

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

**Hospitality** Check in and then "R-E-L-A-X" with your fellow Optimists in a casual atmosphere

#### SATURDAY

**Elections:** Get ready to nominate your Lt Governor for the 2017-18 Optimist Year!! Could it be YOU!!!???

**Guest Speaker:** Representatives of the Boys & Girls Club will tell us about the ways they "Bring Out the Best in Youth" in Oshkosh!

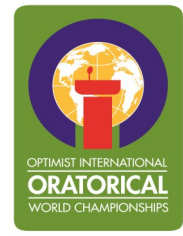
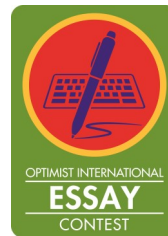
**Break Outs:** Does your club have an awesome service project or fundraiser that any club could do? Contact Judy Goodchild ([judygoodchild@charter.net](mailto:judygoodchild@charter.net)) to volunteer to present the details during our "Stitching Communities Together" break out!

**District Oratorical Contest** Zone contestants will compete on-site for the title of *District Champion* and the chance to compete in the regional tournament and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ***World Oratorical Championships*** in St Louis!!

**District Essay and CCDHH Contest**  
Winners are announced at lunch!

Check out the new program logos developed by Optimist International. (right)

Register online right now!



**ROOM RESERVATIONS:** Call the Best Western Waterfront, (920) 230-1900. Ask for the WINUM Optimist room block. Rate is \$106 for a standard room. **PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!!** There is an attrition clause in this property's contract – meaning we pay for rooms blocked, but not booked! Rooms "unblock" April 11, 2017!

**If you have any questions, please call Laurel at 920-946-7246 or e-mail:**  
[schirmer.laurel@att.net](mailto:schirmer.laurel@att.net)



### Third Quarter Conference Registration

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first conference? \_\_\_\_\_

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

### REGISTRATION INFO

(\$5 late fee each item)

	Advance	On Site	Number	Total \$
<b>Members</b> (by Apr 29 <sup>th</sup> )				
Registration	\$20.00	\$25.00	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch	\$18.00	\$23.00	_____	_____
<i>Menu: pizza/pasta buffet</i>				

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

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Saturday Lunch	\$18.00	\$23.00	_____	_____
<i>Menu: pizza/pasta buffet</i>				
(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](http://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!**

If you have any questions, please call Laurel at 920-946-7246 or e-mail: [schirmer.laurel@att.net](mailto:schirmer.laurel@att.net)

## Zone Reports

### Zone 1

#### Zone 1 Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE: All Zone 1 members are invited to consider joining me for a Club Visit to the Superior Optimist Club—May 24—Leaving Chippewa Falls Cenex (on old 29-Business 53) off of Hwy 53 @ 10 AM with itinerary to be determined

#### Chippewa Optimist Club

Agnes' Table

Cheese Curd Stand

Northwest Blues Fest—June 30 & 31

Northern Wisconsin State Fair—July 12-16

Jurassic Quest—Aug 26 & 27

Leinie's 150<sup>th</sup>—April 11 & 12

Octoberfest—September 15-17

#### Durand Optimist Club

Easter Bunny Breakfast & Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 15 from 0730 until 1030  
Craft Sale-October 28, Durand High School

#### Hallie Optimist Club

Senior Student Scholarships

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Hallie Town Hall, Saturday, April 15 from 8 AM until 11 AM

2017 Hallie Optimist Foundation Golf Scramble and Golf Ball Drop, Lake Hallie Golf, June 17

Bike Rodeo, May 11 from 3 PM to 5 PM

Hooked on Fishing, June 3 @ 9 AM

#### Menomonie Optimist Club

Hoffman Hills Recreational Area

Easter Bunny Breakfast-April 15

Oratorical Contest

Senior Student Scholarships

Monthly Youth Recognition

#### Superior Optimist Club

Breakfast @ Superior Cathedral—May 9

Dragon Boat @ Barker's Island—August 26

Youth of the Month

#### River Falls Optimist Club

Essay Contest

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser with children games, April 9 from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Moose Lodge

Parade of Flags in collaboration with the Boy Scouts—Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, Sept 11, Veterans' Day, Flag Day, River Falls Parade Day

#### UWEC Optimist Club

Joshua's Camp Volunteering—May 11-14

Jodi Arriola, Zone 1 Lieutenant Governor

### Zone 5

Welcome to the Zone 5 quarterly report. Our clubs have been serving the kids and adding members. Great to see that! Keep looking at your rosters and retain as well as add members.

**West Side Optimists-** Jason Lemorand has been named President. Still not updated on the Optimist page.

**Howard-Suamico Optimists** has many activities ongoing at the Junior Optimist level as well as the social side. I need to make a social visit. Always enjoy myself there. Working on getting back to 105 members.

**Pulaski Krakow Optimists-** a low period of time without meetings or activities. Lots coming up



With photo: Saturday, February 18, this trio of Optimists took to Maple Lanes to support a great cause, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sheboygan County (BBBS). Each year BBBS uses their "Bowling for Kids' Sake" weekends in February to raise funds to help support their programs. This year, the team of Joe Ziegler, Roger Beaumont, and Dean Ziegler helped raise funds for BBBS and bowled on the Optimist Club of Sheboygan team. Thank you to Joe Ziegler for organizing the team, and, oh yeah, raising almost \$4,000 to help the cause. Further, thank you to Paul Hertel, Program Director at BBBS and fellow Optimist Club of Sheboygan member for snapping this priceless picture.

## Zone Reports (continued)

in the Community Events though,

**Shawano Optimists-** Wow. What a club. Got back to 50 members and are doing a NOW program. Awarding Scholarships to the kids in Shawano for academic achievement. HOME OF OUR ZONE MEETING APRIL 20. Also raised 4 to 5 K (thousand) at their Boys Basketball Tournament.

**Green Bay Sunrise Optimists-** continuing with programs tutoring at Jefferson School, supporting the Farmory, and a recent visit from Jann Van Dreser on giving to OIF. Many dime a Day brochures given out, and Jann made us realize that all clubs benefit from the Optimist Foundation. The fabulous Spring Fish Fry coming up in May, and a NOW programs Mar 23. Welcome back Gordy!

And now the BIG ANNOUNCEMENT. From our **Optimists in Shawano** comes the Zone meeting

for Zone 5 to be held April 20th in Shawano at the Seasons Restaurant, just north of old 29.

Please bring members and future leaders as well as yourselves. My goal is to discuss some issues, talk about membership, and HEAR YOUR ACTIVITIES. We will have a guest speaker from the District.

Phillip Simila, Lieutenant Governor

### Zone 8

Zone 8 consists of Algoma, Kewaunee, Manitowoc Sunrise, Two Rivers, & Sturgeon Bay.

**Algoma** has a great turn out at breakfast meetings with lively conversation and wonderful guest speakers. They recently bowed out of their major fundraiser and are looking for other ways to fund their projects. One upcoming project is the Senior Scholarship Award.

**Kewaunee** Optimist is another fun group that is dedicated to the Youth of the community. They also sponsor an Octagon club at their local High School along with many other activities. They participate in parades, Sr. scholarships, Optimist Essay and Oratorical, along with Academic Excellence Breakfast, & volunteer at the Kewaunee County Park sledding & ski hill.

**Manitowoc Sunrise** is busy with weekly meetings planning all their upcoming events. Fundraisers of monthly raffles & brat fry's this spring will help assist with their numerous events. They had Skate with Santa this past December and are planning an Easter Egg Hunt in April. Wild West Days are on the horizon in August.

**Two Rivers** Optimist are busy year round with Spaghetti with Santa this past December, Winter Fun Day in February, April will bring the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Senior Scholarships in May. They also held the Optimist Essay contest this past February, and sponsored 3 returning college kids with a scholarship too! Year round paint events for the Empty Bowls Project, along with planning for their biggest fundraiser "Kite over Lake Michigan" keep this club hopping!

**Sturgeon Bay** does not meet on a regular basis but still donates to the youth in their community.

All clubs are getting ready for a joint zone meeting on April 26th. Zones 8, 10, & 11 will participate. It should be a great night! Think spring and warm temperatures!! See you all in May in Oshkosh!

In Optimism Ann Sheahan Lt. Governor Zone 8.

### Zone 9

The **Oshkosh Noon** Optimist Club is doing the school oratorical and essay contest and then we will have the youth appreciation after that and have youth and their parents to have lunch. Children will give their speeches. HMO cards are being sold to raise funds ....you get discounts at restaurants. Getting ready to do the Human Race on May 6. All the non-profits from Central WI walk to raise funds for their organizations. In partnership with BEMIS they match our funds. Tickets are being sold for the Barbershop Choir to raise funds. Contact Jaqueline Parish to pledge or for tickets.



#### Sheboygan Optimist Club:

We would like to thank Kade Byrand for his submission into the 2016-17 Optimist Essay contest. His essay has moved onto to the Wisconsin-Northern Upper Michigan District Level to be judged against other student in a district that spans roughly from Sheboygan County westward to La Crosse and northward into upper Michigan. Congratulations Kade and good luck at district level. Pictured includes (from left to right), 2016-17 Optimist President Mark J. Miller, Kade Byrand, Sherri Byrand, and Karl Byrand.

## Optimist International Foundation



Your OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (O. I. F.) is hard at work for you. This past week the Club Grant application period closed. The review and award process now starts, with winners announce later this spring.

They also take the dollars donated and invest them to produce the income to fund all the obligations assumed by O. I. F.

If is only through the financial support of us, as members, O. I. F. is able to do this for us. WINUM District, along with every other District, receives

\$10,000.00 each year to fund the ORATORICAL, ESSAY, and CCDHH Scholarships. Additional funding comes in the form of materials, training, and other monetary support of OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL.

As we head into 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference we are reminded this is the time of the year where the scholarships mentioned have their competition. WINUM will effectively grant up to \$10,000.00 in scholarships at Conference.

Please be sure you are supporting your Foundation so they can continue to provide the

financial support we have grown used to receiving. If you have not sent your Dime-A-Day contribution in – DO SO TODAY! If your club has not made a contribution this year – SEE TO IT THEY DO, NOW!

As always, THANK YOU for your support and if you have questions or would like a club or Zone presentation, call me.

Jann Van Dreser

2016 – WINUM District Foundation Representative – 2017



## WINUM District Essay Contest

Thank you to all the clubs who hosted an essay contest. This contest not only offers a \$2,500 scholarship from Optimist International but also gives youth in your communities practice in their writing skills. The entries are being judged at this time. The top three essays will be announced by April 15, 2017. We look forward to meeting the winners at the WINUM 3rd Quarter Conference in Oshkosh Saturday, May 6.

Cathy Greenseth, District Essay Contest Chair

## Zone Reports (continued)

**Ruby Gravrok**, Eau Claire, is presented her Essay Contest First Place medal, check and certificate by Jim Reppert and President Gale Haas. Ruby's essay on the topic "**Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges**" now moves to the District Competition where the winner will be awarded a \$2500 scholarship. Ruby is a student at Holy Family Home School.

Robyn Kitchen, Chippewa Falls, won second place. Third place winner is Braden Dean, Eau Claire. They are students at Liberty Christian School.

**Appleton Noon Optimist Club:** Youth appreciation for 8<sup>th</sup> grade public private and charter schools. Students get a Barnes and Noble Bookstore gift certificate. Seniors in High School, first generation immigrants are given 2000 per year for 4 years to attend technical or university school if they maintain GPA of 3.0. Right now they are really involved with basketball...700 children are going through the YMCA basketball program and the club sponsors everyone. Just finished a Kid's expo at Appleton North High School with hot dogs, chili, and taco chips as a fund raiser. Another fundraiser coming is the Golf Outing in June.

Jackie Parish, Lieutenant Governor

### Zone 11

**Optimist Club of Plymouth** Breakfast with Bunny on April 8th 8am -noon at the Generations building in Plymouth.

**Fond du Lac Evening Optimist** Our club meets bi-monthly at the Holiday Inn in Fond du Lac. In the 1st Quarter we continued with our annual Dictionary project where we distributed over 650 dictionaries to all the 3rd graders in the FDL area. In December we sponsored the Boys/Girls club afterschool Christmas party where the volunteers gave over 350 gifts to each child. It is always an enjoyable time. Coming up will be our 2 major fundraisers; Annual Father's Day Antique Car show , to be held June 18th at the beautiful Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac. We drew over 400 cars last year and many spectators for an enjoyable day event. Our next event is our food stand at the Fond du Lac County Fair to be held in July. This is a 5 day event and requires all of our members and guests to help volunteer as we sell food and beer to the visitors. A busy time. Basically these 2 events provide 85% of our Club revenue. We look forward to the summer months.

Kindest Regards, Dean Ziegler, Lieutenant Governor





**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**

November 4 & 5, 2016

**Marshfield**

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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