



## Wausau Noon Optimist Club

**2009-2010  
VOLUME 10  
SUMMER!**

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Monday Noon  
Rose Garden

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# Opti Update

*1960 - 2010 • 50 Years of Service!*



## *A Summer Of Celebration*

We have had a busy "Summer of Celebration" serving many, many area youth. Thanks to all who helped make it happen! We will tie it all up with our special Installation/Anniversary Banquet to be on Friday, September 24th. This celebration will be held at the Westwood Conference Center and is certain to be a wonderful evening.



### *Trout Pond Fishing*

Our club sponsored a portable trout pond at the Balloon Rally and Glow at the Wausau

Municipal Airport. On Friday July 9th from 5:00 pm to dusk, and Saturday July 10th from 11:00 am to dusk. About 800 caught trout which made for many smiling faces! They had the choice of catch and release or catch and keep. I think most of them were taken home and cooked!



## Youth Night at the Races

A large crowd gathered at State Park Speedway on July 15th in anticipation of the Wausau Noon Optimist 75 Lap Super Late Model Feature race. All children 12 and under were granted free admission on Kid's Night and all were given a coupon for free ice cream on behalf of the Optimists. To the delight of the crowd gathered, bicycle races were held during intermission. 85 racers between the ages of 2 to 18 were divided into 6 exciting races. Trophies, t-shirts, ribbons and checkered flags awaited the participants as they raced around the track to the roar of the crowd. A fun time was had by all including the dozen Optimist workers!

*Bob Stasney*



## Mini Ramp Jam

Around 100 local kids enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime experience to showcase their skills on the City Square, 400 Block, downtown Wausau on July 17. Kids of all ages and abilities tested themselves on the 16 foot mini ramp brought in from the Twin Cities for the occasion. An open skate was held for skateboarders and bikes from 10 am - 2 pm. Competitions began at 3:00 followed by a Best Trick Demo at 4:00 pm.

The cooperative spirit of the participants was an enjoyable experience for our volunteers to witness and several said it was incredible to watch the way that all the kids helped and supported each other regardless of ability.

Community support was impressive and news coverage was provided on July 16th in the Wausau Daily Herald and on the day of the event by WSAW TV, the local CBS affiliate, and City Pages.



The local ABC affiliate, WAOW, placed the event on their Facebook pages prior to the event to help us spread notice of the event. A variety of local businesses and shops displayed posters in their stores to help get the word out.

We are pleased to have been able to provide such a great activity for this group of kids and may consider future events of a similar nature as opportunities arise.

*Richard Theiler*







## Free Swim For Youth Week

A wacky summer of storms and rain settled down for a great week of swimming at Wausau's Memorial, Kaiser and Schulenberg Pools, and this year including the Splash Pad at Marathon Park, from Noon to 6:00 pm, July 26th through the 30th. All kids (17 and under) got in for free! The outstanding attendance for the three pools was 1,604, and the splash pad was 787. That makes a whopping 2,391 kids that got to swim thanks to our club's "Free Swim For Youth Week" !

Sharon Morehead



Received via our website:

*Hi! I am an adult who swims regularly at one of the city pools. I just wanted to thank the Optimists for sponsoring the free swim for kids. I did notice quite a few different kids that usually don't swim. I saw kids smiling, laughing, and having a good time because of your generosity! Thank you for supporting local pools.*

Debbie Lemke, Wausau



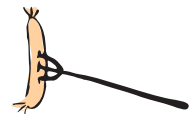
**What's 27 feet long, 11 feet high, and looks delicious?**

It was a great day for our club on Aug. 3rd when we worked with Crossroads County Market to host the Oscar Mayer Weiner Mobile! We greeted between 400 and 500 kids and parents with free hot dogs and sodas as they got to view, get their picture taken with, and sing a little song to earn that famous toy weiner whistle! It was a fun experience as we got to meet the parents and tell them and their children what an Optimist is! The Big Cheese radio personnel were there as well helping spread the word to their listeners about how proud we are to celebrate our 50th Anniversary serving Wausau area youth.

Bob Stasney



**Oh, I wish I Were an Oscar Mayer Weiner!**





## Rainbow's End

This year's Rainbows End Camp was another successful event for the club. We served dinner to the campers and their families along with all the camp counselors on Friday July 23rd and July 30th. To celebrate the club's 50th anniversary we provided a "Bounce House" and a snow cone machine in addition to the medals we purchase for the campers. The camp's theme was "Carnival" this year so the Bounce House and Snow cones were a HUGE hit! The camp served 27 campers the first week and 33 campers the second week – which was the most they had ever had participate. Space in the camp is typically limited to 25 campers due to the number of volunteer counselors that are needed to accommodate them. The club was warmly thanked by the staff and campers for the food, medals and carnival "extras" provided. It's such a rewarding thing for us to be a part of! Thanks to all the Optimist volunteers who helped out – it makes it really easy and a lot of fun!

*Maria Bruggink*



### WHAT'S COMING UP?

**SEPTEMBER 15TH**

Board Meeting

Noon

Associated Bank

**SEPTEMBER 24TH**

BANQUET

Installation & 50th

Westwood

Conference Center

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS

**SEPTEMBER 13TH**

Saun Duffey, Candidate

**SEPTEMBER 20TH**

TBA

**SEPTEMBER 27TH**

NO MEETING

**OCTOBER 4TH**

Granite Peak Ski Lodge



## Ahh, The Fair!

What a great year at the Fair! We had a lot of fun and raised a lot of money! The beverage barrels were rolling out of the cooler at a fast rate. There were a lot of tacos walking away and people pulling the pork sandwiches out of the food stand, but the king of the food was the pork chop on a stick. He even got his own write up in the newspaper with Chef Ann Liebmann praising the chop and putting in a great plug for our club. Around 80 club members and their friends/family turned out to help run the 8 day event from set-up to take-down. Thanks again to all of you for helping with this successful event!



### Estimated Products Sold:

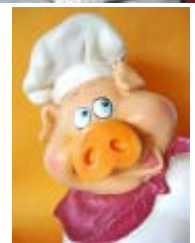
Pork Chops  
1600

Pulled Pork  
1350

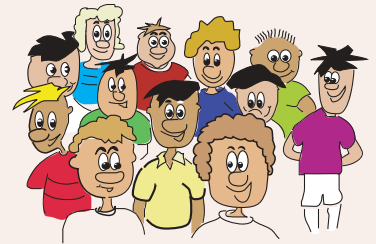
Walking Taco  
900



*The crowds, the members,  
the food, the fun!!!*



*It is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on too tightley and loose everything.*



## ***Etiquette 101***

Our guest speakers donate their time to present their topic to our club. Please be considerate and give them your full attention!

## **THE 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.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Optimist International's mission is to foster an optimistic way of life, through a network of optimists, dedicated to the full development of their potential in order to provide ever-expanding service to youth, the community and the world.

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