

# WNO



**2011-2012  
2nd QUARTER**

MEETINGS  
Monday Noon  
Rose Garden

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## WAUSAU NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

*Friend of Youth*

# Opti Update

## Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2012! We had a great 1st quarter, as you will see throughout the newsletter! We have a busy 2nd quarter ahead. The Annual Boys Basketball Tournament will be coming up. If you haven't attended this, you should. We have courts going in Wausau East, West, Horace Mann and Newman schools. It's amazing to see how many people attend this tournament. We have 62 teams already signed up and receiving rosters daily. And don't forget, we're always looking for helpers that weekend! Our Ice Fisheree is also coming up in February. This is another event to check out, or bring your kids to try to catch the big one! Prizes are given throughout the day and we have hot dogs and hot chocolate! I hope to see you there. The Essay Contest is in February, and the Oratorical Contest is in March. If you know of any contestants, please talk to Mary Sue Kuss (Essay) or Mickey Yach (Oratorical) for application, rules and deadline information.

One of our fund-raisers is coming up in March - The St. Patty's Day Raffle! This event draws hundreds for a corned beef and cabbage dinner and an evening of auctions, paddle wheel and games. Plenty of help will be needed in the kitchen, with the games and with the clean-up. Join us for some fun!

*Christmas cheer was provided on December 12th & 19th meetings. We had the pleasure of being entertained by the UWMC Singers and the Wausau West Singers.*



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JANUARY

Board Meeting ..... 11th  
 Courthouse, Corporate Council Room, Noon

## FEBRUARY

Essay Contest ..... Mary Sue Kuss  
 Ice Fisheree ..... 12th  
 Rookery View Park (South side of Snake Bridge!)  
 Noon to 3:00 pm

Board Meeting ..... 15th  
 Associated Bank, 3rd Floor, Noon

Basketball Tournament ..... 18th & 19th  
 Area schools, per schedules

## MARCH

Oratorical Contest ..... Mickey Yach  
 Board Meeting ..... 14th  
 Associated Bank, 3rd Floor, Noon  
 St. Patty's Raffle..... TBA  
 Stoney Creek Inn, 5:00 to ?

## DICTIONARY PROJECT

We had approximately eighteen wausau schools, public and private, which received the 816 dictionaries in November - American Education Week. We would like to thank all the members of the Wausau Noon Optimist Club who helped deliver the dictionaries to the various schools and also Mr. Bartig who prints up the stickers with the Wausau Noon Optimist logo which we put in each dictionary. Thank you again for making our 2011 Dictionary Project successful!

Fran Bender

## VEGAS NIGHT

Our Vegas Night was held at Riverside Park on November 17th. There was a good turnout for dinner and a night of games. Witt and crew did a great job preparing the meal. Thanks to all who helped!



## JOOI

Junior Optimist has been busy this quarter. Very educational visits from Sue Nowak, County Health Department talking to the kids about drugs, stimulants and other bad stuff. Dr. John Johnkoski heart surgeon from Aspirus shared interesting informaton on heart surgery, the process and just what it takes to become a doctor. We finished off the season with bell ringing for the Salvation Army at the downtown mall, along with several Optimists. A great time. After we all enjoyed Pizza at the Boys and Girls Club. We'll end the quarter with ice skating at Marathon Park as a reward for meeting attendance goals.

Advisors, Dick Lepinski, Butch Clay



## N.O.W. MEETING A HIT!

A N.O.W. meeting (New Optimists Wanted) was held on December 12th at Wausau Mine at which 28 total people attended. Five new prospective members attended! One signed up that night and paid her \$30.00 fee and has been approved by the board. We had pizza, soda, and beer. Spike set a new record for volume of pizza eaten! Russ Jamison, Mickey & myself set up a booth at the Chamber's Business PM the Thursday before the N.O.W. meeting and one person attended from that.

Think Positive  
Steve Yach



## UPCOMING YOUTH OF THE MONTH

Jan. 9 ..... Thomas Jefferson  
Jan. 23 ..... Hawthorn Hills  
Feb. 13..... South Mountain  
March 5 ..... Our Savior's  
March 12 ..... Lincoln



In September we had a special guest speaker. Johnny Grey, a retired Green Bay Packer, came and talked about - football!! He had some good stories to tell. He also passed around his Championship ring, which was huge!



## CLUB FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY



Many attended the party on December 18th at Stoney Creek Inn. Some enjoyed an afternoon of swimming. Bob's Catering provided a great meal once again! Santa arrived and handed out gifts to the children.

Members (24) of the Breaking Boundaries Optimist Club at NTC attended as well and loved getting their picture taken with Santa!

*Success seems to be connected to action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit.*



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## 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.

## 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 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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