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Newsletter for the UW-Whitewater/Community Optimist Club
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Message from
Club President
Tom Hinspater



Club Happenings



President's Corner

Greetings to all,

We are off and running with great results so far this year. Ticket taking at the Warhawk football games has turned into a lengthy event once more and we are glad to do it! Certainly it adds to the excitement when you are a winner .. just ask any Packer fan lately and I don't want to talk about my Bears. We are just around the corner from the holiday events and many of you are needed to participate so now is the time to sign up to support one of our events.

We have made some great strides on our Optimist web site and I encourage you to use it often for updates. Some of the items that you will find are:

- Who is the guest speaker this week or next week, or month

Pumpkin Patch Time!



Bruce Parker leads a group of excited first graders to select their pumpkins.



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- What events are coming up at their dates and times / who is the chair / and a copy of the sign up sheet that you can use to sign up on
- Board meeting minutes past and present
- Our club news letter current and archived from years past
- KMOR updates
- Pictures of current events

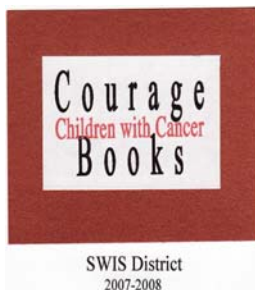
You can find the page at

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We are at a net +3 on membership so that means we should be +12 by year end. Keep on bringing your friends to the meetings and encourage others to join a great group with an even better cause.

For the children,

Tom



Join us for “an Optimist Christmas Season”!

Installation Banquet



Our new officers and board, sworn in at the installation banquet: Tom Hinspater, Carol Miller, Kim Simes, Frank Bartlett, Wes Therrian, Barb Dickens, and Kim Adams



Bob Barry honors Therese Kennedy as our newest Life Member

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Each December, our club reaches out to the Whitewater community with wonderful activities in the Christmas spirit. Please sign up and join us!

Whitewater Christmas Parade: Friday, November 30, 7pm; Line-up at 6:00pm

Members are needed to be in our Optimist float – Santa with Sleigh and Reindeer. We need “elves”, “reindeer” and other “helpers”. We will be passing out information about Breakfast with Santa. The parade will go down Main Street (from campus) and end near Novak’s.

Caroling: Thursday, Dec. 6, 4:30pm - 6:30pm

We carol at Fairhaven -- the retirement community near campus. No singing expertise necessary – just bring your holiday spirit!

Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, Dec. 8; Decorating on Friday, Dec. 7

Members are needed to cook, serve, clear tables, take pictures, serve as elves, etc. at our annual community event. We served over 650 people in 2007. We will also stuff the goody bags (from Santa) at the club meeting on **Dec. 4**.

Toys for Children: Each member donates one toy that has a special meaning to him/her (e.g. a football, if you are a fan; a woodworking set, if you are a woodworker, etc.), unwrapped at the noon meeting on **Dec. 11**. We try to guess who the donor is. You do not need to be present at the meeting to contribute. Then we bring the gifts, and collect others that have been donated from throughout Whitewater, to the armory, where we sort and wrap them on **Dec. 17**. These gifts will be given to local children, through the Whitewater Food Pantry

Mitten Tree:

Members have the opportunity to donate mittens, hats, or scarves, which will be given to area schools, for children who show up to school without proper winter protection. The winter



Student Optimist club VP Abby Foltzler with President Korryn Fenne join us at our installation banquet.

Optimist Noon Meeting Locations – Room 108, Esker Hall



Youths of the Month



Congratulations to our youths of the month, Jeremy

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apparel will be presented to representatives from the schools on **Dec. 18**.

Please join us!

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Warhawk Football Ticket Takers



Club members Angie Alesci, Maggie Winz, Brenda O'Beirne, Lou Zahn, Dick Winz, Kim Adams.



Carla Cheek and Hans Hahn

Millian and Lauren Daizin, with their parents.

At our Noon Meetings:



Area students are recognized by club president Tom Hinspater, at our Youth Appreciation luncheon.



Mississippi artist Kai Drobish thanks club members for all the help they have given to Katrina victims.

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Lou Zahn, granddaughter, and Barb Sigler.



Angie Alesci with Warhawk Willy



Barb Sigler supports another Mississippi artist, who lost her home to Katrina. Cute picture!

Practice random acts of kindness and senseless beauty.
Laugh! Smile! It will make people wonder what

Friends are like Stars: They're always there, even when you can't see them!

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you've been up to.

Help Wanted!

An opportunity for members to participate in upcoming Optimist Club events:

Date	Event	Description of event	What kind of help is needed	Contact person (e-mail/ telephone #)
12/6	Christmas Caroling	Meet in lobby of Fairhaven, 4:30	Singing and Smiling	Kim Adams adamsk@uww.edu
12/7	Breakfast with Santa	Armory, noon	Decorate for event	Carol Miller millerc@uww.edu
12/8 7:30am-11am	Breakfast with Santa	Community Holiday event	Servers, Cooks, Elves	Carol Miller millerc@uww.edu
12/11	Toys for Kids	Bring one unwrapped gift to noon meeting	Donate gifts; we will wrap on Dec. 17	Barb & Duane Dickens

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING –

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 5, 2007

The UW-Whitewater/Community Optimist Club Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Tom Hinspater at 4 p.m. Present: Tom Hinspater, Kathy Schumacher, Linda Kinson, Frank Bartlett, Barb Dickens, Kim Adams, Kim Simes, and Carol Miller. Absent: Wes Therrian.

The minutes from the last meeting (ACPC) were approved on an Adams/Bartlett motion. Bartlett gave the treasurer's report which was approved on a Simes/Dickens motion. Members are reminded to get their annual dues in by the end of November.

Old Business

Hinspater announced that **Youth Appreciation Week** is next week and chaired by Therese Kennedy. He will check to make sure that all events are covered. Tom will also follow up with Don Zahn on our **Food Drive for Thanksgiving**. Kim Adams announced that our

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club and the student club will be **Christmas caroling at Fairhaven** on Thursday, December 6. Carolers will meet in the lobby at 4:30 and will sing until 6 p.m. Kathy Schumacher encouraged caroling on the second floor as well as for residents in apartments. Tom will check to see that we have a chair for the **Mitten Tree**. Kim Simes suggested that we not only give mittens to the school district but also to the day cares in Whitewater. Kim also suggested that we take up a collection at an Optimist meeting as some of our members may not want to go shopping for mittens, hats, scarves, and gloves. Kim would be willing to do that. Barb Dickens will check with the Middle School and High School to see if those Optimists would want to have a Mitten Tree. **Toys for Kids** will again be chaired by Duane and Barb Dickens.

Upcoming meetings/events include: **Football Playoffs**. November 27 – Kathy Schumacher volunteered to do a **social activity** which will include fun competition and prizes. November 30 – **Holiday parade** (???) December 4 – **Stuffing the holiday treat bags for Breakfast with Santa**. December 7 – **Decorating for BWS**. December 8 – **Breakfast with Santa**. December 11 – **Toy Exchange**. December 11 or 18 – **Mitten Tree**.

Our donation to the Optimist Park was discussed. We are hoping to provide a shelter or additional playground equipment to the park. Is there a possibility that there could be a bathroom? Frank Bartlett indicated that our CD for over \$5,000 would become due in early December. On a Schumacher/Simes motion, it passed that the CD for over \$5,000 would be converted to cash now. Discussion followed on which bank(s) our club should use. This was tabled.

Tom Hinspater announced that Nicole Thompson has volunteered to chair the **Junior Golf Tournament** in the spring.

New Business

Kathy Schumacher moved that we should purchase a domain name for \$100 for 5 years. Seconded by Kim Adams and passed unanimously.

The meeting location for next semester was discussed. The Bookstore will be moving into Esker so we will need to move. Everyone agreed that we should move back to the University Center. Kim suggested we meet in Room 259. Tom will submit a room reservation form. He will also speak to Bob Barry regarding the location.

A request was made from the Student Optimist Club for a cash donation between \$500 and \$1,000 to support their trip to Jamaica during spring break March 24-30. The Board approved \$700 in support as that amount was already in the budget. A larger donation may be made in the future depending on their fundraising success.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Miller

Secretary

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“Each Optimist member serves 32 kids in their community.” -Don Damon

Promise yourself to look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November

Julie Caldwell	11/11
Al Hutchinson	11/16
Christine Bohleber	11/20
Kathy Schumacher	11/24
Carla Cheek	11/27

December

Tom Hinspater	12/1
Merry Lu Prior	12/12
Kent Wahlberg	12/20
Bruce Parker	12/23

CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

November

Board meeting	11/5
Program meeting:	11/6
Program mtg: Youth Appreciation Luncheon	11/13
Program mtg.	11/20
Program mtg.	11/27

December

Board meeting	12/3
Program mtg (stuff bags for Breakfast with Santa)	12/4
Caroling at Fairhaven	12/6
Decorate Armory, noon	12/7
Breakfast with Santa, Armory	12/8
Program mtg	12/11
Program meeting	12/18

Next newsletter will be published on December 21, 2007. Please have all info and pictures to me no later than December 20, 2007.

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Please note e-mail address.

Thanks, Maggie Winz

The UW-Whitewater/Community Optimist Club was organized in 1991. We meet every Tuesday at noon in the Minneiska Dining Room in the University Center on the UW-Whitewater campus.

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