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Newsletter for the UW-Whitewater/Community Optimist Club
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**Message from
Club President
Kim Adams**



Fellow Optimists,
Thank you so much for a great 2006-2007 Optimist year. I appreciate the contribution of every member.

Thanks to those who were able to attend the Installation Banquet on September 25. It was a perfect time to interact with one another at a beautiful venue, enjoy a great meal, and to celebrate and show appreciation for this past year.

Thank you to the 2006-07 Board of Directors. And – Congratulations to the four “Rookies of the Year”: Nicole Thompson, Amberly Bell, Lanora Heim and Angie Alesci. Congratulations too, to “Rising Star” recipient Kim Simes; “Optimists of the Year” Duane and Barb Dickens; and our newest Life Member Therese Kennedy.

We had a great year, conducting many projects for the kids and having a healthy year of fund raising to support our projects.

Thank you to all, and best wishes to new President Tom Hinspater and the new Board.

-- Kim

Club Happenings

Congratulations to our Students of the Month:

[David Meddaugh and Tanya Morales:](#)



Thank you and Congratulations to our 2007-2008 Club Officers and Directors:

Tom Hinspater-President
Kathy Schumacher-President Elect
Kim Adams-Immediate Past President
Kim Simes-Vice President
Carol Miller-Secretary
Frank Bartlett-Treasurer
Barb Dickens-Director
Linda Kinson-Director
Wes Therrian-Director

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Optimist Meeting Locations – Room 108, Esker Hall



UWW Student Optimist Club Happenings:

The UW-W Student Optimists officially kicked off their semester with a new member informational meeting. There were around 30 interested students in attendance and the meeting went very well. We will be selling Rural Route popcorn again this semester as one of our major fundraisers. Sales will begin on September 26 and run through October 10. Korryn will have order forms at the Tuesday meetings if you are interested, or you may email her at fennekn18@uww.edu if she misses you there. In addition, we will still be doing Hire-an-Optimist if anyone is interested in receiving help. The contact for HAO is Abby Fotzler; you may email her at fotzlerae15@uww.edu. The Student Optimists will also be helping out with Make-a-Difference day on Friday, October 5; this is a campus-wide event. We are also beginning to plan the Deer Widow bowling tournament, so keep looking for more information on that event. And finally, if any of you have any old license plates, some our friends in Bay St. Louis, MS would like them as part of their decor for their new restaurant. Since we are their sister city and have worked very closely with them over the last couple of years, they would love to have some UW-W plates, in addition to WI plates. Korryn will be collecting the license plates as well.

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Sister City Update:

Three artists from Bay St. Louis, Mississippi will be showing their work in Whitewater, at the Double Dip Deli, from September 4th to October 2nd. Their work is being shown as part of an ongoing Sister City effort to help rebuild Bay St. Louis after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005.

The artists are Kai Drobish, her mother Camilla Drobish, and Sandy Knight.

The Whitewater Arts Alliance and Bill Bowen, owner of the Double Dip Deli, will be hosting an Artist Reception for Kai on Friday, September 28, from 5-8 pm. The public is invited to attend.

Our Optimist Club has voted to help sponsor Kai's trip to Wisconsin. Please help me in welcoming Kai to Whitewater.

You will have a chance to meet her at the artist reception on September 28, and again at our noon lunch meeting on Tuesday October 2. She will also be speaking at a public meeting on campus at 5:00pm on October 2, to let student groups know the situation in Bay St. Louis, and to encourage volunteers to join the relief trip organized by the Sister City committee.

Mike Ciardo is heading up that effort, planning to travel to Mississippi the first week in January. Club members would be most welcome to join

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KMOR Bike Ride



Anne Wick and Incoming President Tom Hinspater



UWW Student Optimists join the fun.



Having Fun!

the relief effort!

Thank you for all the support given by our club,
Maggie Winz

It's Pumpkin Patch Time!

Just to keep you up to date It's pumpkin picking time and the 1st school Lake View will be picking this Thursday the 4th at 12:30 pm with 44 kids, next Tuesday the 9th Lincoln school will be picking at 8:30 am with 54 kids and the Washington school will be picking on the 10 at 12:30 pm with 42 kids. If any one would like to help me out with a walk with the 1st graders from the schools, help them pick a great pumpkin and then have a snack before you go back to work stop out. Thanks Bruce Parker



Noon luncheon meetings:



Club members Connie Murray, Brenda O'Beirne,
Kim Simes and Linda Kinson

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Barb Sigler shares a laugh with one of the racers.



Hans Hahn and Don Zahn hold the Creed banner to conclude our meeting.

There is no duty we so much underrate as the duty of being happy: By being happy we sow anonymous benefits upon the world. -Robert Louis Stevenson

In these times you have to be an optimist to open your eyes in the morning. - Carl Sandburg

The three grand essentials to happiness in life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.

-Joseph Addison

A pessimist is one who feels bad when he feels good for fear he'll feel worse when he feels better.-

Anonymous

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 #)
10/4, 10/9, 10/10	Pumpkin Patch	Kdg students choose their pumpkin	Supervision	Bruce Parker
10/2	Highway cleanup	Pick up litter		Don Zahn or Hans Hahn
9/22; 10/6; 10/13; 10/27; 11/10	Warhawks home football games	Club fund raiser opportunity	Ticket takers	Frank Bartlett bartletf@uww.edu
12/8	Breakfast with Santa	Community Holiday event	Servers, Cooks, Elves	Carol Miller millercc@uww.edu

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING –

UW-WHITEWATER/COMMUNITY OPTIMIST CLUB

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

9/10/07

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. by President Kim Adams.

Board Members present: Kim Adams, Frank Bartlett, Barb Dickens, Duane Dickens, Tom Hinspater, Jim Miller, and Wes Therrian.

Approval of August Minutes: A motion was made by Wes and seconded by Duane to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Duane made a motion that was seconded by Wes to approve the Treasurer's report as handed out and explained. The motion passed. Frank gave us the good news that he has now received dues from the only member shown as unpaid on his report. So all members are paid up.

Old Business:

- • Kim has 4 new names from the Faculty/Staff Resource Fair and will follow up with them.
- • Service Organization Co-op – Duane will follow up on this.
- • Dues – At this point \$61.00 of our \$70.00 dues go to OI and the district. We will need to consider whether or not we will increase our dues.
- • Club Policies Report - We voted to accept a motion by Jim (seconded by Tom) to bring the revisions to the club on 9/18 for a vote.
- • EZ-1 equipment – Mills has been working with Joel Winn to talk to the other service clubs and deliver our challenge to match our \$500.00 donation.
- • KMOR Bike Ride – We are all set except that we need someone at Eagle.
- • Summer Fellowship Picnic and Bonfire – Duane will get this set up.
- • APCP – Tom will schedule this.
- • Installation Banquet – All arrangements are set. We just need more people to sign up.
- • Life Member Award – Bob is working on this.

New Business:

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- • Request for funding from Maggie to help with expenses for the Bay St. Louis artists for \$300.00. Duane made a motion which was amended to read that the club pay what ever is left over (up to \$300.00) after collecting funds from other sources. Wes declined, but the motion passed.
- • Friend of Optimist renewal – Kim will check to see if this will be renewed for the next year.
- • Meeting Location after the end of this year – The bookstore will use most of the meeting rooms at Esker, so we will be back at the University Center for our Tuesday meetings.

New Member:

- • Ann Wick turned in her application and check. Wes moved and Tom seconded a motion to accept her application. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

There was a Student Optimist Club update from Kim.

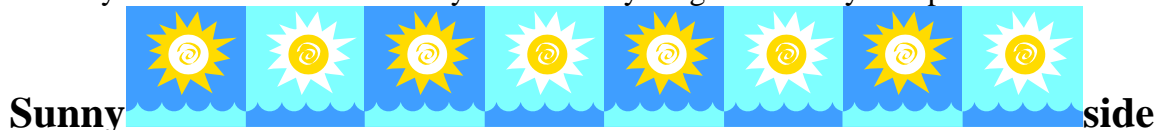
The Meeting was adjourned on a motion from Wes and second by Frank at 5:00 p.m. Motion passed.

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

“It takes Courage to live a life of Service.” Gov. Mike Shields

“This organization is nothing without you!”- Gov. Mike Shields

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



**Editor’s note: Please let me know if your birthday has not been listed! My information is not up to date!
Thank you.**

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September			September		
	Steve Summers	9/1		Program meeting: Matt	
			Keiderlen		
	Sheila Kindwall	9/14		Board meeting	
	Frank Bartlett	9/14		Program mtg: Amy Edmonds	
	Brenda O'Beirne	9/18		KMOR.	
	Tracy	9/24		Program mtg: Angie	
Chenoweth			Alesci		
				Annual Club Banquet (no noon meeting)	

				Artist Reception, Double Dip Deli, 5-8pm	

			October		
	Dick Winz	10/5		Board meeting	10/1
	Jim	10/6		Program mtg	
Schumacher					
	Kim Adams	10/10		Program mtg	10/9
	Hans Hahn	10/13		Program mtg	
	Pat Freer	10/21		Program mtg	
	Rick Fassl	10/23		Program mtg	
	Mike Ciardo	10/26			
	Lou Zahn	10/27			

Next newsletter will be published on October 25, 2007. Please have all info and pictures to me no later than October 24, 2007.

Send to richard259@centurytel.net

Please note new 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.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Motto: "Promise yourself for the Kids"

Governor: Mike Shields

Lt. Governor-Zone 10 Mark Glenn

International President: Ronnie Dunn