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Welcome

Welcome to our first newsletter for our growing **Roseville Area Optimist Club**. If you have been a member in our first three years, you're probably saying – It's about time.

As our organization grows attracting new members with a variety of skills, talents, experiences and ideas, our capabilities also grow. We need an ongoing communication link for our members to stay connected.

Hopefully the newsletter will provide information about our current activities, upcoming programs, and our members.

I greatly appreciate Don Salverda, our Past President, for taking on the challenge of developing the newsletter.

I hope you benefit from the publication.

Yours in optimism, *Terry*



Terry Gorman, President

Upcoming Programs

November 13 Scott Jensen, M.D.

President and Founder of the Catalyst Medical Clinics. He served as Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Minnesota Family Practice Department for more than 30 years. He serves as an elected Senator in the Minnesota State Senate and is author of the book Relationship Matters: The Foundation of Medical Care is Fracturing.

Theme:
"Relationships Matter – in Medicine, Politics, Business & Education"

December 11 Caryn Sullivan

Award winning author and former columnist in the St. Paul Pioneer Press. Holds degrees in communication and law. Has overcome tragedy in her life.

Theme:
"Bitter or Better: Grappling With Life on the OP-ED Page"

Our Mission

To bring out the best in our youth, our community, and ourselves by providing hope and positive vision.

Our Vision

Optimists will be recognized as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps develop their full potential. Our vision also includes to grow in size, service and stature.

Our Values Statement

Optimism

We believe in the power of optimism and positive thinking, the purposes of Optimists International and the Optimist Creed.

Youth

We believe that the future of our communities and our society are in the hands of today's youth.

Community

We believe in community service and the positive impact that civic and volunteer organizations bring to our community.

Personal and Leadership Development

We believe in lifelong learning and are each challenged to continue to increase our knowledge and skills and to foster positive attitudes.

Every Member is Important

We believe that each and every member is important to our organization and that one person can make a significant difference.

Professional Relationships

We believe in the value and impact of developing positive professional relationships and the positive synergy and results that come from positive thinking people meeting with other positive thinking people.

Excellence and Quality in the Delivery Our Programs and Services

We believe that service is the reason for our being and strive to deliver quality programs and services in a highly professional manner.

Fiscal Responsibility

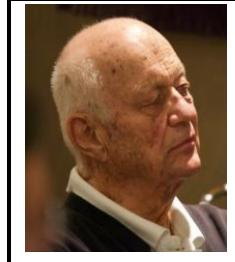
We believe that fiscal responsibility and the prudent stewardship of our financial resources is key to our credibility and stability.

Diversity

We believe in the positive value of diversity within our membership.

Adapting to Change

We believe that our organization must continually adapt to the changing needs and wants of our members – but not to compromise our mission, purposes, vision, and values.



Fellow Optimist Members:

"I'm excited!"

- 1) I'm excited about being a proud member of our newly formed Roseville Area Optimist Club.
- 2) I'm excited about our group's growth over the last few years.
- 3) I'm excited about the quality of speakers and presentations at each of our monthly meetings.
- 4) I'm excited about the new friends and connections we make being a member of our group.
- 5) I'm excited about the opportunities for service we offer through our youth and community programs.
- 6) I'm excited about the personal and leadership development opportunities we offer.
- 7) Lastly, I'm excited about the opportunity to 'put together' our first newsletter.

I'm very open to your ideas, thoughts and recommendations as we launch our newsletter.

Please give me a call regarding your comments at 651-484-1335 or send an email to: donsalverda@hotmail.com

Best of personal regards. Have a great month!

Don

Our WEBSITE – A valuable resource!

Thanks to Scott Plum for creating and maintaining our group's website:

RosevilleAreaOptimistClub.com

We have over 30 presentations of previous speakers.

Each presentation provides great information and is Inspirational!

Special Recognition

Congratulations to Terry Gorman

Terry recently was elected Vice President of Optimist International, Great Plains Region. In this new role, Terry oversees six Optimist International Districts, including over 300 clubs and almost 10,000 members.

Terry has over 40 years of Optimist experience, has served as President of the St. Paul Optimist Club, as Distinguished District Governor of the Dakotas, Minnesota and Manitoba District and President of our Roseville Area Optimist Club in 2019 and 2020.

Congratulations to Dan Stoltz, CEO of SPIRE Credit Union, who has been named Chair of the NW District Salvation Army Holiday "Bell Ringing" Fundraiser. This is a prestigious leadership honor and opportunity.

Optimist of the Year

Each year one of our members is recognized as our Club's Optimist of the Year.

Our 2020 Optimist of the Year is Patty Sagert, Lake Elmo Campus Director of Rasmussen College.

President Terry Gorman says of Patty, "*Patty models enthusiasm, optimism, initiative, and vision in leading our group's Parade of Optimism tours and serving on our board of directors.*

Previous Optimists of the Year

2017	Don Salverda
2018	Zola Burns & Sue Filbin
2019	David Schaps

Optimist International President

Speaks at Recent Board Meeting

Mark Weinsoff, President of Optimists International spoke via ZOOM conference call to our board of directors recently.

In addition to admiring our **Voices of Optimism** book, Mark commented on the quality of our website, engaging speakers, and examples of leadership development represented by our Book Discussion Groups and the Leadership Lessons Learned Seminars.

He said our **Voices of Optimism** book and growing Organization is a model for other Optimist Clubs.

Our Board of Directors

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Our Voices of Optimism Book

In this book 69 members and guest speakers from our club contribute a story from their life experiences. Each story is relevant to readers of all ages to uplift and inspire.

The book makes an inspirational and valuable special holiday gift.

One of our members provided 75 copies, one for each of his employees.

To obtain copies, go to our website at

rosevilleareaoptimistclub.com

The price is \$15, includes mailing costs.

Leadership Lessons Learned Seminars

Many of our Optimist members have exceptional backgrounds in leadership. A number have authored books and regularly provide speeches, seminars, and workshops to a variety of clients and audiences.

Recognizing the experiences, talents, and wisdom within our membership, the Roseville Area Optimist Club provides for our members from our members – a series of **Leadership Lessons Learned Seminars.**

The sessions provide excellent opportunities to learn and challenge each other, to become better acquainted, and to make valuable connections.

The sessions are held from 2:00 – 3:30 PM the same day as our Optimist meetings. We are currently doing virtual (ZOOM) meetings.

Upcoming Sessions:

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Dave Bartholomay

Dave is the Program Coordinator for the Collaboration and Dispute Resolution Program for the State of Minnesota, is the Mayor of the City of Circle Pines, and is President of the Leadership Growth Group.

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Curt Stockford

Curt is a retired Residential Home Remodeling Contractor and former District Governor of Lions International. He serves as a Santa Claus during the Holiday Season.

Our Book Discussion Groups

Our Optimist Club currently has three **Leadership and Personal Development Book Discussion Groups.** Each meets the week following our regular Optimist meeting – from 7:30 – 9:00 AM

Group I meets on Fridays - led by Dave Bartholomay

Group II meets on Thursdays – led by Kyle Bartholomay

Group III meets on Wednesdays – led by Kent Peterson

If interested, contact Don Salverda at 651-484-1335 or donsalverda@hotmail.com.

Our Civic Education & Engagement Committee

One of the country's challenges is that of providing civic education and engagement to our communities. Former Senator Dave Durenberger has said, "*I've long advocated the more intense civic education from grade school through college that would reclaim the original purpose of public education, which was the responsibilities of citizenship.*"

Many communities are taking the initiative to develop civic education programs.

Our Optimist Club has formed a special interest committee to raise awareness of the need, brainstorm possible potential projects, and then adopting 5 or 6 specific projects or services for our community.

Mike Ericson, Charter Member of our group, a retired City Administrator and former President of the MN Association of City Administrators, is Chairman of the committee.

The group meets monthly. **If interested, contact Mike @ 651-704-0397 or maericson@yahoo.com.**

Youth Programs

1) The Optimist International Essay Contest

Theme: Reaching Your Dreams By Choosing Optimism

2) The Optimist International Oratorical Contest

Theme: Healing the World With Optimism

3) The Optimist International Communication

Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Theme: Healing the World With Optimism

For information

Contact Karen Schaub at:

Karen.schaub@isd623.org

Or call Karen at: 651-604-3502

Ring-in Christmas



Volunteers are needed to take a one-hour shift for

The Salvation Army Program Kettle Ringing

on Thursday, December 3rd at Byerly's Store at

1601 County Road C from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

To volunteer and sign-up

Contact Karen Schaub at:

Karen.schaub@isd623.org

Or call Karen at: 651-604-3502

Membership

Membership is the lifeblood of our Optimist group.

We welcome guests to learn about our group.

Who we are and what we do:

- 1) We're **part of an international organization** whose mission is to provide hope and positive vision by bringing out the best in youth, our communities, and ourselves.
 - 2) We hold **monthly meetings** that are informative, relevant, and inspiring, featuring **high quality speakers**.
 - 3) We make **new connections** and develop **new friends** who share our optimism, positive thinking and mission.
 - 4) We provide the **opportunity to participate** in a variety of programs and projects that further our mission.
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The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself –

- 1. To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.***
- 2. To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.***
- 3. To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.***
- 4. To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.***
- 5. To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.***
- 6. To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.***
- 7. To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.***
- 8. To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.***
- 9. To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.***
- 10. To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.***