



Howard-Suamico Optimist Club Newsletter

March 2021

Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting

March 15th, 2021

Important Announcements

- The Annual Whitetails Unlimited fundraiser will be held on March 11, 2021. All hands-on deck! We need your help with monetary donations of any dollar amount to the event. This will be used for the purchasing of items from the list e-mailed previously. Get your registration in ASAP!
- Optimist Scholarship is open to any Bay Port senior, please share with your family and friends. Students can reach out to Trent Noe, school counselor for application.
- Golden Agers luncheon scheduled for June 9th
- Village of Howard Rock the Commons fundraiser August 8th
- Daddy D Veterans Show scheduled for November 12th
- A friendly reminder to send in your annual membership dues

Upcoming Speakers for March

03/02 Cathy Hughes, Candidate for Howard Judge

03/09 School referendum

03/16 Thomas Sigmund, Executive Director GB Metropolitan Sewage District New Water

03/23 Brian Stevens, Candidate for Howard Judge

03/30 Cole Runge, Director Hwy 29 & Cty VV Interchange BC Planning Dept De Pere Southern Bridge

We still are in need for volunteers to sign up for the following months to provide speakers: May, June, July, August, September. If you are interested in committing to one of the months listed above or want to pick just a certain week, please email Paula Pyle at paula.pyle20@gmail.com

March Birthdays

3rd Danielle Novak

9th Bob Schultz

17th Henry Siech

18th Adam Kersten

20th Steve Kubacki

22nd Dennis Winkler

31st Jim Felmer

March Anniversaries

18th Betty & John Zimdars

If we have missed your Birthday or Anniversary, please email paula.pyle20@gmail.com with your dates.

February Noon Meeting Recaps

February 2nd

Drawing Winner: Bob Chambers – Four Way gift card

Speaker: Group conversation celebrating Optimist Week! Great stories were shared by all in attendance on the history of our club and past events. Scrap books brought in from several members to share with everyone.

Thank you, Ray Suennen for sharing Birthday Cake with us!



February 9th

Drawing Winner: Bob Chambers – Shoots gift card

Speaker: Harold Peterson shared history of the Optimist Club, his traveling hat of pins and attending conventions, and the background of how women were finally allowed to join the Optimist club.

Thank you, Paula Pyle for sharing Seroogy's Chocolate in celebration of Valentines Day!

February 16th

Drawing Winner: Mary Joan O'Leary – Watering Hole gift card

Speaker: Dennis Winkler shared the following quote: "Optimism is the most important human trait, because it allows us to evolve our ideas, to improve our situation, and to hope for a better tomorrow" Ray Suennen gave us an update on COVID, that was provide by the Brown County Director of Health.



February 23rd

Drawing Winner: Don Snyder – Four Way gift card

Speaker: Denise Misovec, Vice President of Program Services Curative Connections. She gave us a history of the non-profit organization, explained different programs available, and their need for volunteers to be drivers for the transportation program.

www.curativeconnections.org

Thank you, Paula Pyle for sharing Birthday Cupcakes with us!

Congratulations!

A great big “Thank You” to Diane Schmidtke, for taking on the responsibility of Essay Chair for our Howard Suamico Optimist Club Essay competition. It takes an extraordinary student to challenge him/herself and enter an essay competition. The top three winners are:

1st: Katherine Koehn - \$250 Howard-Suamico Optimist Club Scholarship, 1st place medallion, entry into the WINUM District competition

2nd: Sheridan Vorpahl - 2nd place medallion

3rd: William Schlueter - 3rd place medallion

Well Wishes, Thoughts and Prayers

Sending get well wishes for a speedy recovery to Larry Kaderabeck, Mary Alice Hornick, and Chris Nielson

Sending our condolences to the Mel Polarek family. He was a member of the Green Bay Optimist Club. He was a past President and a Lt. Governor 2019-2020, along with serving the role on several district teams, as well as being active in his own club.

WINUM 2nd Quarter Conference

WINUM had a successful 2nd Qtr Conference in Eau Claire on Feb 5 & 6. There were 35 Members in attendance. In person and virtually. The awards were presented for the Kaleidoscope Year. Dan O'Leary (WINUM Past Governor) shared stories of all 31 Members of his Team and presented all with a token of his appreciation. Seven members from the Howard-Suamico Optimist Club were part of the Kaleidoscope Team. This was a large percentage of the entire WINUM Team representing strong support within our Club.

Kaleidoscope Team (Howard-Suamico Members) 2019/2020

Dan O'Leary - WINUM Governor

Mary joan O'Leary - First Lady/District Photographer/1st Timers Committee Chair

Diane Schmidtke - Oratorical Contest Committee Chair

Gary Rozmarynoski - Junior Optimist Clubs (JOI) Committee Chair

Bob Chambers - Club Fitness Advisor Committee Chair

Tom Binish - Lieutenant Governor Zone 7

Chris Nielsen - Lieutenant Governor Zone 5



Top Left: Speaker Mark Vang - EauClaire Police Dept demonstrating the (smart taser) along with other defenses they use depending on the situations.

Top Right: Diane Schmidtke - Presented with the WINUM "Team Player Award" for continued support throughout the pandemic and always "reaching out" to offer assistance. In an effort to avoid cancelling the Oratorical Contest because of the

pandemic, she was challenged with supporting the creation of a Virtual Oratorical Contest. Diane developed an amazing process that was extremely successful and will provide options going forward.

Bottom Left: Town Hall meeting with questions and answers. A learning module shared with the Group. This Town Hall provides ideas and information on what other Clubs are doing and different ways to support our youth.

Bottom Right: Kaleidoscope Farewell, Governor Dan O'Leary and First Lady Mary Joan thanking each other and the entire Team for a successful year amidst all of the changes. Turning it all into Positivity!!!!