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Presidents Corner with Sean Ervin

Well, 2016 has arrived! This is the year of our Club's 60th Anniversary and it will be here soon too. This is also the first meeting of our second quarter of the Optimist year. That means that we will have our quarterly business meeting during our club meeting. Much of what will be covered will be what the Board has been discussing so everyone can be brought up to date.

We need volunteers for a number of projects. Coreen is still looking for some help for the Food To You event coming up yet this month. Won't you please add to your list of New Year's Resolutions to be more involved in your club? That may mean coming to one more meeting per month or volunteering for one more committee than you are currently on. If you're not sure where you would like to get plugged in, reach out to me or to Ken Munch. We would love to help.

Do you remember the definition from our previous PGI events? Optimists are people who have dreams and make them happen. Try to find the time if you can. The Club needs all of us to continue its great work in our community.

January Programs:

- 1/7 Club Business Meeting
- 1/14 Leaping Forward into 2016:
Star Munch
- 1/21 Lutheran Social Service SD:
Downtown Housing
- 1/28 Old Courthouse Museum:
Future Needs

January Events:

January 12th - Food to You Mobile Food Distribution at Messiah New Hope Church located at 5001 East Madison Street on the far northeast side of Sioux Falls. Early bird volunteers are needed at 4:30 to help unload the Feeding South Dakota truck. Other volunteers should arrive at 5:15 to help set up the distribution line. The actual distribution starts at 6 p.m. and lasts until 7 p.m. or until the last client is served. You can also support the event by donating the food of the month that includes pasta and cereal. Bring the items to club and we will see that they get there. To sign up, contact Jack Dyvig at 351-1889 or Correen Major at 212-5786.

Club Member Highlight

Jack Dyvig is the focus of our January member spotlight. Jack joined Sioux Falls Morning Optimist Club in 1979 when he moved to Sioux Falls from Huron, SD. His sponsor was Dale from the carpet store on Minnesota Avenue. His favorite Optimist moment has been working with Sioux Valley Children's Clinic which later became Sanford Children's Hospital to begin Camp Bring It On. The first year they had 7 children attend and this past year it has grown to serving over 50 children with cancer. Jack's favorite fundraisers include the "World's Largest Rummage Sale" and MO's Courageous Kids Carnival. His favorite activity is visiting the kids at Camp Bring It On every year. Jack's favorite portion of the Optimist Creed is: To think only the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

Jack's family includes his wife, Cheryl and he has three sons, Cameron, Leigh and Mark. He has three step children, Sherri, Judy and Kirsten. He has three great grandchildren, Oliver, Autumn and Mikaelyn (born 1/1/16). Jack is originally from Custer, SD. He later graduated from SDSU and graduated with a degree in economics. Jack has lived in multiple places in South Dakota and North Dakota and has been an optimist wherever he lived. He returned to Sioux Falls in 1999 upon his retirement from State Farm Insurance as a Claims Superintendent. He worked for State Farm for 30 years. Jack's favorite quote is: "See what you like, like what you do". If he had a million dollars he would help children first as the more children we serve, the better our future will be. In his spare time, Jack is involved with the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, church boards at Food to You and Our Savior's Lutheran. He enjoys spending time with family and traveling with Cheryl. He is an avid Jackrabbit football and basketball fan and attends games when able.

He also enjoys going to DMM District meetings and conventions where there is always something new to learn. Since being an Optimist member, Jack has added 121 new members to Optimist Clubs. As a member of the Sioux Falls Morning Optimist Club, he has been DMM Optimist of the Year on three occasions: 2001-02, 2006-07 and 2014-15. Jack is currently the DMM Lieutenant Governor for Zone 7. We thank you Jack for your long time support of not only the Sioux Falls Morning Club but also the Sioux Valley Club and the DMM.

January Birthdays:

1/1 Star Munch
1/4 Dick Thornton
1/5 Jason Durnil
1/18 Amy Hendrix

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Save the Date:

February 11 – Serve breakfast at
The Banquet

May 23, 2016 – 60th Anniversary Banquet

Subaru of Sioux Falls Car Raffle: Second year Mr. Schulte from Subaru of Sioux Falls is providing a BRAND NEW SUBARU to be given away. Ticket sale proceeds are designated to benefit Children's Home Society. A minimum of \$10,000 will be presented to CHS. The Sioux Falls Morning Optimist Club will assist in ticket sales. Ticket information: Ken Munch 351 9062 or Eric Olson cell 360 5707 office 336 2335 email: hunter3008@midconetwork.com



Opti-Lotto Winner: Opti-lotto will start over the beginning of 2016. On 12/31/15, Chery Dyvig drew the 5 of Spades to collect the \$858 jackpot. What a way to end the year! Congrats Cheryl!!



Thanksgiving Breakfast: The annual Thanksgiving Breakfast was held in November with 74 persons attending and serving 25 children. Thanks to Dick Beck, Gordy Lyng, and Mark Willadsen for making this event happen.

Optimist Prayers: We are asking for prayers for our member, Cheryl Dyvig who has been diagnosed with a reoccurrence of endometrial cancer after 7 years of being cancer free. She will undergo surgery later this month with follow up treatments. If you would like to follow her journey a site has been created on www.caringbridge.com and search for her name. Cheryl has shared a few Optimist tenets I which she is keeping close to heart during this time: "To be too strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind" and "To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best".

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Christmas Shopping at The Banquet:

December 12th was our Children's Shopping Event and Gift Wrap for children at The Banquet. We had over 25 volunteers wrapping presents, MO made an appearance and we served 112 children. Thanks to all who participated from the shopping of gifts at Walmart to helping the kids shop and ultimately the wrapping of the gifts. Cheryl Dyvig saw a mother in the parking lot as she was leaving and the mother said "Thank You". This is a great project!



