



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF NORTH LIBERTY
CHARTERED APRIL 24, 1973

2022-2023 Officers and Board Members

Co-President: Dale Ingle (626-2302)
Co-President: Katie Folker (541-1852)
Past President: Darlene Smith (626-2939)
Secretary: Barb Dixon (626-2938)
Treasurer: Dave Roberts (626-2949)

Board – Bob Dunkin, Theresa Dunkin, Sandra Gay, Rita Roberts, Mary Jane Sweeney, and Linda Thiesen



March, 2023

- March 9:** Regular Meeting, 6:30 P.M., Pizza Ranch
Speaker: Colony Acres
- March 10:** Setup for Pancake Breakfast
- March 11:** Pancake Breakfast
- March 13:** Board Meeting, 6:30 P.M., Darlene's home
- March 23:** Regular Meeting 6:30 P.M., Pizza Ranch
Speaker: GUANTS, North Liberty Coffee Bean Roasting Co.

April, 2023

- April 10:** Board Meeting, 6:30 P.M., Darlene's
- April 13:** Regular Meeting, 6:30 P.M., Pizza Ranch
Speaker: Caring Hands and More
- April 27:** Regular Meeting, 6:30 P.M., Pizza Ranch
Speaker: Tim Brown, National Advanced Driving Simulator

Presidents' Message

We are starting by borrowing some fantastic writings by our current Optimist President, Bob McFadyen:

"February 2nd is Optimist Day. This is our day! Our day to shine the light of Optimism. As Optimists, whether we are putting a smile on the face of a child by handing them a balloon in a park, providing a special gift to a child that would otherwise do without, providing an opportunity to win a scholarship or providing necessary food, clothing, and supplies to students, we are making a positive impact. Helping the most vulnerable and most impressionable in our community provides that warm feeling of caring and helping – it physically enhances our wellbeing. But we get so much more from being an Optimist. Being Optimists and trying to live the creed make all of us better people. In this month of love, I want to encourage you to share your love and passion for optimism. Give your friends and neighbors the opportunity to experience the joy of being an Optimist. Together we can continue the legacy of over 100 years of Optimist service.

My friends, love is better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair. So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic. And we'll change the world.'
Jack Layton"

We can change the world – if we choose to. Choose Optimism!"

*Bob McFadyen
2022-2023 President*

We will be recognized at the next City Council meeting for 50 years of partnership with the City. The North Liberty Mayor has made a proclamation to the club and will recognize the Optimists the first Thursday in February annually. We will be inviting all charter and past members to a 50 year celebration dinner in April. This is still in the planning process and we will keep you informed as we get closer.

I want to remind everyone that the annual pancake breakfast will be March 11th and we need all the volunteers that we can find. If you can assist, please go to SignUp Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4faaab2ba4ffc43-optimist/140135454#/> and tell us when you can help.

We had our essay contest winner, Sydney Pfeiffer, read her entry at the last meeting and if you missed it, you missed a treat. Her entry will now go to District and if she wins, she will go on to State.

We want to thank everyone for all you do for the club and the kids of our community.

Dale and Katie

<p>March 10 - Bob Dunkin March 12 - Katie Folker March 25 - Theresa Dunkin March 25 - Darlene Smith</p>	<p>Birthdays April 1 - Rob Mesch April 20 - Rita Roberts April 21 - Jolene Mesch April 26 - Jennifer Palmer</p> <p>Anniversaries April 11 - Austin & Crystal Schoening April 21 - Nate & Katie Folker</p>
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