

## THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF NORTH LIBERTY **CHARTERED APRIL 24, 1973**

2022-2023 Officers and Board Members 2022-2023 Officers and Board Vienders 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





## May, 2023

- May 8: Board Meeting, 6:30 P.M., Darlene's home
- **Regular Meeting**, 6:30 P.M., Pizza Ranch May 11:
  - Speaker: National Driving Simulator
- May 25: **Regular Meeting** 6:30 P.M., Pizza Ranch Speaker: Andi Lewis, Marketing Coordinator at
  - Prairiewoods Franciscan Spirituality Center
- May 29: **Memorial Day** (Avenue of Flags)

## June, 2023

- Regular Meeting, 6:30 P.M., Pizza Ranch June 8: Speaker: To be determined **June 12:** Board Meeting, 6:30 P.M., Darlene's home Flag Day (Avenue of Flags) **June 14: June 22: Regular Meeting**, 6:30 P.M., Pizza Ranch
  - Speaker: Heather Eastman from the Big O Foundation

## Presidents' Message

I want to start out this message by thanking all the people who helped bring off our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner. IT WAS FANTASTIC! It was so good to see former members, representatives of our district and state, and representatives from our chartering and sister clubs. We also had representatives from the BSAs we help charter. The food was great, and the slideshow brought back many memories for all of us. For those who didn't get to attend, we were given a beautiful crystal commemorative plaque, a copy of the proclamation from North Liberty stating the first Thursday of February will be "North Liberty Optimist Day". And South Slope provided us with a \$1,000 check for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Now on to the next 50 years.

Again, I want to borrow some of the words from our International Optimist President:

Let's talk about what new members mean to a Club. By new members, I mean people who are interested in our mission, in bringing out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves. I mean people like you.

Why did YOU decide to get involved? What is your Club doing that keeps you coming back? Have you invited someone to a Club event so they can find their own reason to get involved?

The youth in our communities need us more today than ever before! If you have any doubt about that, reach out to your local elementary school and ask about the number of students that attend school without the proper nutrition, supplies or winter clothing. Just imagine the difference we could make by supporting those students to be their best, setting the very foundation for their entire future!

Thanks for all the things you do as a club to help the youth of our community.

Dale Ingle, Co-President

Birthdays	
May 25 - Jim Miller	June 8 – Diane Venenga
May 28 – Marilyn Charbon	June 12 - Dale Ingle
	June 16 - Steve Šmith
	June 18 - Ann Greenzweig
	June 19 - Nate Folker
	June 23 - Linda Willer
Anniversaries	
May 19 - Jeanie Garner	June 3 – Fred & Marilyn Charbon
	June 6 - Bob & Theresa Dunkin
	June 9-Bruce & Lori Meyer
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