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A New Year, New Connections, and Renewed Optimism

The Ray-Pec Optimist Club kicked off the new fiscal year with warmth, purpose, and powerful moments of connection. President Mike Sanders led today's meeting with enthusiasm, ushering in a fresh chapter of service and growth.

Welcome to Our New Members!

We're thrilled to officially welcome Greg Rich to the club! Also joining us today was Dave McDougal, whose story touched every heart in the room. Dave shared that he lost his wife on 9/11 and had been eating breakfast alone just weeks ago when he was invited to join our meeting—and his meal was covered by the club. He called us "lifesavers." His gratitude reminds us why we gather: to uplift, include, and serve.



Conference Reflections

President Sanders reflected on the recent joint East-West District Conference, calling it "one of the very best conferences" he's ever attended. The keynote by Middle America Regional Vice President Liz Christman was described as "the best speech" he's heard—an inspiring moment for all who attended. Members from both districts left energized and informed, with a commitment to host another joint conference in the first quarter of next year.

Looking Ahead

With new members, renewed energy, and a shared vision, we're entering this fiscal year ready to make a difference. Let's continue to be the kind of club that changes lives—one breakfast, one conversation, one act of kindness at a time.



Ray Pec Sunrise Optimists were awarded the Top Club in the WEMO District out of 42 clubs. Ray Pec Optimists scored 89,220 points for the 31 projects and club building completed in 2024-2025 fiscal year!

Next Week: Bring Trucks, Vans and Dollies to transport dictionaries to 3rd Graders!

Upcoming Events see

<https://raypecsunriseoptimists.com> for details

Tue 10/14 – 6:30 am Amy Hellums, Art Department

Tue 10/21 – 6:30 am Students of the Month, Candela Cazoria Benitez (Spain), Zach Houston & Lake Mary Residential School

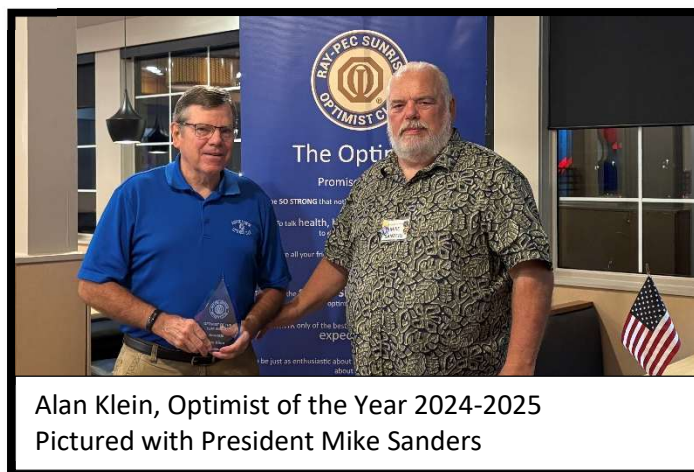
Tue 10/28 – 6:00 pm TBA



Governor- Brian Mills 2025-2026
Home Club – Ray Pec Sunrise Optimists
Outgoing Governor: Don Beaty

These individuals were spotted at today's meeting!

Rob Arner, Connie Circo, Tom Circo, Gerry Eftink, Jodie Huston, Frank Jiminez, Pete Kerckhoff, Renee Kerckhoff, Alan Klein, Jim Kopetsky, Kathy Lust, Dave McDougal, Joe O'Neal, Greg Rich, Ed Russell, Mike Sanders, Richard Sanders, Kris Turnbow, Denise Woolf



Alan Klein, Optimist of the Year 2024-2025
Pictured with President Mike Sanders

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To be **SO STRONG** that nothing can disturb your peace of mind

To talk **health, happiness and prosperity** to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that **THERE IS SOMETHING IN THEM**

To look at the **sunny side** of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to **work** only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the **success** of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the **GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS** of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance **at all times** and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have **NO TIME TO CRITICIZE OTHERS**.

To be to large for worry, to noble for anger to strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

