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Make Awesomeness Happen GOVERNOR: Maureen Crombie



I just returned from our 101st Optimist International Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Wow! What an incredible convention to make awesomeness happen. Our District was well-represented at the convention. To kick-off the Opening Ceremony, we celebrated the history of our

organization with a living timeline. Our very own Optimist Club of Milwaukee was the 9th Optimist club to organize. We also celebrated with a centennial Walk and Historical Marker reveal! There were keynote speakers that shared their stories, business sessions, training workshops and awards were given to many members in our District. We even had a great night playing Trivia hosted by the Blues Brothers to raise funds for our next convention in Schaumburg Illinois. Our District receive a Pacesetter award for forming two clubs and being at least a 15 plus in membership. Only 13 Districts received this award. And, our Region is currently in 1st Place as I write this. I came home motivated to encourage the work we are doing in our communities. I am extremely grateful for all of our clubs in our district. I have enjoyed our conferences and visiting clubs this year. As we move to the final stretch, please continue the work you are doing. I would also encourage clubs to sign up for our 4th Quarter Convention at the Radisson Hotel in Milwaukee on August 10th. In addition to fun, we will have training, a special service project and Past President of 2017-18 Nick Prillamin will be joining us. Following the convention, there will be a social baseball game at Miller Park.

The Optimist year is not over yet. There is more awesomeness to be done. I am encouraging all of you to make the most of 2018-19 year as we move into the final stretch. If every club just added three more members we would make such an impact in our communities and would be able to make a difference in the lives of our youth. Many of you have been doing great work in your communities. Just remember how awesome we are and how every act of kindness helps create kinder communities.

Again promise yourself into the next century to make awesomeness happen in your communities!

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SWIS District 4th Quarter Conference & Brewers Game

Register for the Brewer game by July 31st

Join Us & Bring a Friend 4th Qtr. Convention & Weekend of Fun in Milwaukee







Aug. 9th Radisson Milwaukee West-Optimist Exec. Meeting & Hospitality

Aug. 10th Radisson Hotel Milwaukee West-Optimist General Session with Exciting Presentations, Training opportunities, & great speakers!

Aug 10th Followed by Salute to Optimism Tailgate Social & Brewer Game At Miller Park "Hitting A Home Run Against Childhood Cancer" Call Jo'El (262) 620 1588 for game info & to sign up (Pay in July)

Aug. 11th Make Plans With Your Fellow Optimists to check out the Wisconsin State Fair Did someone say...Fun Exhibits! Cool Animals! Wine Tasting! Music! How about Fluffy CREAM PUFFS!

The Wisconsin State Fair Continues thru Our Optimist Weekend.

Mark your calendar & make it a Fun Weekend in Milwaukee!



Radisson hotel rooms available for \$99 plus taxes & fees for Friday Aug 9th & Saturday Night Aug 10th call the Radisson Milwaukee West (414) 257-3400 (press zero) And mention SWIS District Optimists

Conference Registration begins July 8th-go to SWISDistrict.org



Call for Raffle Items: At each conference the Optimist International (OI) Foundation District Representative conducts a basket raffle to raise money for the OI Foundation. Any club member or club can put together a basket of their choice of items and bring it to the conference on August 10th. When bringing a basket, please describe the contents of the basket on a 3x5 or 4x6 card to be displayed next to the basket. It would be helpful if you contact me to let me know if you are bringing a basket. Come to support the raffle and enjoy a great conference, too!

Thank you from the OI Foundation - Wayne Dieckhoff

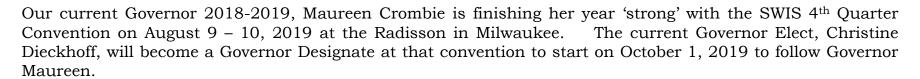
SWIS Future Leadership Election 2019 - 2021

Past Governor's: Bonnie Spindler, Jim Kondrasuk, Joanne Ganske

Each Optimist year, in May, the planning begins for the future 2019-2020 Club and District Officers. Both NEW and Continuing Club and District officers will be taking their elected positions on October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. The main reason for doing this early is to give time for provided training, Optimist International Computer 'access' needs, and SWIS District Internal and Website needs.

If your club has selected your club President, Secretary, Treasurer, and OI

Foundation Rep, please follow through by updating their names in www.optimistleaders.org. (If a current officer is continuing, they also need to be updated). By October 1, if a club has NOT selected officers, the current officers will 'automatically' be put in the same positions for the 2019-2020 year.



At the SWIS District conference in May at the Kalahari, the annual selection of a Governor Elect to follow the incoming Governor 'future Designate', Christine Dieckhoff, was accomplished. The SWIS District was blessed to have 3 extremely capable candidates, that all met the requirements, validated by the candidate qualification committee of the SWIS District per the SWIS Policies. At the conference, there were nomination speeches, and follow-up speeches given for and by each of the candidates. The final selection was made by the 'Club Board Members' present, representing clubs in good standings on dues, with 1 vote for every 10 club members. (Using the same rules as done in Optimist International).

The candidate elected by the 'Club Board' was Maxine Lane, Platteville Club as Governor Elect 2019- 2020 and Governor in 2020-2021. (She will follow Christine Dieckhoff as Governor). It will be great if any other capable candidates, who have a future interest in this position, contact any Past Governor.



Conversations with Christine Christine Dieckhoff SWIS District Governor Elect



Wow! Summer is here and what a year we're having! I am so thankful that Governor Maureen has been so diligent in making the SWIS District stronger and stronger! We are gaining in membership, are in the top 10 districts internationally, and we have even helped make our Great Plains Region #2 internationally. But more importantly than statistics is the fact that Governor Maureen has personally encouraged our clubs to be the best Optimists they can be. Thanks for all you've done, Maureen, now finish strong!!!

As my year approaches, I want to continue to make the clubs the center of attention. Did you know that Optimist International is all the Optimist clubs in the world? The President, vice presidents, governors and Lt. governors are just the network that assists the clubs in finding more ways to serve the youth of our nation and helps them with the funds and person power to do so! The place that clubs can find the most help is in their district conferences. I plan to put roundtable discussions at the fore front of these conferences, and add a dash of fun and a whole lot of fellowship in the mix as well. That's why it's so important to have more clubs attend the conferences, to share their ideas, projects and concerns and take away some answers to their questions!

Did I say "projects"? I will also be giving a monetary award to the club that provides the best new project for other clubs to try! The list will be kept by my secretary, and at the 4th quarter convention the award will be given out to the project that my Lt. Governors feel is the best.

Finally, I plan to focus on the OI Foundation, and how important it is in funding all the scholarships that are given out to the Districts, the grants they provide and the general funding of all the programs that OI provides for us. We will continue to hold raffles at the conferences and promote the Dime a Day incentive Clubs, Clubs, Clubs! It is your time to shine! Send your presidents to the conferences and join in the fun!

Christine Dieckhoff christidee@litewire.net

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Conference Highlights





Football FundCrazr Sweepstakes:

At the conference, we kicked off our annual Football Fundcrazr Sweepstakes. Thank you to all of the clubs who have agreed to participate in this year's Fundcrazr. It is great to see the enthusiasm of each club that picks up their tickets at the Dells Conference. I am pleased to report that we continue to see an increase in ticket sales every year since we started the program.

It is important to note that the best way to handle sales is to send all sold stubs and money to us as the tickets are sold. Please double check that all stubs have been filled out completely including the email address and phone number. All tickets, sold and unsold, must be turned in by the 4th quarter conference on Saturday, August 10th at the Radisson in Milwaukee.

Thanks again, and best of luck on a prosperous selling season!

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Fred Dorn

Optimistically, Fred and Maggie Dorn

Fundcrazr Sweepstakes Coordinator <u>fdorn476@gmail.com</u>, (608) 849-5290 501 N Madison Street, Waunakee, WI 53597

Optimist International Competitions

SWIS District Updates

Congratulations to our outstanding scholarship students who attended our SWIS District 3rd Quarter Conference at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center the weekend of May 10th & 11, 2019!

Oratorical Competition Contestants: Alexis Olson, Khadijah Dhoondia, Na'Kia Hughes, Charlotte Chen, Sydney Laursen, Leah Mergen, Dylan Pink, Samik Partha, Emma Schlotthauer, Judah Cadwell, Lily Engen

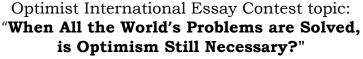
2019 SWIS District Oratorical Winner: Dylan Pink

2019 SWIS District Essay Scholarship Winner: Sara Stouffer-Lerch

2019 Club Winner of the CCDHH: Aniha Nagammanavar

Dylan Pink competed in the Optimist International Oratorical World Championship Competition July 19-21st in St. Louis for a \$15,000 scholarship









Optimist International Oratorical Competition topic: "Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?"

Special thank you to our generous sponsors of our 3rd Quarter Conference and scholarship activities including SWIS District Clubs: Baraboo Optimist Club, Cross Plains Optimist Club, Kenosha Area Noon Optimist Club, La Crosse Breakfast Optimist Club, Madison Breakfast Optimist Club, Mukwonago Optimist Club, Platteville Optimist Club, Platteville Area Optimist Club, Sauk Trails Optimist Club, SLLB Optimist Club; and SWIS Governor, Maureen Crombie, incoming SWIS Governor, Christine Dieckhoff, SWIS Past Governor 2014-2015, Jeff Kuchenbecker, SWIS Secretary, Monica Titley, SWIS Optimist Foundation Chair, Wayne Dieckhoff



Oregon-Brooklyn Optimist Club

The Oregon/Brooklyn Optimist Club celebrated 50 years in June! That's a lot of youth to support! For example, the club raised money with the Oregon Masonic Lodge to donate wheel-chair accessible swings. The village board will decided where the swings are installed.

Additionally, they celebrated Optimist International's 100th anniversary by hosting a food drive to donate to the Oregon Area Food Pantry. Also, they host an annual contest called "STARS," where they award local high school students service awards for their contributions to the community. Congratulations on 50 years of supporting youth and community!



Thanks for 50 years of service!







Southwest Milwaukee Optimist Club Past President: Jerry Kuhnz

The Southwest Milwaukee Optimist Club participated in two great community events during the month of June. First, they volunteered at the Franklin Bike Rodeo on the 8th which was coordinated by the Franklin Police and Health Departments. Secondly, they helped out at the 4th annual Franklin Family Fun Flick on the 14th at Lions Legend Park. Attendees were encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a free movie showing of Mary Poppins Returns under the stars with friends and family. There was free games, entertainment, vendor booths and popcorn.

The event was sponsored by the Volition Franklin, a community coalition that empowers youth to make healthy, informed decisions about tobacco, underage drinking, and other drugs. Their goal is to educate others and

prevent substance misuse in Franklin.



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Optimist Club of Milwaukee, Club President: Barb Brinkmann Metro Milwaukee Optimist Club, Club President: John Rhodes



On Sunday, June 9th, the Metro Milwaukee Optimist Club and the Optimist Club of Milwaukee volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House in Milwaukee, which offers families whose children are receiving medical care at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin a place to stay as well as therapeutic programming, a comprehensive meal program, comfortable community spaces and more. The Metro club planned the menu and purchased a variety of breakfast foods that both clubs prepared for the families. Buffet items included fruit, biscuits and gravy, various breakfast sandwiches, yogurt parfaits, and chicken and waffles. It is rewarding to know that for everything that these families are worrying about, buying and preparing meals does not have to be on their list.

Platteville Area Optimist Club

Club President: Howard B. Crofoot

The Platteville Area Optimist Club (small but mighty) planned to hold a Bike Safety Rodeo on April 27. Unfortunately, it snowed that day. Our alternate date was May 18. We want to give the Bike Safety Rodeo coordinator, Christine Storlie, a huge shout out for everything that she did to make the event a success. Weather almost got in the way again, this time rain, but we managed to squeeze the event in before the rain. We gave away 43 helmets and had 45 kids, ages 2 to 10, participate in the Bike Rodeo.



Optimist Club of Platteville

The Optimist Club of Platteville experienced another first in their 51 year history with the District Oratorical Contest being won by their sponsored young person, Dylan Pink. Dylan is an eighth grade student at St. Rose School in Cuba City. If you attended the third quarter conference, you will recall that Dylan was somewhat 'speechless' upon the announcement that he had taken first place. Celebrating with Dylan (L-R) is Club Treasurer, Duane Borgen and Immediate Past President, Wayne Wodarz.

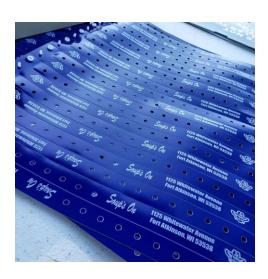
Brodhead Optimist Club





The annual Optimist Fishing Derby took place on Saturday, June 15th at the pond west of Vintage Chariots on 23rd Street in Brodhead Wisconsin. This event was for children 12 and under. Each participant received a free hot hotdog, Blumer's pop, a bag of chips, an ice cream coupon for McDonald's and free bait. Every hour, a prize for the largest and the smallest fish caught were awarded. At the end of the day, one participant received an award for the overall largest fish, overall smallest fish, and most fish caught.

Optimist Club of Fort Atkinson



The Optimist Club of Fort Atkinson sold wristbands for adult beverages during the 18th Annual Baseball Fest, a 4-day festival at Jones Park. Attendees enjoyed multiple baseball games, carnival food, and rides! Thanks for participating in such a great community event!

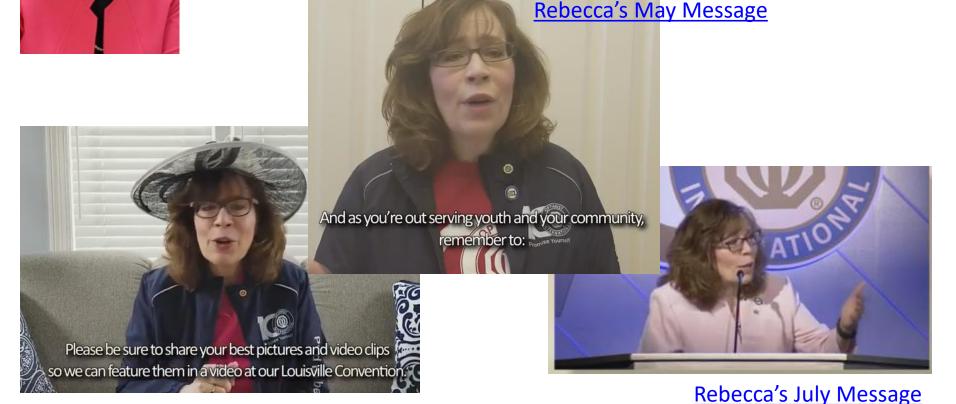


Rebecca Butler-MonaOptimist International President

2018-2019



Be sure to check out Optimist International's Youtube page. President Rebecca has monthly message updates throughout the year. View her messages for May, June and July below.



Rebecca's June Message

SWIS 2018-2019 DISTRICT TEAM



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SWIS District Zone 1

Club#	Club Name
09031	Milwaukee Metro
09101	Meq/Thiensville
09110	Milwaukee
09103	Menomonee Falls
09200	Waukesha
09208	West Bend
09911	Mukwonago
09037	Milw Young Professionals
09062	SW Milwaukee Club
09065	Sussex-Lisbon-Lannon-Butler -SLLB

SWIS District Zone 4

As a Lt. Governor for the SWIS District you would visit with clubs in your zone, meeting new optimists and finding out about what they do for the

	ub#	Club Name
	024	Jefferson
	172	Stoughton
09	072	Ft. Atkinson
	134	Oregon
09	092	Lake Mills
09	183	Sun Prairie
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youth in their community. Some of the duties could include: Installing club officer in clubs, based on their request and your schedule; Setting goals with clubs in your zone; Working with Governor to promote organization goals, build camaraderie, and share ideas among club leaders. Attend quarterly SWIS Conference Executive meetings to share about needs for the clubs in the zone. More information available at: SWIS-Lt-Gov

SWIS District Zone 5



Diane Matuszak

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SWIS District Zone 2

Club#	Club Name
09190	Racine Tuesday
09086	Kenosha
09145	Racine

SWIS District Zone 3

09017	Beloit Breakfast
09021	Janesville Wednesday
09022	Janesville Breakfast
09028	Milton
09910	UW-Whitewater (students)
09915	Janesville Noon
09230	UW-Whitewater/Community



Jeffery Kuchenbecker

Lieutenant Governor jeffk@meichercpa.com (608) 770-0755

Club#	Club Name
09025	Madison Breakfast
09050	East Madison, Monona
09095	Madison Downtown
09125	Madison Northeast
09091	McFarland
09019	Cottage Grove
09931	Fitchburg



Lieutenant Governor

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SWIS District Zone 6

Club#	Club Name
09137	Platteville
09935	Platteville Area
09934	Fennimore
09026	Darlington
09925	Brodhead
09117	Monroe
09926	Monroe Tuesday
09066	UW Platteville Student

SWIS District Zone 8



Club#

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 09006
 Beaver Dam

 09093
 Lodi

 09139
 Portage

 09155
 Sauk Prairie

 09202
 Waunakee

Club Name

Baraboo

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SWIS District Zone 7

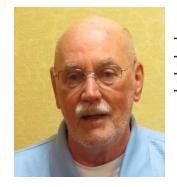
As a Lt. Governor for	Club#	Club Name
the SWIS District you	09051	Cross Plains
would visit with clubs	09083	Sauk Trails – Madison
in your zone, meeting		Middleton
new optimists and	09129	Mt. Horeb
finding out about	09195	Verona
what they do for the .	09917	Mazo/Wisconsin Hgts

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Scott Getz, Lieutenant Governor Zone 7

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SWIS District Zone 9



Club#	Club Name
09096	LaCrosse BFT
09038	LaCrosse Students

Don RudolphLieutenant Governor

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SWIS Website has a listing of All the Zones and Clubs in each Zone in District Optimist Clubs at: **SWIS-Clubs-in-Zones**.



Maureen Crombie Governor



Gary Engelke **Past Governor**



Monica Titley SWIS Secretary



Carol Esser **SWIS Treasurer**



Christine Dieckhoff Governor Elect



Vern Andren Leadership Dev. Co-Chair



Bonnie Spindler SWIS Website Chair



Jeffery Kuchenbecker **Finance Committee**



Amy Soleimani-Mafi Tri-Star Co-Chair



Wayne Dieckhoff OI Foundation Representative



Amanda Szymkowski **Newsletter Editor**



Howard Crofoot Finance Committee

SWIS Chairs/Co-Chairs 2018-2019 Jo'El Pearlman: Conference Chair, Oratorical Coordinator

Tom Carls: Junior Golf Chair

Josh Zaidel: Essay, CCDHH, Oratorical Chair

Carl Trapp: Hospitality Chair

Joe Mundwiler: Tri-Star Basketball Chair

TBD: Membership/Fitness Chair TBD: New Club Building Chair

WWW.SWISDISTRICT.ORG









THANKS to ALL the CLUBS WHO Have Shared Past Club Accomplishments and Upcoming Events with Other Clubs. Current Club Officers and SWIS District Leaders have access to the Leaderboard area. Any other Optimist can request to be added to the list and a password will be internally provided. (Contact the SWIS Webmaster for that access).

Leaderboard Tools > Leaderboard Login:

E-Mail Address: Exists in Optimist International records.

Check to 'retrieve your password' (Your Internal Password will be sent to your e-mail address). Your Password, and security code.

LEADERBOARD MAIN: Includes Resources and Club Tools

Resources:

District Directories:

Current SWIS District Officers/Chairs. Current SWIS Club Directory (all CLUBs). Past District & Club Directories to 11-12 year.

District Documents:

District & Club Training Programs Available.

District Forms and Documents *

SWIS District Policies

SWIS Henry Stiner Award Recipients SWIS Special Clubs Honored Recipients

Includes: Annual Club Planning - ACPC, Club Officer Installation, SWIS Expense Report, Liability Insurance, Internal Recognition Program, OI/SWIS Dues, others.

Online Resources:

Dime a Day, Personal Growth-PGI, Facebook, Unrestricted Funds, etc.

Club Building Strategies:

Links to: Membership, Growth, Types, New Clubs, Club Services, etc.

Club Tools:

Club Profile View, Edit, Update, etc.

Club Logo Update

Club Events View, Post, Update, Delete, etc. Club Members, Officers: View, temporary updates.

(Permanent Updates > www.optimistleaders.org with quarterly downloads

from OI of ALL SWIS Membership)

Accomplishments View, Post, Update, Delete, etc.

Can be Added, (verify sizing). Photos:

Training Videos: For District/Club Leaders Assistance

Submitting Accomplishments

Updating Logo's

Editing Member Information Adding an Event and Processing

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Website Overview

(Leaderboard in previous Newsletters).









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District Officers
Of Officers
Optimist Regions

Leadership Tools	Optimist Clubs	Youth Programs	District Conferences	Resources / Information
Succeeding as Leader:	Clubs of SWIS District:	Club Programs:	Conference Activity:	Resources Main:
Club Leaders Planning	Zones of Club Locations	Childhood Cancer	Next Conference Details	Optimist Intl Links
Personality Information.	WI Map of locations	Internet Safety	Registration Available	Optimist Fdn Links:
Quarterly Newsletters:	Listing of ALL SWIS Clubs	Respect for Law	List of Registrants	SWIS Links to Resources.
Available 2011 to Now.	Meeting location and	Youth Appreciation		
Timely updates of past	contact of clubs (Update	Youth Safety	Future Conference Plans:	Optimist/Public
upcoming info/events.	in Leaderboard).		Current Year	Resources
District Book Common		District Programs:	Future Year	Forms/Document/Logos
District Past Governor: History of Current and	Club Accomplishments:	CCDHH		Includes POLICIES
Past Governor leaders.	Update in Leaderboard.	Essay	Past Conference Info:	Types of Memberships
1 431 337311101 10443131		Optimist Golf	Past Conference Detail	Frequent asked questions
District	Featured Clubs:	Oratorical	High-light pictures	Round Table Summaries
PositionAvailable	Based on clubs input in	Tri-Star		
Yearly updates needs.	Leaderboard.	WILS Wis. Leadership	Quarterly Picture updates	District Officers:
Leaderboard:			In View High-lights for past	SWIS Officer, Committee
All current SWIs District	Club District Events:	SWIS JOI Clubs Info:	conferences.	Chairs, pictures
Club Officers & PG's have	Updates by clubs to share			
pre-defined password	through the Leaderboard.	Yearly updates for event		Ol Officers:
access. MORE INFO on		planning, and pictures		OI President, updates
process ir previous		after event occurred.		Optimist Regions:
newsletters.				Map of Optimist Regions.

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself...

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



