



## Welcome to the Roseville Area Optimist Club Newsletter April 2025

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Our Mission - By providing hope and positive vision,  
Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities, and ourselves.

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### UPCOMING SPEAKERS

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#### Friday, April 11th - Luncheon Meeting Speaker Nan Gesche

*Theme - "Disagreement Doesn't Have to Be Divisive"*

Nan's ability to blend academic insight with a flexible, energetic, and often humorous style sets Nan apart. She excels at guiding teams through difficult conversations to find common ground and achieve shared goals.

Nan Gesche received her M.A. in Organizational Communications and a professional certificate in Training and Development from the University of Minnesota. She received her B.A. in Economics from the University of North Dakota. She is currently on faculty in the U of M's Communication Studies department, the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, St. Thomas' Center of Excellence, and the Graduate School of Banking in Madison.

*Did you Miss a Meeting? - Watch the Replay Here*

*February - [The Great Hondo](#)*

*January - [Michelle Perdue](#)*

*December - [Bernie Friel](#)*

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*Our Lunch Meetings are held at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton Hotel  
in Roseville on the 2nd Friday of the Month.  
11:15am - 1pm*

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**Our Annual Fundraiser for  
Local Youth and the Ukrainian Student YouLEAD Program**

**Thursday, May 15th  
Midland Hills Country Club  
Roseville  
5 - 7pm  
\$85/per person**

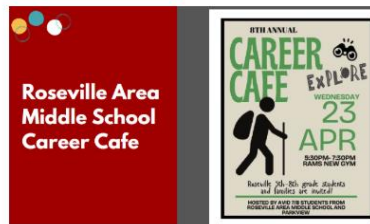
- Casual Beach/Hawaiian Attire
- Live Music & Entertainment by the Barsolo Brothers
- Win Awesome Experiences at the Silent Auction
- Prize Drawings All Evening
- Yummy Deluxe Appetizers
- Cash Bar
- Hang with Your Favorite RAOC Members
- Invite Your Friends & Family
- Register by TAX DAY, April 15th and get a FREE Drink Ticket

**Can you donate your VRBO? Sports Tickets? Gift Cards? Wine? Liquor?  
Theater Tickets? Themed Gift Basket?  
Please bring to the Friday, April 11th Meeting!!**



REGISTER FOR SPRING FLING HERE

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## *Updates on our Initiatives*

### **Career Cafe for Middle Schoolers**

#### *Inspire the Next Generation*

Join us for a fun evening sharing your career with Roseville Area Middle Schoolers on Wednesday, **April 23rd from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**. The Roseville Area Optimists Club is sponsoring water and snacks. Come and have some fun, share experiences, educate middle schoolers, and inspire them for the future. The school will provide a small table for you to put on any visual items you want to share. Questions? Email Mike Gregory @ [mg@mikegreg.com](mailto:mg@mikegreg.com)

[Sign Up Here](#)

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### Upcoming Monthly Social Events

#### Stout's Pub

Get to know your RAOC friends over a beer!

1611 Larpenueur Ave W, Falcon Heights, MN 55113

Tuesday, April 29th

4:30pm - 6:30p



### Upcoming Speaker and Luncheon Meetings

**\*\*Invite a Friend\*\***

Friday, April 11th

Friday, May 9th

Friday, June 13th

11:15am - 1:00pm

Doubletree in Roseville

Register one week in advance at [HERE](#).



### Annual Spring Fling and Fundraiser

Lots of Fun, Silent Auction, Great Food, and Your RAOC Friends

Mark Your Calendar for **Thursday, May 15th**

Midland Hills Country Club

Have Auction Items to Donate?

### 4th Annual Don Salverda Golf & Social

Mark Your Calendar for **Thursday, August 14th**

Cedarholm Golf Course

More Information Coming Soon

Contact Kerri Kolstad @ [kkolstad@comcast.net](mailto:kkolstad@comcast.net)

