

Form **990-EZ**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Short Form****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10/1, 2015, and ending 9/30, 2016

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization OPTIMIST CLUB of MERRILL WISCONSIN INC
 Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) P.O. Box 881 Room/suite _____
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code MERRILL WI 54452

D Employer identification number 39-6126962
E Telephone number (414) 539-0182
F Group Exemption Number ▶ _____

G Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____

H Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: ▶ _____

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) – ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other _____

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 617,534.47

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☐

	1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	6c	6d	7a	7b	7c	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Revenue	1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	6c	6d	7a	7b	7c	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received																												
Program service revenue including government fees and contracts																												
Membership dues and assessments																												
Investment income																												
Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory																												
Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses																												
Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)																												
Gaming and fundraising events																												
Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)																												
Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)																												
Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events																												
Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)																												
Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances																												
Less: cost of goods sold																												
Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)																												
Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)																												
Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8																												
Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)																												
Benefits paid to or for members																												
Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits																												
Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors																												
Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance																												
Printing, publications, postage, and shipping																												
Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)																												
Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16																												
Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)																												
Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)																												
Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)																												
Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20																												

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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☐

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	58 136.52	22 74 040.01
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24
25 Total assets	58 136.52	25 74 040.01
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		26
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	58 136.52	27 74 040.01

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☐

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SUPPORT YOUTH + COMMUNITY NEED FOR
MERRILL W.
 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
 (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	28a	
29		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	29a	
30		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
TRINA DELASKEY PRES	1	0		
VANESSA RUTH VP	1/2	0		
C.J. ROBERTSON V.P.	1/2	0		
SHARON SCHMIDT SEC	1/2	0		
STACY STEVENS TREA	3/4	0		
JANE DEHNEL DIR	1/2	0		
CHUCK SAUER DIR	1/2	0		
PHIL SKOUG DIR	1/2	0		
KURT RUST DIR	1/2	0		
SCOTT DOER DIR	1/2	0		
REBECCA ROBERTS DIR	1/2	0		

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	X
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34	X
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a	X
b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b	
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c	X
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ► 37a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ► ; section 4912 ► ; section 4955 ►		
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	X
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ►		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ►		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ► <u>WI</u>		
42a The organization's books are in care of ► <u>STACY STEVENS</u> Telephone no. ► <u>(415) 536-7191</u> Located at ► <u>106 W 1st St</u> <u>MERRILL WI</u> ZIP + 4 ► <u>54452</u>		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ► See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	42b	X
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ►	42c	X
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ► 43		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	X
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	X
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	X
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	X

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
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48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

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49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

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b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		
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50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ▶ ☐ Yes ☐ No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Stacy D. Stevens
Signature of officer

Date

Stacy D. Stevens - Treasurer
Type or print name and title

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Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
Firm's address ▶	Phone no			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ ☐ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization

OPTIMIST CLUB of MERRILL WISCONSIN INC

Employer identification number

39-6126962

LINE 10 GRANTS + SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID

HALLOWEEN PARADE	\$165.00	YOUTH of THE MONTH	107 ²⁰
CHRISTMAS MOVIE	500 ⁰⁰	EASTER EGG HUNT	200 ⁰⁰
AFTER THE BELL	500 ⁰⁰	READING BUDDIES	250 ⁰⁰
MERRILL SOCIAL NORMS	500 ⁰⁰	O+I CHILD hood CANCER	700 ⁰⁰
SLED RACES	151 ⁰⁰	TEEN COURT	1000 ⁰⁰
SENIOR CELEBRATION	500 ⁰⁰	BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS	200 ⁰⁰
LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAM	600 ⁰⁰	LEAN to TURKEY HUNT	225 ⁰⁰
5 TH GRADE LOCK-IN	100 ⁰⁰	PROTECTIVE SERVICE BANQUET	865 ¹⁹
COPS + KIDS	250 ⁰⁰	DARE PROGRAM	1000 ⁰⁰
MERRILL MARCHING JAPS	200 ⁰⁰	SAMOSSET COUNCIL PACK 502	300 ⁰⁰
YOUTH of MONTH SCHOLARSHIP	1000 ⁰⁰	SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP	2000 ⁰⁰
PROGRAM LUNCHEES	705 ⁵⁰	CONFERENCE COSTS	183 ⁰⁰
AWARDS	187 ⁹⁰	BROWN Family <FIRE>	150 ⁰⁰
5 TH GRADE CELEBRATION	730 ⁵²	OCTAGON CLUB	2935 ⁷⁶
OI DIME @ DAY	182 ⁵⁰	MERRILL CHAMBER	223 ²⁵

TOTAL LINE 10

16,611⁸³

LINE 16 OTHER EXPENSES

INSURANCE	879 ⁰⁰
LICENSES	236 ⁰⁰
CHECK ORDER	21 ⁵²

TOTAL LINE 16 1136⁵²