



OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR

JUNE-JULY 2009

Coming Attractions!

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 – Program to be announced

MONDAY-THURSDAY, JUNE 29-JULY 2 – **Millionaires Party at Fountains Golf Course, Clarkston, 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.** This is our second time at this fund-raising effort. While we realized a minimal profit for the time spent on it, we're hoping that the situation will improve for the sake of our scholarship fund. The Fountains is located on Maybee Road in Clarkston. **NOTE:** Volunteers are needed, the minimum of two persons at a time, either for the full shift from about 5:30 p.m. to when the gambling ends (no later than 2 a.m.), or in smaller shifts of time to fit your schedule. **ED SIMONS (248-891-8848)** and **PAUL LIPSON (248-310-9086)** are compiling the volunteer lineup. Call them to help out.

THURSDAY, JULY 2 – Program to be announced

THURSDAY, JULY 9 – Program to be announced

THURSDAY, JULY 16 – Program to be announced

THURSDAY, JULY 23 – Program to be announced

THURSDAY, JULY 30 – Program to be announced

Scholarships awarded to 3 outstanding youths

Our Club awarded scholarships totaling \$2,750 to three high school graduates to assist them in their pursuit of college studies. They were feted at the annual Michigan Week breakfast in May. They are:

Amber Buchheister, the Ledge Tomlinson \$1,250 Scholarship Award Winner, a graduate of West Bloomfield High School: In the words of the scholarship committee: "Amber demonstrates an amazing degree of resiliency and courage in every aspect of her life. Her hard work and energy is surpassed by her warmth and compassion. We should all be glad that she has chosen to pursue nursing as her career path. She will be starting her collegiate life at Oakland Community College this fall. Amber has had to face her mother's serious illness. At a time when many young people become focused on themselves, she supports her family. With amazing warmth and generosity, she has worked with the school Science Olympiad Team as well as helping with the community clothing swap. We are proud that Amber is part of our community."

Marco Santia, a graduate of West Bloomfield High School, \$750 scholarship: "Marco is graduating with honors from West Bloomfield High School and moving on to Michigan State University where he will study computer science. He has been involved as section leader and horn sergeant in the WBHS Marching Band which won honors as being the best in the state of Michigan! Marco has also found time for Jazz Band, film production, and the Japanese Club. Marco has been a volunteer at Roosevelt's Summer Camp and the Commerce library. He is strongly tied to our community and we're grateful for that connection."

Bradford Woelke, a graduate of Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, \$750 scholarship: "Brad is graduating from Notre Dame Preparatory with a 4.0 GPA. He has been involved in basketball, soccer and choir during his high school years earning honors in both sports and academics. He will be attending Kalamazoo College in the fall with medicine as his career path. Brad has a strong history of volunteerism both in the community and at school. He has volunteered for Oakland County 4-H, the Salvation Army, and for the past five years, Keego Harbor Parks and Recreation. What a great asset to our community."



The OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR (Optimist International, Michigan District No. 17, Zone 13, Club 227) serves the youth of Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake and Orchard Lake. The club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Ember's Deli, 3258 Orchard Lake Road (next door to the West Bloomfield Fire Dept.) Phone: (248) 683-3344.

Club's mailing address:
PO Box 535, Keego Harbor, MI 48320.

Our web site:
www.keegoharboroptimist.org

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MICHAEL K. SELTZER

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(* 2 year terms).

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:
DON HORKEY

HONOR ROLL NEW MEMBERS

2008-2009

JoANN ANDREES (*reinstated; original sponsor,
Ralph Behler in 1995*)

MATT EVANS (*sponsor, Don Horkey*)

TOM SHELTON (*sponsor, JoAnn Andrees*)

JOHN SULLIVAN (*sponsor, Nancy Petsch*)

MEL HAGER (*sponsor, Ed Simons*)

LET'S CELEBRATE!

ANNIVERSARIES DURING JUNE & JULY

BIRTHDAYS:

JULY 16 – STEVE PALMER

JULY 19 – CHUCK COMPTON

JULY 24 – BARB NORDEEN



MEMBERSHIPS:

3 YEARS – BILL BERTAKIS (7/9/2006); NANCY
PETSCH (7/9/2006)

4 YEARS – STEVE PALMER (6/30/2005)

13 YEARS – MARILYN TREUTER (7/10/1996)

(If we missed your date, let Don Horkey know at
dhorkey@wowway.com or call 586-737-7280.)

21 students recognized

Our Club's annual Student Recognition Day saluted 21 youths from area schools during the May 14 event hosted at Abbott Middle School. PAUL LIPSON chaired the project and emceed the program that recognized the achievements and characters of three students each from Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep, West Bloomfield High School, Laker Academy, Abbott Middle School, and Roosevelt Elementary School, and six students from Abbott who participated in Our Club's mentoring program.

Nice parade, Mel

Under MEL HAGER's leadership, the annual Memorial Day parade through Keego and Sylvan Lake was a huge success. Our Club was a sponsor of the parade. BARBARA NORDEEN was cited by Mel as a gold award sponsor.

The best part of the parade, says Mel, is that "we have surplus money for next year."

Eddie Delbridge to preside over Our Club

EDDIE DELBRIDGE will be Our Club's president for the 2009-2010 Optimist Year that begins October 1.

An Optimist member since 2006, Eddie is a freelance public relations agent and fund-raiser who has been involved with numerous community and civic organizations, both profit and non-profit. She is a willing participant in every activity and project that Our Club puts on.

Eddie will be the 36th individual (and only the third woman) to serve as president of Our Club since its founding in 1973.

Other officers for the coming year:

MATT EVANS, first vice president.

KATHY SPARKMAN, second vice president.

PAUL LIPSON, secretary.

CHUCK COMPTON, treasurer (succeeding Don Horkey).

Bringing out the best in us!

When the appeal was made on behalf of a mother stricken with severe cancer, and facing a loss of health care benefits, there was no question that Our Club should extend a helping hand.

However, our treasury is a bit limited. The answer: pass the hat! And in a matter of minutes, the request for \$300 was fulfilled – and the funds were given to the family right after the meeting.

It seems that the Optimist motto of "bringing out the best in kids" could also be adjusted to "bringing out the best in Optimist members!"

Tony's the best, too!

Member TONY PERKOVIC and his restaurant, Tony's Deli (which just so happens to be the site of our weekly meetings), was voted the "Best Deli in Oakland County" in a poll of Oakland Press readership recently. Congratulations, Tony. We didn't need the poll to tell us you're the best.

Thank you, Joan

Thanks to Joan Tomlinson for her "Friend of Youth" donation in memory of her dear husband, Ledge, the esteemed founder of Our Club.

◆ **Shirts** – BARB NORDEEN is the person to see to order one of the new good-looking shirts for Our Club members. It's just \$20 complete with logo and your name. It's a nice way to promote the presence of Our Club in the community.

◆ **Fire!** – BILL BERTAKIS was offered the job as investigative photographer for the West Bloomfield Fire Dept. Would you believe that the first fire he covered was next door to his home – in early morning hours? Bill got his photos. Fortunately, no one was injured in the blaze.

