



OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR

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CONGRATULATIONS TO 2010 AWARDEES

OPTIMIST OF THE YEAR

Ed Simons

Spending countless hours on behalf of our Club, but not wanting any personal recognition, makes it tough to honor one who gives and gives at this level. But the Club persevered and found a way to say thanks!

LEDGE TOMLINSON COMMUNITY SERVICE - Mel Hager

Dedicated not only to the community, but the Club's philosophies, Mel is all about youth – and all about helping others, giving 150% to our Club, without regard for personal gain or recognition.

BILLY HALL SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM AWARD - Bill Bertakis

Bill serves tirelessly to spread the word of our Club around the Keego Harbor community (and has brought four new members to our Club this year).

SPECIAL OPTIMIST AWARD - Tom Shelton

Totally dedicated to the projects and activities of our Club, Tom paves the way in getting things done...easily and without complication. He has a positive attitude in everything he does.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD - Don Horkey

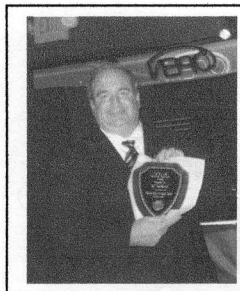
For his dedication, efforts, time and energy for the last 13 years. spending countless hours, promoting our successes, tracking our finances, writing great words...

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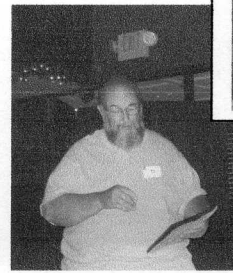
2010 INSTALLATION DINNER CELEBRATES ACHIEVEMENTS

The Annual Awards/Installation Dinner proved to be a surprise for a number of our members.

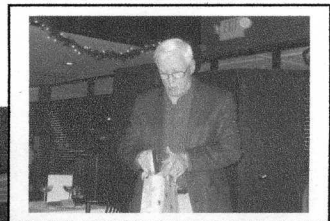
Unsuspecting board members received gifts of gratitude as outgoing President Ms. Eddie Delbridge rewarded them for their hard work and support throughout the year.



Bill Bertakis receiving the Billy Hall Spirit of Optimism Award



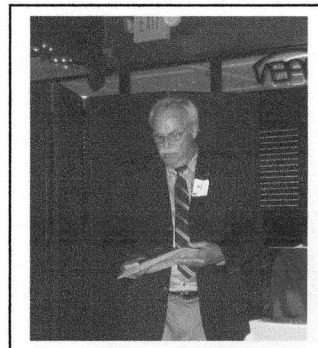
Mel Hager receives the Ledge Tomlinson Community Service Award.



Outstanding Service recipient Don Horkey



Kathy Sparkman "packs" a punch this year



Optimist of the Year Ed Simons



A surprised Lee Sullivan recognized as Volunteer of the Year



Past Lt. Governor Debbie Berry congratulating incoming President Tom Shelton as Special Optimist for 2010.



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Serving the youth of Keego Harbor,
Sylvan Lake and Orchard Lake, MI.

The Club meets at 7:30 AM every
Thursday at Tony's Deli,
3258 Orchard Lake Road (next door to
the West Bloomfield Fire Dept).

(Optimist International, Club 17227
Michigan District No. 17, Zone 13.)

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Jan Oord

LT. GOVERNOR: Lisa Boettcher

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MEL HAGER, *2nd Vice President*
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*Two-year Terms

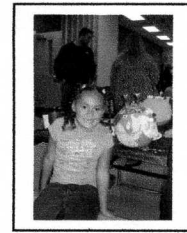
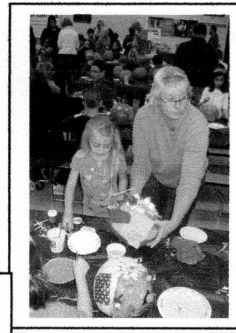
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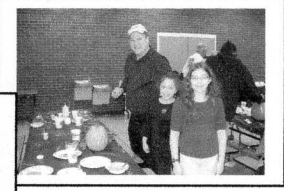
OPTIMISTS MAKING FACES



Adam and Cristina Elsen
with their family.



Lee Sullivan with
Ed Simons and
Kathv Sparkman



Scott Smith with daughters
Alexi and Olivia

Children literally watching paint dry.

The **Annual Pumpkin Decorating Day** at Roosevelt Elementary School was once again a huge hit with the community. A pile of pumpkins were painted and decorated by over 220 children.

Pumpkins were provided by John and Jean Sopko, JFS Enterprise, Keego Harbor Flower Nursery, and sponsored by member John Scott, and Rocky Raczkowski, candidate for US Congress. DZI Maintenance sponsored the cider, Tim Hortons the donuts, and past president Ms. Eddie Delbridge sponsored the coffee table. Jeff Beckett (and man's best friend Bingo) provided delivery of over 220 pumpkins for the event.

Club members and friends donated an array of materials ranging from paint, nuts and bolts, to fabrics and yarn, buttons, ribbon, popsicle sticks and pipe cleaners. Member Buzz Brown provided "spooky" music for the children (*Who let the dogs out - Monster Mash - you know the drill*).

An added bonus this year was Bill Bertakis setting up an area for children to have their pictures taken with their finished pumpkin. What a hit!

Many parents complimented the Club for doing this event for their children - and everyone young and old had a great time. The Keego Harbor/Sylvan/Orchard Lake community has some talented and creative children!

Awardees (from page 1)

**OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR -
Ms. Lee Sullivan**

In the true spirit of volunteerism, for giving her time and support, jumping in and assisting with our special events and activities.

2010 "PACKS A PUNCH" AWARD - Kathy Sparkman
For spearheading our backpack raffle project, increasing to 50 the number of packs collected, stuffed and raffled off for the children in our community this year.

Did you know that Halloween has taken over as the number one most decorated holiday ever - even more than Christmas, St. Paddy's and Valentine's Day! More money is spent on decorations for Halloween than any other (season) in the USA.

