



# OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR

APRIL 2006

## Coming Attractions!

- SATURDAY, APRIL 8** – Regional Oratorical Contest at Boys and Girls Club in Royal Oak; registration 8 a.m.; Our Club's local winners – Julie Okorn and Mike Gunawan – will be competing.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12** – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE DRAWING #13; Board meeting.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19** – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE DRAWING #14.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26** – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE DRAWING #15.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 3** – Program to be announced; Board meeting.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 10** – Student Appreciation Day at Abbott Middle School.
- SATURDAY, MAY 20** – Optimist Michigan District meeting in Holland.
- THURSDAY-SUNDAY, JULY 5-8** – International Optimist convention in Nashville.
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 12** – Tri-Cities Business Festival, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. JOHN LINEMEYER has details.

Our Club's golf outing has taken a new and exciting twist! More definite details will be forthcoming soon, but this is what is known so far:

★Our Club's date of July 28 has been scrapped for a new date probably in the first week of September.

## TEEING OFF *Fore!* KIDS

- ★ We will be combining forces with the committee that put on successful outings with 100-plus golfers for the former Schooper's bar in recent years.
- ★ Gino's Restaurant – in addition to Our Club and the Tri-Cities Business Association – will be a co-sponsor.
- ★ Proceeds from the outing will be split between Our Club and the Children's Hospital of Michigan.
- ★ The outing will take place at Pontiac Country Club with participants retiring to Santia Hall for a steak dinner and prizes and surprises.
- ★ **Stay tuned.** The full description of the outing is being developed and will be announced in the very near future. One thing is clear: this will be a major undertaking which will require the cooperation and active support of each and every member.



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 Wednesday at the 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](http://www.keegoharboroptimist.org)

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## HONOR ROLL NEW MEMBERS

2005-2006

KENDRA HEARN, Ph.D. (*sponsor*, JoAnn Andrees)  
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JOHN LINEMEYER (*sponsor*, Chuck Compton)  
CHAD ENGELHARDT (*sponsor*, Ed Simons)  
EARL LOWEN (*sponsor*, Sharon Gee)

## LET'S CELEBRATE!

### ANNIVERSARIES DURING APRIL:

#### BIRTHDAYS:

April 21: JIM BAGLEY  
April 24: SUSAN WEAVER  
April 28, TONY PERKOVIC



#### MEMBERSHIPS:

30 YEARS – JIM BAGLEY (April 1, 1976).  
3 YEARS – JODI FRANKE (April 30, 2003);  
DAVE KARAGOSIAN (April 30, 2003).  
2 YEARS – GAYLE STURT (April 21, 2004).

(If we missed your date, let Don Horkey know at  
dhorkey@sbcglobal.net or call 743-453-7226.)

## Welcome, Chad and Earl – our 2 newest members!

Local attorney CHAD ENGELHARDT is one of Our Club's two newest members. He and James Amberg are co-partners in Amberg and Engelhardt with an office in Keego Harbor. Chad was sponsored by President ED SIMONS.

EARL LOWEN is an associate sat Pixley Funeral Home in Keego Harbor. He was sponsored by SHARON GEE.

A hearty welcome to both gentlemen!

■ **BUSINESS FEST** – JOHN LINEMEYER, president of the Tri-Cities Business Association, said a "Business Festival" will be staged from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, at Roosevelt School. It will take the place of last year's first (and last?) "Fish Festival." He needs volunteers and ideas. Proceeds from a concession booth that day will go Our Club.

■ **ANNIVERSARY** – PAUL LIPSON invited us to the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Roosevelt School playscape,

## OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR 15-WEEK RAFFLE, 2006

to benefit scholarships, activities and programs for youth of the Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake and Orchard Lake area.

### \* \* \*2006 PRIZE WINNERS\* \* \*

#### EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS:

DEC. 21: \$25 each to LAURA WILLIAMS (twice), TERI GIANNETTI and TONY MARASCO.

JAN. 11: \$25 each to LAURA WILLIAMS, RALPH BEHLER, PAUL LIPSON and ED SIMONS.

#### OFFICIAL DRAWINGS:

**Week 1 – JAN. 18:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #413, Joe Faletti (sold by Barb Nordeen); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #175, Ralph Behler (Ralph Behler); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #338, Bob Burns (Bob Burns).

**Week 2 – JAN. 25:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #78, Dennis Sheehy (Larry Firman); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #277, Barrett Cromwell (Ray Kobe); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #302, B. Schulman (Ed Simons).

**Week 3 – FEB. 1:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #279, Ray and Liz Kobe (Ray Kobe); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #249, Tony Marasco (Tony Marasco); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #45, Irwin Goodman (Paul Lipson).

**Week 4 – FEB. 8:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #405, Zach Sonkiss (Jim Sonkiss); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #317, Greg Lenski (Larry Firman); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #283, Mary Tomlinson (Teri Giannetti).

**Week 5 – FEB. 15:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #302, B. Schulman (Ed Simons); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #183, Alan Sturt (Gayle Sturt); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #280, Ruth Dietz (Ray Kobe).

**Week 6 – FEB. 22:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #41, Paul Lipson (Paul Lipson); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #322, Danny Plantus (Ed Simons); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #297, Ed Simons (Ed Simons).

**Week 7 – MARCH 1:**

1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #24, Megan Kobe (Ray Kobe); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #380, Carol Hardesty (Ralph Behler); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #2, Harry Karagosian (Dave Karagosian).

**Week 8 – MARCH 8:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #347, Marianne Roze (Gayle Sturt); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #60, Janet Gee (Sharon Gee); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #18, Marie Arthurs (Don Horkey).

**Week 9 – MARCH 15:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #51, Teri Giannetti (Teri Giannetti); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #267, Jim Bagley, Jr. (Jim Bagley, Sr.); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #275, Denise Yancey (Ray Kobe).

**Week 10 – MARCH 22:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #60, Janet Gee (Sharon Gee); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #45, Irwin Goodman (Paul Lipson); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #24, Megan Kobe (Ray Kobe).

**Week 11 – MARCH 29:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #219, Linda Margetin (JoAnn Andrees); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #409, Barbara Nordeen (Barbara Nordeen); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #131, Carol Bryant (Bob Burns).

**Week 12 – APRIL 5:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #288, Jane Edson (Teri Giannetti); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #351, Marianne Roze (Gayle Sturt); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #316, Cheryl Lenski (Larry Firman).

**Week 13 – APRIL 12:**

**Week 14 – APRIL 19:**

**Week 15 – APRIL 26:**

which Our Club had a hand in making a reality. The program will run from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, May 21.

■ **"REFUND" YOUR DUES** – Treasurer DON HORKEY says third-quarter dues statements are in the mail. Here's an idea: use your tax refund to pay up if you're in the arrears.

■ **JACKPOT!** – SHARON GEE hit the 50-50 jackpot at the March 29 meeting, successfully locating the Queen of Spades for a \$236 payout.



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## **KEEGO HARBOR OPTIMIST CLUB**

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**FOR THE YEAR 2006**

**Thank you** to the following individuals and businesses who have made a commitment as a Friend of Youth through their sponsorship of the programs and activities of Our Club for the benefit of the youth of our community for 2006.



Ashok Gupta, M.D.  
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The Jacket Club  
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**REALIZING OUR MISSION** \*\*\* Our Club is a major \$500 sponsor of the annual **Skate Night** in October in cooperation with the Keego Harbor Police Dept. Hundreds of youths enjoy an afternoon of safe fun on bikes, skateboards, etc. \*\*\* More than 100 youngsters use their creativity in **decorating pumpkins for Halloween** \*\*\* Our Club donates \$200 in support of **Abbott Middle Schools' musical production** in March; we also pledge to support through attendance \*\*\* We contribute \$200 to the **West Bloomfield Youth Coalition** in support of their programs partnering youths and parents \*\*\* A dozen members of the Abbott Middle School orchestra **display their considerable talents** at our breakfast meeting \*\*\* We contribute **\$100 to each of three families** to make their holidays a bit brighter and merrier \*\*\* More than **500 youths** who attend Roosevelt School or are members of a number of Cub Scout or Girl Scout troops, or who play in the Lakeland Girls Hockey League or are represented by the Roosevelt Student Council had a **family day of fun bowling and raised dollars** for their respective club treasuries by participating in Our Club's annual "Bowling for Kids" \*\*\* **About 100 students** at Abbott Middle School participated in the Oratorical Contest; the dozen finalists did a grand job of telling us why "The Future is Bright because..."\*\*\*



# Scholarship winner thanks us with donation

**MARCH 15** – Tom Majcher, one of Our Club's scholarship winners in 1999, shared what a spirit of optimism has meant in his and his family's life. His grandparents migrated from Poland. They worked tirelessly. Tom recalls his grandfather telling him that owning his own house and car was "like living like a king." His parents advocated hard work and education.

After his graduation in 1999 from Orchard Lake St.

Mary's Prep, Tom went for a bachelor's degree at Lawrence Tech University and a master's degree at

Oakland University. For the past couple of years, he has been employed at the GM Tech Center as an engineer for Pre-Production Operations. His conclusion: "The

**more optimism in life, the better."** He concluded with a "thanks" for the scholarship – and followed that up a couple weeks later with a \$300 donation in a note to President ED SIMONS: "The invitation to speak (at your meeting) was an honor and a pleasure. In appreciation for the scholarship given to me by the Keego Harbor Optimists in 1999, I would like to make a donation to support the work of your group."

**MAY 8** – Chuck Moss, Oakland County commissioner, shared insights into the happenings in the county.

**MAY 22** – Abbott Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grader Julie Okorn related how she overcame her fear of water at a tender age with the help of her parents. In retelling her winning speech from the Oratorical Contest, Julie said "My future is bright because I have learned to be courageous in overcoming life's challenges." Her father noted that, ironically, she has become a champion swimmer. Julie was the girls' winner; the boys' winner, Mike Gunawan, was unable to attend and share his talk with us due to a class conflict. Both will be competing in the regional contest April 8.

**MARCH 29** – Member and Cubmaster TONY VRBENSKY led about a half-dozen members of **Cub Scout Pack 224** to our meeting. They are fifth graders at Roosevelt. They told us what they liked best about scouting: camping, field trips, skip trips, various activities. One youth, however, showed promise as a politician: "I like the breakfast today and seeing my former principal, PAUL LIPSON." The pack was scheduled to host its annual Pinewood Derby March 31. We presented them with a check for \$1,000, our annual commitment in support of the scouts' programs.

■ **PROGRAM IDEAS** – Have an idea for a program during our meetings? Let either PAUL LIPSON, SHARON GEE or DON HORKEY know about it.

## SMALL STEPS TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR APRIL

- Let your kids choose an activity and play with them for 30 minutes a day.
- Eat more carrots and less cake.
- Spend part of your lunch hour walking or otherwise exercising.
- Cut back on added fats and oils in cooking. Use nonstick cookware, spray-on vegetable or olive oil, etc.
- Do sit-ups or crunches while watching television.



## JOKES YOU CAN TELL IN CHURCH

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was > running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!" While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran, she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late. But please don't shove me either!"

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He said, "Call for backup."

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a baby sitter."

A Sunday School teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five- and six-year-olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

## JOKES OUTSIDE OF CHURCH

A blonde said, "I was worried that my mechanic might try to rip me off. I was relieved when he told me all I needed was turn signal fluid."

As we slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way.