



# Optimist Club of Keego Harbor

APRIL 2007

## Coming Attractions!

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11** – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 14.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18** – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 15.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25** – Program to be announced.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2** – Program to be announced; BOARD meeting.

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 4-6** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Michigan District Conference, Valley Plaza Resort, Midland.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9** – **PROGRAM: STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY.** NOTE: this event will be held at Abbott Middle School.

**MONDAY, MAY 28** – Lakes Area Memorial Day Parade.

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## 3-on-3 HOCKEY:

### Cancelled – a major disappointment

It was a difficult choice to make, but Our Club's hopes to sponsor a major event for kids and a major fund-raiser for the Club's youth activities has been cancelled due to a lack of interest. Only nine teams sent in their registration fees. However, President ED SIMONS immediately embarked on a review and analysis of all that happened with the aim of possibly sponsoring the event next year. Stay tuned!

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## Students from 6 area schools to be honored at annual Appreciation Day

Elementary, middle and high school students from six area schools will be recognized Wednesday, May 9, during Our Club's annual Student Appreciation Day. Chairman PAUL LIPSON has invited the administrators of West Bloomfield High and Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep, Laker Academy, Abbott Middle School, Our Lady of Refuge School and Roosevelt School to nominate three students each who are judged to be of outstanding character and who exhibit exemplary qualities of leadership and community service.

*MEMBERS, PLEASE NOTE: this event will be staged at Abbott Middle School instead of at Ember's Deli, our normal meeting site.*



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)

MICHIGAN DISTRICT GOVERNOR:  
LOU MOSS

MICHIGAN DISTRICT THEME:  
"Expect Success"

**2006-2007 OFFICERS:**  
President ED SIMONS  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President EARL LOWEN  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President STEVE PALMER  
Treasurer DON HORKEY  
Secretary PAUL LIPSON

*Directors*  
BILL BERTAKIS\*  
EDDIE DELBRIDGE  
JODI FRANKE\*  
DAN PETERS  
NANCY PETSCH\*  
GAYLE STURT  
(\* 2 year terms).

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:  
DON HORKEY

# Honor Roll NEW MEMBERS

2006-2007

JOHN SCOTT (*sponsor*, Ed Simons)  
GARY GARNER (*sponsor*, Earl Lowen)

## LET'S CELEBRATE!

ANNIVERSARIES DURING  
APRIL & MAY

### BIRTHDAYS:

**APRIL 21** – JIM BAGLEY  
**APRIL 23** – BILL BERTAKIS  
**APRIL 24** – SUSAN WEAVER  
**APRIL 28** – TONY PERKOVIC  
**MAY 25** – GINO SANTIA  
**MAY 26** – ANN CRAWFORD



### MEMBERSHIPS:

**31 YEARS** – JIM BAGLEY (4/1/1976)  
**16 YEARS** – RALPH BEHLER (May 29, 1991)  
**10 YEARS** – DON HORKEY (May 6, 1997)  
**4 YEARS** – DAVE KARAGOSIAN (4/30/2003);  
JODI FRANKE (4/30/2003).  
**3 YEARS** – GAYLE STURT (4/21/2004)  
**1 YEAR** – EDDIE DELBRIDGE (May 11, 2006)

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

## Karagosian's generous gift aids mentor program

Member DAVE KARAGOSIAN supplied a big boost to Our Club's mentoring program with a generous contribution of \$500. The program involves eighth grade students from Abbott Middle School mentoring second-, third- and fourth-graders from Roosevelt School. They meet every Monday after school. PAUL LIPSON and BILL BERTAKIS are the adult supervisors.

## OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR 15-WEEK RAFFLE, 2007

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

### \* \* \* 2007 PRIZE WINNERS \* \* \*

#### EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS:

**DEC. 6:** \$25 each to JOHN SCOTT, JIM BAGLEY, SR.  
(twice), and ED SIMONS . . . **DEC. 20:** \$25 each to BILL  
BERTAKIS, BILLY STALLARD and ED SIMONS  
(twice).

#### OFFICIAL DRAWINGS:

**Week 1 – JAN. 10:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #264, Sarah Lenski (Don Horkey); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #323, Teri Giannetti (Teri Giannetti); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #304, Lori Henney (Eddie Delbridge).  
**Week 2 – JAN. 17:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #322, Eugene Sherizen (Teri Giannetti); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #191, Liz and Ray Kobe (Ray Kobe); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #107, Carol Bryant (Bob Burns).  
**Week 3 – JAN. 24:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #300, Russ Schulte (Eddie Delbridge); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #195, Denise and Alvie Yancey (Ray Kobe); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #304, Lori Henney (Eddie Delbridge).  
**Week 4 – JAN. 31:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #247, Jacquie Rowden (Ed Simons); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #048, Elaine Nicholson (Ed Simons); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #5, Steve Palmer (Steve Palmer).  
**Week 5 – FEB. 7:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #352, Donna Simons (Ed Simons); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #318, Eugene Sherizen (Teri Giannetti); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #215, Lisa Jennings (Paul Lipson).  
**Week 6 – FEB. 14:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #352, Donna Simons (Ed Simons); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #258, Jim Bagley, Sr. (Jim Bagley, Sr.); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #166, Don Horkey (Don Horkey).  
**Week 7 – FEB. 21:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #275, Alice Stoddard (Don Horkey); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #273, Mary Tomlinson (Don Horkey); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #96, Ralph Behler (Ralph Behler).  
**Week 8 – FEB. 28:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #290, Jon Sturt (Gayle Sturt); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #62, Marilyn Treuter (Marilyn); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #355, Sherry Foster (Paul Lipson).  
**Week 9 – MARCH 7:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #231, P. J. Bagley (Jim Bagley, Sr.); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #373, Melissa Brown (Teri Giannetti); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #291, Alan Sturt (Gayle Sturt).  
**Week 10 – MARCH 14:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #197, Heidi and Rick DePlaunty (Ray Kobe); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #104, Debbie Haight (Bill Bertakis); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #220, Fran Kobe (Ray Kobe).  
**Week 11 – MARCH 21:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #365, Phil Vera (Eddie Delbridge); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #307, Cassie England (Ed Simons); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #314, Shelly Deslongchamps (Jodi Franke).  
**Week 12 – MARCH 28:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #354, Diane Thal-Gluck (Paul Lipson); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #395, Eddie Delbridge (Eddie Delbridge); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #342, Linda McNair (Teri Giannetti).  
**Week 13 – APRIL 4:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #199, Kathy and Ron Tuszynski (Ray Kobe); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #187, Dana Karagosian (Dave Karagosian); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #35, John Scott (John Scott).  
**Week 14 – APRIL 11:**  
**Week 15 – APRIL 18:**

❖ **DUES ARE DUE!** – Treasurer DON HORKEY reminds one and all that Third Quarter dues statements have been mailed out. Send your dues in by snail mail – or better yet, in person at a meeting!



# Optimist Club of Keego Harbor Friends of Youth for 2007

**OPTIMIST**  
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*Friend of Youth*

*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 2007.*

Billy J. Stallard\*  
Coach's Olympia Grill \*  
Complete Insurance Services\*  
Ember's Deli\*  
Keego Energy\*  
Roosevelt School PCG\*  
Jim Sonkiss, D.D.S.  
Otto A. Trzos Co., Inc.  
Visions of Sylvan Lake\*

*\* Renewed sponsorship for 2007*

**REALIZING OUR MISSION \*\*\*** Donated \$100 and several volunteer hours for the **Roosevelt School Fun Run** . . . Donated \$200 to the West Bloomfield Youth Coalition as a co-sponsor of a **mentoring program** that is involving students from both Abbott Middle School and Roosevelt elementary school . . . Contributed \$250 for the **Abbott School production** of "Once Upon a Mattress" . . . Hosted an afternoon of **bowling for nearly 60 kids** from Roosevelt School, helping the Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Student Council raise \$466 for their treasuries . . . Donated \$200 to the **Keego Harbor Memorial Day Parade** and pledged our participation in this annual event that is viewed by thousands . . . Fulfilled our annual commitment of **\$1,000 to Cub Scout Pack 224**, of which Our Club is the official sponsor . . .



❖ **SCHOLARSHIPS** – GAYLE STURT, PAUL LIPSON and KENDRA HEARN comprise the committee receiving and evaluating scholarship applications from this year's college-bound high school graduates. The awards will be announced at the annual Michigan Week breakfast May 18.

❖ **PARADE** – At the March 28 meeting, Mal Hager, chairman of the Lakes Area Memorial Day Parade on May 28, recognized Our Club's \$200 contribution to the parade with a

certificate attesting to our status as a Platinum Sponsor.

❖ **SOMETHING MUSICAL** -- On April 28, the Pontiac-Oakland Symphony will hold a fundraiser, "All that Glitters." Optimist EDDIE DELBRIDGE is involved in this project and is asking for donations to create a musical basket sponsored by Our Club for the silent auction. She needs to receive items by April 20. Contact her at the weekly meetings or at (248) 561-1025 or eddie@metroaircraft.com

## 'Be alert' for ID thieves

"Be alert" – that was the advice of Linda Hatfield at our March 14 meeting against identity thieves. "With the current economy, it's worse for ID theft." She added that senior citizens are especially vulnerable. Linda is the

marketing VP for Birmingham-Bloomfield Credit Union (and the guest of NANCY PETSCH, who manages the Keego Harbor branch.) ID theft occurs

### Programs

when someone wrongfully acquires and uses another person's personal information, credit or other account information. The thief may use this information to obtain credit or make purchases, or to gain access to the victim's bank account. Victims can lose employment opportunities, Social Security benefits, work time and money. The key to preventing becoming a victim of ID theft is to monitor your accounts and to understand your credit reports. (NOTE: In future issues of this newsletter, we'll share some of the information Linda gave us about how to protect against ID theft, and what to do if you are a victim.)

## Abbott jazz band a treat

Our March 28 meeting was a special treat for the members as the Abbott School Jazz Band entertained us with about a half-hour program of jazz and rock 'n' roll. Carl Battishill, the director of music at Abbott, had a select seven members of the usual 25-member band make the early morning gig. Battishill said the band is a volunteer effort that "we do for the pleasure of it." The band practices two hours a week after school. "It's a good musical experience," he said – and Optimist members agreed. We look forward to next year.

## A positive place for kids

The Boys and Girls Club of Pontiac is a "positive place for kids" to learn and grow, according to Mary Crocker at our April 4 meeting. She is chair of the Advisory Council of the B&G Clubs of Southeastern Michigan. But her heart is with the Pontiac club, located on Columbia Street. Mary said there are about 350 members, ages 6-18 (grades 1-12), in the club. Some 75-80 kids show up daily to have fun and learn in a safe place. Under the supervision of a professional staff, kids get help with their school work, develop leadership skills, and enjoy sports, fitness and recreation. The Club is sponsoring its annual Strolling Supper and Auction May 17 at the Lafayette Grand in downtown Pontiac. For information, call (248) 338-4775.

## Eddie named director

President ED SIMONS has named EDDIE DELBRIDGE to Our Club's Board of Directors, filling out the remainder of the one-year term of Val Edgington.

### MICHIGAN FACTS

Q. The home offices of Life Savers candy, Beech-Nut gum and Squirt soft drink are in which city?  
A. Holland

Q. What coastline has been given the name "Graveyard of the Great Lakes"?

A. Whitefish Point, Lake Superior (remember the Edmund Fitzgerald? It was only the most famous ship lost there, but there have been many, many more lost in that spot in the last hundred years.)

Q. In 1870, Detroit telephone customers became the first in the nation to have what type of reference information assigned to them?

A. Telephone numbers



### 30 LINES TO MAKE YOU SMILE

1. My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.
2. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
3. I work hard because millions on welfare depend on me!
4. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
5. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
6. Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.
7. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.
8. Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
9. Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.
10. I'm not a complete idiot. Some parts are missing.
11. Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
12. NyQuil, the stuffy, sneezy, why-the-heck-is-the-room-spinning medicine.
13. God must love stupid people; He made so many.
14. The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
15. Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
16. Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
17. Being "over the hill" is much better than being under it!
18. Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.
19. Procrastinate Now!
20. I have a degree in liberal arts; do you want fries with that?
21. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
22. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
23. Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
24. They call it PMS because MadCow Disease was already taken.
25. He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless dead.
26. A picture is worth a thousand words, but it uses up three thousand times the memory.
27. Ham and eggs. A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.
28. The trouble with life is there's no background music.
29. The original point and click interface was a Smith and Wesson.
30. I smile because I don't know what is going on.