



Optimist Club of Keego Harbor

AUGUST 2007

Coming Attractions!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 – “Breakfast on the (Orchard) Lake”; pontoon leaves shore of St. Mary’s campus at 7:30 a.m.; continental breakfast on board.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13 – Gino’s Car Cruise; 5-9 p.m., we sponsor a hot dog booth.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 – Program to be announced.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22 – Program to be announced.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 24-25-26 – Optimist Michigan District 4th Quarter Convention, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 25-26 – Bloomfield North Chamber of Commerce **Big Fish Festival**; JOHN LINEMEYER in charge; at 3 p.m. Sunday, drawing for Our Club’s Big Fish Raffle.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29 – Program to be announced.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5 – Program to be announced.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6 – Gino’s 2nd Annual “Tee Off **FORE!** Kids” outing at Pontiac Country Club, 8 a.m. Dinner and prizes after the outing at Gino’s Santia Hall.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12 – **Skate Night** beginning at about 4 p.m. behind Roosevelt School at Rose Sorter Park. Lots of fun for lots of kids!

PLEASE: Sell those raffle tickets!

CALLING ALL MEMBERS! Please sell and/or buy the Big Fish Raffle tickets you received recently. **(As of this newsletter, only 11 of 33 members have made returns. We can do better than that!!!)** It is an important source of funds for Our Club’s budget. They are easy to sell: \$1.00 each or \$10 a book of ten tickets. First prize is very attractive: \$1,000! Second prize is \$500 and third thru seventh prizes, \$100 each. We will also be hustling the tickets during the Big Fish Festival’s two days, Saturday-Sunday, August 25-26. The drawing will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 26.

MORE TICKETS? Bless you! See Don Horkey at the weekly meetings or contact him (734-453-7226 or dhorkey@sbcglobal.net) and your request will be on its way!

WANTED: Members needed to give up some time for the cause, selling hot dogs and/or hustling raffle tickets at the Big Fish Festival. Contact ED SIMONS (248-891-8848) or DON HORKEY at same numbers above.

‘Big Fish’ getting bigger!

Our Club will have a role in this year’s Keego Harbor Big Fish Festival: we will be operating a hot dog stand and chaperoning the “Kids Zone.” Festival Chairman JOHN LINEMEYER says the festival is expanding its program of information and entertainment to two days: Saturday, August 25 (9 a.m.-6 p.m.) and Sunday, August 26 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) The overall theme will be family-oriented. For more information, contact John at (248) 682-1510.



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

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR:
DON HORKEY

LET'S CELEBRATE!

ANNIVERSARIES DURING
AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS:

AUGUST 8 – ED SIMONS
AUGUST 13 – MARILYN TREUTER
AUGUST 16 – DALE STUART
AUGUST 29 – RALPH BEHLER



MEMBERSHIPS:

2 YEARS – ASHOK GUPTA (August 19, 2005)

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

Gino's 'Tees off FORE Kids' Sept. 6 at Pontiac CC

The second annual Gino's "Teeing Off FORE! Kids" golf outing will take place on Thursday, Sept. 6, at Pontiac Country Club. Our Club will be a 50-50 beneficiary of the proceeds with Mending Hearts, a rehabilitation service that was most important to GINO SANTIA during his heart surgery last year. Tickets are \$100 a person. In addition to providing some players, Our Club will handle the registration that day. The after-golf festivities (dinner, prizes) will take place at Santia Hall. MEMBERS: Put this date on your calendar and plan to participate.

★ **MICHIGANIANS ELECTED** – A pair of Michigan Optimists were elected to high office at the recent Optimist International convention in Montreal. Herb Strather, a member of five metro Detroit Optimist clubs, was elected to a three-year term on the International Board of Directors. Richard Bloom, of Southfield-Lathrup and West Branch, was one of 10 individuals voted as 2007-2008 International Vice Presidents-elect.

★ **DAN'S THE MAN** – DAN PETERS won the most recent 50-50 jackpot, worth \$46.

★ **WEDDING BELLS** – Congrats to incoming president, BILL BERTAKIS, and his bride, Debbie, on their wedding July 7.

BEAUTIFUL WORDS:

The best kind of friend is the kind you can sit on a porch and swing with, never say a word, and then walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you've ever had.

501(c)(3) exemption process still going on

Optimist International reports it is making progress with respect to OI's application for group exemption under Section 501(c)(3). The IRS agent reviewing our application is reviewing documents submitted by in excess of 1,000 clubs. The problem is that not all clubs have yet to submit information to OI's central office.

(NOTE: Our Club is one of the clubs that has submitted required documents.)

Among the benefits to Clubs of a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status are:

- Our Club becomes a charitable organization;
 - Our Club will be able to receive charitable, tax-deductible donations from businesses and individuals;
 - Our Club may be exempt from state sales tax on any purchases (we have to check the state law);
 - The portion of dues paid by members that are used for charitable programs are tax-deductible;
 - Our Club will be eligible to receive grants from other organizations;
 - Our Club will be eligible for non-profit postage rates;
 - Our Club may be eligible for discounts on goods and services normally given to charitable organizations.
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Managing stress: Rest, and then pick up your burdens

A lecturer when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked "How heavy is this glass of water?" Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g.

The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on.

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden. So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can."

So, put down anything that may be a burden to you right now. Don't pick it up again until after you've rested a while



Optimist Club of Keego Harbor Friends of Youth for 2007

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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.

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** 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 . . . Awarded **\$4,500 in scholarships** to six high school graduates heading to college . . . **Chaperoning the "Kids Zone"** during the Big Fish Festival in Keego Harbor . . . Once again, a **major \$500 sponsor** for the annual "Skate Night" that provides an afternoon of fun for hundreds of kids . . .





You have to read this to believe it:

Yogi corkscrews English in commencement talk

Earlier this year, Baseball Hall of Famer and New York Yankee great Yogi Berra accepted an honorary degree from St. Louis University and delivered the commencement speech for 1,900 graduates and 10,000 in attendance. Yogi doesn't so much command the English language as he corkscrews it. Here is Yogi's address in its entirety:

"Thank you all for being here tonight. I know this is a busy time of year, and if you weren't here, you could probably be somewhere else. I especially want to thank the administration at St. Louis University for making this day necessary. It is an honor to receive this honorary degree. It is wonderful to be here in St. Louis and to visit the old neighborhood. I haven't been back since the last time I was here. Everything looks the same, only different. Of course, things in the past are never as they used to be.

Before I speak, I have something I'd like to say. As you may know, I never went to college, or high school for that matter. To be honest, I'm not much of a public speaker, so I will try to keep this short as long as I can.

As I look out upon all of the young people here tonight, there are a number of words of wisdom I might depart. But I think the most irrelevant piece of advice I can pass along is this: "The most important things in life are the things that are least important." I could have gone a number of directions in my life. Growing up on the Hill, I could have opened a restaurant or a bakery. But the more time I spent in places like that, the less time I wanted to spend there. I knew that if I wanted to play baseball, I was going to have to play baseball. My childhood friend, Joe Garagiola, also became a big-league ballplayer, as did my son, Dale. I think you'll find the similarities in our careers are quite different.

You're probably wondering, how does a kid from the Hill become a New York Yankee and get in the Hall of Fame? Well, let me tell you something: if it was easy, nobody would do it. Nothing is impossible until you make it possible.

Of course, times were different. To be honest, I was born at an early age. Things are much more confiscated now. It seems like a nickel ain't worth a dime anymore. But let me tell you, if the world was perfect, it wouldn't be. Even Napoleon had his Watergate.

You'll make some wrong mistakes along the way, but only the wrong survive. Never put off until tomorrow what you can't do today. Denial isn't just a river in Europe. Strive for success and remember you won't get what you want unless you want what you get. Some will choose a different path. If they don't want to come along, you can't stop them. Remember, none are so kind as those who will not see. Keep the faith and follow the Commandments: Do not covet thy neighbor's

wife, unless she has nothing else to wear.

Treat others before you treat yourself. As Franklin Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The only thing you have to fear is beer itself."

Hold on to your integrity, ladies and gentlemen. It's the one thing you really need to have; if you don't have it, that's why you need it. Work hard to reach your goals, and if you can't reach them, use a ladder. There may come a day when you get hurt and have to miss work. Don't worry, it won't hurt to miss work.

Over the years, I have realized that baseball is really just a menopause for life. We all have limitations, but we also know limitation is the greatest form of flattery. Beauty is in the eyes of Jim Holder. Half the lies you hear won't be true, and half the things you say, you won't ever say.

As parents, you'll want to give your children all the things you didn't have. But don't buy them an encyclopedia, make them walk to school like you did. Teach them to have respect for others, especially the police. They are not here to create disorder, they are here to preserve it.

Throughout my career, I found good things always came in pairs of three. There will be times when you are an over-whelming underdog. Give 100 percent to everything you do, and when that's not enough, give everything you have left. "Winning isn't everything, but it's better than rheumatism." I think Guy Lombardo said that. Finally, dear graduates and friends, cherish this moment; it is a memory you will never forget. You have your entire future ahead of you. Good luck and Bob's speed.



MICHIGAN FACTS

Q. In 1866, what Detroit pharmacist introduced the **world's first** carbonated soft drink?

A. James Vernor (Vernor's ginger ale)

Q. At what Detroit intersection was the **world's first** traffic light installed in 1915?

A. Woodward Avenue and Grand Avenue.

Q. Who in 1688 founded the first permanent settlement in what later became the state of Michigan?

A.. Father Jacques Marquette.

Q. In 1954 the **world's first** shopping mall opened in what Detroit suburb?

A.. Southfield (Northland Mall).

Q. What safety and traffic flow feature was first introduced near Trenton in 1911?

A. Painted center lines.