



# Optimist Club of Keego Harbor

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2008

## Coming Attractions!

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20 – PROGRAM: Breakfast at Tate Optimist Park.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, AUG. 23-24 – BIG FISH FESTIVAL.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27 — PROGRAM: Kasia Mazur, 2003 Scholarship Awardee.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4 – PROGRAM: GOLF OUTING at Pontiac Country Club. (NOTE: Regular weekly meeting will NOT be held).

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11 – Regular weekly meeting on our new day, Thursdays.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18 – Program to be announced

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25 – Program to be announced

THURSDAY, OCT. 2 – HAPPY NEW OPTIMIST YEAR! Program to be announced.

SATURDAY, OCT. 25 – PUMPKIN DECORATING at Roosevelt School . . .  
OPEN HOUSE at Keego Harbor's new City Hall.

NOTICE . . . ***Beginning in September, Our Club's weekly meetings will be held on THURSDAYS instead of Wednesdays. The starting time will remain 7:30 a.m. at Tony's Embers Deli. Since Gino's golf outing for the benefit of Our Club will be held on Thursday, Sept. 4, we will NOT hold our regular weekly meeting. That means that our first regular Thursday meeting will be on Sept. 11. Hope to see everyone there!***

## Golf outing Sept. 4 to benefit Our Club's youth activities

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## BIG FISH FESTIVAL...

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY, AUG. 23-24

The BIG FISH FESTIVAL will be staged on Saturday and Sunday, August 23-24, at Roosevelt School. Our Club will have a pop-and-water stand. Your volunteer help is needed. Can you spare a couple of hours? Call ED SIMONS (248-891-8848) to sign up.



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 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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BOB SCHILLER

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR:  
DON HORKEY

# Honor Roll NEW MEMBERS

2007-2008

"BUZZ" BROWN (*reinstated; original sponsor, Don Horkey*)

DARIN LUTWIN (*sponsor, Jodi Franke*)

KATHY SPARKMAN (*sponsor, Jodi Franke*)

JEREMY FORCIER (*sponsor, Bill Bertakis*)

SID RUBIN (*sponsor, Bill Bertakis*)



## WHAT IS BUTT DUST?

What, you ask, is "Butt dust?" Read on and you'll discover the joy in it! These have to be original and genuine. No adult is this creative!!

JACK (age 3) was watching his Mom breast-feeding his new baby sister. After a while he asked: "Mom why have you got two? Is one for hot and one for cold milk?"

MELANIE (age 5) asked her Granny how old she was. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more. Melanie said, "If you don't remember you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six."

STEVEN (age 3) hugged and kissed his Mom good night. "I love you so much that when you die I'm going to bury you outside my bedroom window."

BRITTANY (age 4) had an earache and wanted a pain killer. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mom explained it was a child-proof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: "How does it know it's me?"

SUSAN (age 4) was drinking juice when she got the hiccups. "Please don't give me this juice again," she said, "It makes my teeth cough."

DJ (age 4) stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked: "How much do I cost?"

MARC (age 4) was engrossed in a young couple that were hugging and kissing in a restaurant. Without taking his eyes off them, he asked his dad: "Why is he whispering in her mouth?"

JAMES (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." Concerned, James asked: "What happened to the flea?"

TAMMY (age 4) was with her mother when they met an elderly, rather wrinkled woman her Mom knew. Tammy looked at her for a while and then asked, "Why doesn't your skin fit your face?"

The Sermon I think this Mom will never forget this particular Sunday sermon. "Dear Lord," the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. "Without you, we are but dust..." He would have continued but at that moment my very obedient daughter who was listening leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little four-year-old girl voice, "Mom, what is butt dust?"



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## LET'S CELEBRATE!

### ANNIVERSARIES DURING AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

#### BIRTHDAYS:

**AUGUST 9** – ED SIMONS

**AUGUST 13** – MARILYN TREUTER

**AUGUST 16** – DALE STUART

**AUGUST 29** – RALPH BEHLER

**SEPTEMBER 6** – DR. ASHOK GUPTA

**SEPTEMBER 20** – TONY MARASCO

**SEPTEMBER 22** – DON HORKEY



#### MEMBERSHIPS:

**3 YEARS** – ASHOK GUPTA (8/19/2005)

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

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## Darin going west

DARIN LUTWIN, the manager of the NationalCity Bank branch in Keego Harbor, has left town for California to accept a banking position there. We wish him the best of luck. He pledges that his successor will follow his Optimist membership footsteps.

## Secrets of happiness

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so that when you die, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.

If you don't succeed, then do it the way your wife told you in the first place.



Optimist Club  
of Keego Harbor  
**Friends of Youth**  
for 2008

Thank you . . . to the following individuals and businesses who, through their generosity, have helped make possible the programs and activities of Our Club for the benefit of the youth of our community for 2008 (as of 7/16/08).

- Ralph & Virginia Behler
- in memory of Billy Stallard
- Buzz Brown:
- Q Linc of Keego Harbor
- Complete Insurance Services
- Paul Lipson
- NationalCity Bank
- Roosevelt School PCG
- Billy Lee Stallard
- Gayle Sturt
- The Jacket Club
- Joan Tomlinson
- Tony's Embers Deli

## Announcing . . .

# Optimist Club of Keego Harbor Friends of Youth for 2008

MEMBERS . . . And family and friends of members:  
Here is an important way for you, your family and your friends to become an integral player in helping Our Club achieve its mission of "bringing out the best in kids."

This year, contributions to the "Friend of Youth" will be directed to the Scholarship Program. In the last eight years, 45 students have been the recipients of more than \$36,000 in tuition assistance. We feel proud that we are able to give these deserving young men and women a "little push" in the right direction toward a career that eventually will make them contributing citizens to society.

Donations are \$100 (NOTE: a reduction of \$50 from last year). They may be made in the name of the donor or in honor of or in memory of a dear friend.

YES, I/We are happy to make a donation of \$100 to be a Keego Harbor Optimist Club "Friend of Youth" for 2008 in support of the Club's Scholarship Program. *(Make check payable to: Optimist International Foundation. Your contribution is tax deductible.)*

My/Our donation is enclosed.

I/We pledge our donation. I/We will send it by \_\_\_\_\_.

NAME OF "FRIEND OF YOUTH" DONOR (as it should appear on the Certificate of Appreciation): \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of:       In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make a copy of this form for your records. Mail to: Mr. Bill Bertakis, President; PO Box 535; Keego Harbor, MI 48320. For information, contact Mr. Bertakis at 248-343-8816.*

# Golf outing Sept. 4 to benefit Our Club's youth activities

Our Club will be the sole beneficiary of Gino's annual golf outing on **Thursday, Sept. 4, at Pontiac Country Club**. This is an opportunity for us to give a boost to our treasury in support of our many youth activities during the year.

The basic details of the outing:

Registration at 8 a.m.; teeing off at 9 a.m.; delicious buffet back at Gino's Santia Hall.

The cost is \$100 per golfer. Foursomes are encouraged. Hole sponsorships will be available for \$50 each.

Optimist members, each and everyone of us, should consider it an obligation to participate:

- 1. As a golfer**
- 2. As a volunteer (registration desk, judging closest-to-the-pin holes, setting up course, etc.)**
- 3. Seeking golfers**
- 4. Seeking hole sponsors (\$50 a hole: talk to family, friends, or businesses).**
- 5. Buy/sell raffle tickets.**

Contact President BILL BERTAKIS (248) 343-8816 about how/when/where you can help out.

## SPECIAL FEATURES FOR GOLFERS:

TWO hole-in-one prizes: a 2008 KIA Optima (compliments of Summit KIA) on one hole, and a Rolex watch (compliments of Karagosian Jewelers) on the other.

Several prizes for closest-to-the-pin, longest drive, etc.

## RAFFLE TICKET

Buying and/or selling the enclosed raffle ticket is something that every Optimist member can easily do. Tickets are \$5 each, or a book of 5 for \$20. That means you can sell four and write your name on the fifth for your ticket...or sell all five tickets but turn in only \$20 (and keep \$5 for yourself). *(Turn your ticket stubs and money in at the outing or at the buffet – or ahead of time at the August 27 meeting or by mail to Don Horkey, 37840 Scotsdale Circle #203, Westland MI 48185.)*

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "GINO'S"