



OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR

FEBRUARY 2007

Coming Attractions!

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14– PROGRAM: Abbott Middle School Jazz Band; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21– Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 7.

SATURDAY, FEB. 24 – Michigan District 2nd Quarter “Optimist Family Reunion,” 8:45 a.m. at Marygrove College, Detroit

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28– Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 8.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, MARCH 2-3 – Abbott Middle School Musical Theater presents “Once Upon a Mattress.” March 2: 7 p.m.; March 3, 2 and 7 p.m.
For information: (248) 865-3670, ext. 7200.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 – “Bowling for Kids.” 1-3 p.m., Sylvan Lanes.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6 – Jacket Club’s annual Wild Game Dinner, 6 p.m., Gino’s.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 9; Board meeting.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 10.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21 – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 11.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 12.

3-ON-3 HOCKEY:

Members: now it’s our turn to play AD HOCKEY!

In a little more than two months, more than 100 teams of boys and girls, men and women will be squaring off in the first of three weekends of 100 hours of 3-on-3 hockey.

The “Original Six 3-on-3 Hockey Challenge” – sponsored by Our Club in cooperation with Orchard Lake St. Mary’s Prep – is slated to begin on April 19.

However, before the puck is dropped, Our Club must be successful in **AD HOCKEY**. The game is on now, and will continue through March 9.

The rules, and the challenge, are simple: members should get as many ads as possible for the program book. Whatever amount we raise combined with the team registration fees have the potential to realize a hefty profit that would enable Our Club to significantly increase our support of our community’s youth, such as scholarships and underwriting various activities.

The enclosed advertising contract has all the details: the size of the ads (*continued page 3*)



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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LOU MOSS

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“Expect Success”

2006-2007 OFFICERS:
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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 FEBRUARY & MARCH

BIRTHDAYS:

FEB. 28 – TERI GIANNETTI

FEB. 29 – EDDIE DELBRIDGE

MARCH 6 – BOB PYLES

MARCH 14 – EARL LOWEN, JOHN SCOTT

MARCH 27 – RAY KOBE



MEMBERSHIPS:

18 YEARS – TERI GIANNETTI (3/1/1989)

12 YEARS – PAUL LIPSON (3/30/1995)

9 YEARS – DAN PETERS (3/27/1998)

4 YEARS – SHARON GEE (3/14/2003)

3 YEARS – BARB NORDEEN (2/26/2004); BETTY
CHOI (3/7/2004)

1 YEAR – JOHN LINEMEYER (2/1/2006); EARL
LOWEN (3/18/2006); CHAD ENGELHARDT
(3/18/2006)

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

Mentoring 'going well'

PAUL LIPSON reports that the weekly mentoring program Our Club is sponsoring with the West Bloomfield Youth Coalition "is going very well." Every Monday afternoon, six 8th grade students from Abbott Middle School mentor ten 2nd and 3rd graders from Roosevelt School. They play games, work on the computers and have a snack. So dedicated are the students that they even showed up on a recent "snow day" when the rest of their classmates had a day off.

Winter golf a hit

Mother Nature cooperated with an inch or two of snow to blanket the Keego Harbor Country Club (a.k.a. Rose Sorter Park), and more than two dozen hale and

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: 1st (\$100) – #264, Sarah Lenski (Don Horkey); 2nd (\$50) – #323, Teri Giannetti (Teri Giannetti); 3rd (\$25) – #304, Lori Henney (Eddie Delbridge).

Week 2 – JAN. 17: 1st (\$100) – #322, Eugene Sherizen (Teri Giannetti); 2nd (\$50) – #191, Liz and Ray Kobe (Ray Kobe); 3rd (\$25) – #107, Carol Bryant (Bob Burns).

Week 3 – JAN. 24: 1st (\$100) – #300, Russ Schulte (Ed Simons); 2nd (\$50) – #195, Denise and Alvie Yancey (Ray Kobe); 3rd (\$25) – #304, Lori Henney (Eddie Delbridge).

Week 4 – JAN. 31: 1st (\$100) – #247, Jacquie R. (Ed Simons); 2nd (\$50) – #048, Elaine Nicholson (Ed Simons); 3rd (\$25) – #5, Steve Palmer (Steve Palmer).

Week 5 – FEB. 7: 1st (\$100) – #352, Donna Simons (Ed Simons); 2nd (\$50) – #318, Eugene Sherizen (Teri Giannetti); 3rd (\$25) – #215, Lisa Jennings (Paul Lipson).

Week 6 – FEB. 14:

Week 7 – FEB. 21:

Week 8 – FEB. 28:

Week 9 – MARCH 7:

Week 10 – MARCH 14:

Week 11 – MARCH 21:

Week 12 – MARCH 28:

Week 13 – APRIL 4:

Week 14 – APRIL 11:

Week 15 – APRIL 18:

hearty individuals turned out to enjoy themselves immensely in Our Club's Winter Golf Outing Jan. 27. President ED SIMONS thanked the members for the prizes, enough for everyone to take home a couple. The Oakland Press featured the event in the next day's issue with a couple of photos.

❖ **ABBOTT 'ON A MATTRESS'** – The Abbott Middle School Music Theater will present "Once Upon a Mattress" March 2 (7 p.m.) and March 3 (2 and 7 p.m.). More than 70 Abbott students will show off their acting, dancing and singing talents for the musical comedy. Our Club happily approved a \$250 donation to assist the production as well as urging members to attend the show.

❖ **DUES ARE DUE!** – Treasurer DON HORKEY reminds one and all that dues are due. Second quarter notices have been mailed, and before you know, the third quarter will be here.

KEEGO HARBOR
OPTIMIST CLUB

*Friends of
Youth*

FOR 2007



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3-ON-3 HOCKEY

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and the cost for each. All ads are important, from a business card size on up to a full page on the inside or outside covers. If you have questions, contact Ed Simons (248-891-8848) or Eddie Delbridge at 248-561-1025.

Members can also help by talking up the game with prospective hockey players. In a nutshell, here's the scoop:

The schedule calls for games to be played on the weekends of Thursday-Sunday, April 19-22, Thursday-Sunday, April 26-29, and Thursday-Sunday, May 3-6.

Games are played on the width of the rink, not the length, on half an ice rink. Thus, there will be two games at once, something which St. Mary's NHL-size arena can handle.

Games are comprised of two 15-minute periods. Team rosters have five skaters and a goalie, but only three skaters and the goalie play at a time. Each team is guaranteed to play at least three games. There will be a tournament-style playoffs with champions crowned in each age classification.

The formal name of this project is "Original Six 3-on-3 Hockey Challenge." The "original six" part is the brainstorm of St. Mary's varsity coach, Brian Klanow. The teams in each division will be named after the NHL's original six charter members: Detroit, Chicago, Boston, New York, Toronto and Montreal.

The goal is to attract six teams in 21 divisions, starting with the birth years for boys from 1999 thru 1988, then escalating to high school and men's and women's open and recreational teams. Girls teams will be organized according to these age groups: under 10, under 12, under 14, under 16 and under 18.

Registration is \$400 per team. Each member of the team will be furnished with a jersey.

NOTE: The enclosed brochure capsulizes the event. Those of you who get the newsletter by e-mail, go to our web site at www.keegoharboroptimist.org to get a look at the brochure and the accompanying poster.

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*

Complete Insurance*

Ember's Deli*

Roosevelt School PCG*

Jim Sonkiss, D.D.S.

** 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" . . .

BOWLING for KIDS!

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 – 1-3 p.m. at SYLVAN LANES for the benefit of Scouts and student organizations at Roosevelt School. \$10 per bowler includes shoes and three games . . . And a profit for the kids as well as Our Club!

PAUL LIPSON in charge . . . (248) 310-9086

A political payback

Oakland County Commissioner (and member) JOHN SCOTT provided an inside look at politics at our Jan. 17 meeting. Gov. Jennifer Granholm vetoed legislation that would have allowed Oakland County to sell \$500 million in bonds to finance county employee pensions and

Programs

health plans because, she said, it would impact state funding. "The real reason," Scott said, "was payback" for Oakland County Executive Brook Patterson's

leading the charge on a statewide petition to eliminate the Single Business Tax. Another reason for the governor's action, Scott believes: "She's trying to get us into federal health care." By the way, the county has an alternative plan, a little bit more expensive, to still fund the pensions, Scott said.

Oakland Parks are fun

At our Jan. 24 meeting, Kim Soncrainte, community liaison for Oakland County Parks, had us all ready to run out and enjoy the beauty and wide variety of year-round activities at the county's 11 public parks. She shared a video that presented a graphic look at what all the possibilities are for family fun. Of immediate interest was Michigan's only refrigerated toboggan run at The Fridge at Waterford Oaks. For information, call (248) 858-4636 or on line at www.oakgov.com/Parksrec.

Education in plain English

Club Secretary PAUL LIPSON has a unique perspective on education as a retired elementary school principal. In his role as a bi-weekly columnist for the West Bloomfield Eccentric, he has been presenting a wide-ranging discussion about education on such varied topics as school bullies, classroom management, homework, parent-teacher conferences, budgets, and his most recent article, about spelling. "I want people to understand what teachers talk about," he told us at the Jan. 31 meeting. He prides himself on writing that communicates, and he's flattered with the compliments he's received that he is accomplishing his goal.

MICHIGAN FACTS

Q. What Michigan community grew from 3,589 to 45,615 residents from 1910 to 1920, leading the nation in growth during that period?

A. Hamtramck.

Q. During the lumber boom era, what name was given to the row of saloons that lined Water Street in Bay City?

A. Hell's Half Mile.

Q. In 1936, what UP city processed 100,000 sq. feet of bird's eye maple for use in the English luxury liner, the Queen Mary?

A. Escanaba.



ENGLISH BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH?

For those of you who watch what you eat, here's the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting nutritional studies.

1. The **Japanese** eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
2. The **Mexicans** eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
3. The **Chinese** drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
4. The **Italians** drink a lot of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
5. The **Germans** drink a lot of beers and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

CONCLUSION: Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

SCHOOL DAZE

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, teacher, it's the same dog.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell "crocodile"?

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking, even when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher.

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with "I."

MILLIE: I is...

TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, "I am."

MILLIE: All right... "I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louis, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the ax in his hand.

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No, sir, I don't have to. My Mom is a good cook.

