

NEWSLETTER OF

OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR

FEBRUARY 2006

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

MICHIGAN DISTRICT GOVERNOR: DON BROSE

MICHIGAN DISTRICT THEME: "Illuminating Our Youth"

2005-2006 OFFICERS: *President* ED SIMONS; *1st Vice President* GAYLE STURT; *2nd Vice President* BOB BURNS; *Treasurer* DON HORKEY; *Secretary* PAUL LIPSON; *Directors* JERRY BOSLEY*, "BUZZ" BROWN, CHARLES COMPTON, VALERIE EDGINGTON*, BARB NORDEEN, DAN PETERS*. (* 2 year terms).

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: DON HORKEY.

Coming Attractions!

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8 – PROGRAM: Kendra Hearn, Director of Curriculum, West Bloomfield Schools; 15-WEEK RAFFLE DRAWING #4.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11 – 2nd QUARTER MICHIGAN DISTRICT REGIONAL MEETING at Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills.

SUNDAY, FEB. 12 – BOWLING FOR KIDS, 1 p.m., at Sylvan Lanes.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15 – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE DRAWING #5.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22 – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE DRAWING #6.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE DRAWING #7.

FRIDAY=SATURDAY, MARCH 3-4 – "Children of Eden," musical production by Abbott Middle School students.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 – PROGRAM: Tony Vrbensky, Cubmaster; 15-WEEK RAFFLE DRAWING #8.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14 – ORATORICAL CONTEST, Abbott Middle School.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 – PROGRAM: Tom Majcher, former Scholarship winner; 15-WEEK RAFFLE DRAWING #9.

!!! ACTIVITIES !!!

BOWLING FOR KIDS: Sunday, Feb. 12

This is a relatively new fund-raiser for Our Club. The basic idea is kids (or adults, too) bowl for dollars that make their way to Our Club's treasury to support our mission, as well as to the treasuries of a number of local youth groups who will be getting a percentage of what they raise for their work.

This takes place starting at 1 p.m. at Sylvan Lanes on Orchard Lake Road, just west of Middlebelt. The club covers the cost of bowling and rented shoes.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP: GET SPONSORS!

Talk to your family, friends, neighbors, fellow employees, anyone and everyone and ask them for a donation – a buck or two or \$5 or \$10 or \$25 or more (cash or checks payable to "Keego Harbor

Optimist Club"). Bring your sponsorships to the meeting Feb. 8 or to the bowling alley on Feb. 12. For more information and/or directions, call TERI GIANNETTI (248) 681-3497 or PAUL LIPSON (248) 661-5347. You can bowl yourself or send someone in your place, or we will get someone to bowl for you.

The important thing is that you be an ACTIVE member of the club and help out!

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

OFFICIAL DRAWINGS:

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

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

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

!!! SPONSORS !!!

KEEGO HARBOR OPTIMIST CLUB

Friends of Youth

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., Bagley & Langan, PLLC, Billy J. Stallard, Carl's Golfland, Coach's Olympia Grill, Comerica Bank, Complete Insurance, DZI Maintenance, Ember's Deli, Engravers & Such/ Ice Tribal Productions, Greg J. Slagon, Jacket Club, Jeremy's Restaurant, Karagosian Jewelers, Keego Energy, Keego Hardware, Linear Contemporary Furniture, Mary Donnelly Public House, NationalCity Bank, Pixley Funeral Home, Sylvan Market, The Lodge. The Paint Can. Uptowne Blossoms. Visions of Sylvan Lake, and Worldwide Cabinets.

REALIZING OUR MISSION:

"BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS"

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 . . . **COMING KIDS' EVENTS:** bowling, Oratorical Contest, Appreciation Day.

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Author signs books for Our Club's benefit

Author Carol Dunitz is a pro at communication and marketing, and she did both effectively as far as Our Club is concerned when she hosted a book signing for Our Club's treasury. On Jan. 30 at Beaner's and then at our Feb. 1 meeting, she described what her book, "Louder than Thunder," is all about and donated 25 percent of the proceeds. She presented us with a check for \$103, which the Board has directed to our scholarship fund.

Communication is a blend of listening and observing, Carol said. One aspect of communicating is "shmoozing," which is not defined negatively as "kissing up," but positively by creating an ambiance of enjoyment. Most important, she said, is an attitude of caring that "helps set people at ease."

For further information, contact Canterbury & Parkside Publishers, PO Box 130823, Ann Arbor, MI 48113 or by phone (734) 747-6266 or e-mail cdunitz@lastword.com

JAN. 11: TERI GIANNETTI has certainly made her mark in a very short time as General Studies Principal at Akiva Hebrew Day School in Southfield. Our Club took our meeting on the road to visit the school and had a peppy and informational chat with numerous administrators, faculty, staff and students. It's clear that everyone is in love with Teri, and she with them.

JAN. 18: Newly-elected Keego Harbor councilman, Sid Rubin, is finding public service "enjoyable, enlightening and interesting." "I have to learn that I must have patience," he said. He noted the city has a "strong volunteer" presence. He hopes that the "silent majority will become more vocal." He described in detail the controversial proposal to build a new city hall.

JAN. 25: Oakland County Commissioner John Scott called Keego Harbor the "hot address" in the county. The county is "in good share" with a balanced \$750 million budget. He noted that, on average, two foreign-based companies a month are setting up in Oakland County.

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Welcome new member, John Linemeyer

JOHN LINEMEYER is no stranger to our community or to Our Club. He's our latest and newest member, formally approved by the Board at its Feb. 1 meeting. John is sponsored by charter member, CHUCK COMPTON.

Linemeyer is president of Summit Agency/Complete Insurance and also president of the Tri-City Business Association. Golf, fishing and hunting are his popular hobbies. He'd like to see a joint golf outing between Our Club and Tri-City Business.

On July 29, Tri-City Business Association is sponsoring a business expo.

Dan is the man!

President ED SIMONS extends a big "atta, boy!" to DAN PETERS for his leadership in successfully seeking out a huge number of the "Friends of Youth" sponsors noted on page 3. Congratulations to Dan for a job very well done!

No snow, but lots of fun at Winter golf outing

The ground was brown and muddy instead of snowy and cold, but that didn't deter about two dozen hearty souls from participating in this year's Winter Golf Outing Jan. 28 at the Keego Harbor Country Club (also known as Rose Sorter Park the rest of the year).

Co-Chairs VAL EDGINGTON and LAURA WILLIAMS deserve thanks for organizing the event, which also included pizza at Gino's and prizes for everyone who attended.

A profit of \$1,272.84 was realized for Our Club's community service fund from golfers' fees, raffle, a portion of the "Friends of Youth" sponsors and three hole sponsors for the day: Copy and Print, Early Bird Café and Studio 50s.

Of course, we can do better and discussion is already underway about some ways and means to give this event a broader community appeal.

NOTE: Log on to our website for photos: www.keegoharboroptimist.org

Doc Brown needs our encouragement

It has not been a very happy new year for our former member, Doc Arnold Brown. By way of communication from his daughter, Eileen Gorss, to LARRY FIRMAN, we have found out that Doc Brown is in a rehab hospital after suffering a fall recently.

In an e-mail to Firman, Eileen described what happened: "He fell trying to pick up a glass that he dropped. He ended up on the bathroom floor with his legs underneath him for the night. He was able to crawl to the phone for help in the morning. He had a ride to the hospital by ambulance. His legs could not bear his weight after being under him all night."

After a week of hospitalization, Eileen wrote that "he had bleeding into his knee which is swollen and sore. He cannot walk because of the knee. He is in rehab to help him get back in shape. I'm sure he would appreciate a note or call."

She said that he is expected to be in the rehab hospital for 4-6 weeks.

The address: Fairlawn Rehab Hospital
189 May St., Room 218, Worcester, MA 01602. The phone number is (508) 791-6351 ext. 321.

Wanted: mentors

PAUL LIPSON has issued an appeal; for mentors for third and fourth graders at Roosevelt School starting in March. This is a project in association with the West Bloomfield Youth Coalition. See Paul for more information.

3 **JACKET CLUB** – The Jacket Club, one of Our Club's loyal supporters, hosts its annual wild game dinner March 7 at Gino's Santia Hall. BARB NORDEEN has raffle tickets. We will have a table. Reserve the date.

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

3 **PAY YOUR DUES YET?** – Anytime is a good time to pay your dues, so says Treasurer DON HORKEY.

3 **ANN'S BACK** – ANN CRAWFORD is back at our weekly meetings after a little setback that saw her hospitalized and then recuperating at home.

3 **HE'S ACTING** – Police Chief DENNIS WATKINS is Keego Harbor's acting City Manager while the city council searches for a replacement for Carolyn Lehr. Question: if Dennis is "acting," is he eligible for an Oscar?

3 **BARB'S IN CHARGE** – President ED SIMONS thanks BARB NORDEEN for volunteering to take charge of the weekly 50-50 during Our Club's meetings. It's a profitable source of income for us, and lots of fun, too.

COMING EVENTS . . .

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, Annual Oratorical Contest at Abbott Middle School . . . WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, Student Appreciation Day . . . FRIDAY, JULY 28, Summer golf outing at Pontiac Country Club.

SMALL STEPS TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR FEBRUARY

- Instead of fries, opt for a green salad with dressing on the side.
- For Valentine's Day, ask your sweetie to bring you flowers instead of chocolates.
- Walk up the first two flights of stairs before getting on the elevator.
- Eat before going grocery shopping and buy only what's on the list.
- When you hear a good song on the radio, get up and dance.

HONOR ROLL NEW MEMBERS 2005-2006

KENDRA HEARN, Ph.D. (*sponsor*, JoAnn Andrees); WALTER SANDS, JR. (*sponsor*, Ralph Behler); AMY HUGHES (*sponsor*, JoAnn Andrees); TONY MARASCO (*sponsor*, JoAnn Andrees); JOHN LINEMEYER (*sponsor*, Chuck Compton).

LET'S CELEBRATE!

ANNIVERSARIES DURING FEBRUARY:

BIRTHDAYS: Feb. 28, TERI GIANNETTI

MEMBERSHIPS: 2 YEARS – BARBARA NORDEEN (Feb. 26, 2004),

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