



OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR

JANUARY 2007

Coming Attractions!

IN FEBRUARY (date to be announced)

. . . Bowling for Kids.

IN MARCH (date to be announced) . . .

Annual Oratorical Contest: Topic: "My Biggest Challenge is..."

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17 – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 2.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24 – PROGRAM: Kim Soncrainte, Oakland County Parks; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 3.

SATURDAY, JAN. 27 – **WINTER GOLF OUTING** at Keego Harbor Country Club (Rose Sorter Park) followed by pizza, salad and refreshments at Gino's.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31 – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 4.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7 – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 5; Board meeting.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14– Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 6; Board meeting.

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

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; Board meeting.

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.

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.

3-ON-3 HOCKEY:

THE GAME IS ON!

The commitment has been made.

Although it was an agonizing decision to make, it pales in comparison to the challenges facing Our Club in the next three months heading to the opening of the "Original Six 3-on-3 Hockey Challenge" on April 19.

By far, this is the largest – and, potentially, the most profitable – fund-raising project in Our Club's history. To reach our goals of a full complement of 126 teams in 21 classifications squaring off in 100 hours of hockey over three weekends – and to realize a hefty profit that would enable Our Club to significantly increase our support of our community's youth . . . all of this will require a lot of support (*continued on 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:

President ED SIMONS
1st Vice President EARL LOWEN
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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 DECEMBER & JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS:

JAN. 11 – SHARON GEE
JAN. 24 – PAUL LIPSON
FEB. 28 – TERI GIANNETTI



MEMBERSHIPS:

3 YEARS – BARB NORDEEN (Feb. 26, 2004)
1 YEAR – TONY VRBENSKY (Jan. 8, 2006);
JOHN LINEMEYER (Feb. 1, 2006)

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

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.). Producer Julie Music said that 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.

❖ **GARY'S IN** – GARY GARNER was inducted as a member at the Dec. 20 meeting. He was sponsored by EARL LOWEN.

❖ **ANN WINS** – ANN CRAWFORD won the most recent 50-50 jackpot worth \$164.

❖ **DUES ARE DUE!** – Treasurer DON HORKEY reminds one and all that dues are due. Second quarter notices have been mailed. Please respond promptly!

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:
Week 3 – JAN. 24:
Week 4 – JAN. 31:
Week 5 – FEB. 7:
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:

Fare thee well, Bob! He's leaving Keego

Long-time civic leader and a member of Our Club since 1992, BOB BURNS, is leaving Keego Harbor. He formally retired from public service at the end of 2006, putting an exclamation point on a record of noble contribution to the community since his arrival in 1989.

Almost immediately upon his arrival to the community from neighboring Birmingham, Bob became involved in a number of civic organizations. In 1996, he was elected to the Keego Harbor City Council, a position he served without interruption until his retirement, including three terms as mayor.

Bob retired from Chrysler in 1996. He also is 27-year member of the American Red Cross Board of Directors.

"It was a great joy to serve," he told us. PAUL LIPSON, retired principal at Roosevelt School, praised Bob as an "advocate for kids." President ED SIMONS expressed "appreciation for Bob's generous service to the club."

After a vacation in Florida, Bob and his wife, Jacque, will move to their permanent retirement home in New Hampshire.

KEEGO HARBOR
OPTIMIST CLUB

*Friends of
Youth*

FOR 2007



**OPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL**

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3-ON-3: THE GAME IS ON!

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and co-operation from the membership.

Our Club's energetic president, ED SIMONS, is our No. 1 Cheerleader and Booster and Motivator. He feels very confident that this project will be a success and is asking for the members to plug in to his enthusiasm and optimism.

THE FACTS . . . 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. Credit goes to PAUL LIPSON and EDDIE DELBRIDGE for their tenacity in seeing the project successfully completed.)

PROMOTION . . . Hand delivery of posters and brochures to 50 ice arenas in the metro area is underway, if not completed by the time you read this. In addition, information will be mailed to more than 50 youth hockey associations in the metro area as well as in other selected parts of the state. (We owe a debt of gratitude to Brain Klanow, varsity coach at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep, who supplied us with a vital directory for this purpose. Brian will handle the registration and the system of playoffs for the games in April and May.)

In addition, thanks again to Klanow, advertising will appear in The Hockey Weekly, a widely-read publication of hockey for youth, high schools, colleges and professionals. We will also be forwarding information to area media.

PROGRAM BOOK . . . Our Club's profit will come from two primary sources: registration fees (\$400 a team) and advertising in a program book. This is the area which will take the supreme effort by the members. Specific details of the program book are being developed; a campaign to secure advertisers will be brief, but intense. More to come.

MEMBERS . . . For the next three months, think nothing but HOCKEY, HOCKEY and more HOCKEY! Talk it up, tell your friends and neighbors, ask others for their support.

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*

Ember's Deli*

Roosevelt School PCG*

Jim Sonkiss, D.D.S.

** Renewed sponsorship for 2007*

*And a salute of gratitude
to our Friends of Youth for 2006:*

Ashok Gupta, M.D.

Bagley & Langan, PLLC

Billy J. Stallard

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Coach's Olympia Grill

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Ember's Deli

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Mary Donnelly Public House

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Roosevelt School PCG

Sylvan Market

The Jacket Club

The Lodge

The Paint Can

Uptowne Blossoms by Nicholas

Visions of Sylvan Lake

Worldwide Cabinets



*NEVER TOO MUCH GOLF!
JOIN US FOR A WINTER BLAST!*

Keego Harbor Optimist Club
**ANNUAL WINTER
GOLF OUTING**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2007

REGISTRATION at 8:30 a.m.

TEE OFF beginning at 9:00 a.m. (until 11 a.m.)

at Keego Harbor Country Club

(Rose Sortor Park behind Gino's Restaurant)

1999 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor

\$15 Per Golfer

***Includes Afterglow at Gino's
Pizza & Salad; Cash Bar***

Invite your friends, or we can team you up. But be there!

If you have golf clubs, bring a chipper and putter;

but come even if you don't have your own clubs!

Proceeds to benefit the many super programs and services for youth
provided by the Keego Harbor Optimist Club.

**To Register or for information:
Call Ed Simons President 248.891.8848**