



Optimist Club of Keego Harbor

JANUARY 2008

Coming Attractions!

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2 – Happy New Year! **RESOLUTION:** to regularly attend the weekly meeting. Program to be announced.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9 – **PROGRAM:** Lynn Alexander, "Aging Well, the Best Revenge"; **1st Early Bird Drawing for the 15-Week Raffle**

TUESDAY, JAN. 15 – **BOARD MEETING** at Roosevelt School, 8 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16 – **PROGRAM:** Dr. Gary Faber, Superintendent, West Bloomfield Schools District.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23 – **PROGRAM:** Elizabeth Costello, Enrichment Programs at Roosevelt **2nd Early Bird Drawing for the 15-Week Raffle**

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30 – **PROGRAM:** David Lesinski, Instructor for STEPS, a county program for special education students with severe needs, administered by the district, and housed at Roosevelt. **WEEK 1 Drawing of the 15-Week Raffle.**

SATURDAY, FEB. 2 – **Groundhog Winter Golf**, Keego Harbor Country Club (Rose Sorter Park), Details to follow.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6 – Program to be announced. **WEEK 2 Drawing.**

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13 – Program to be announced. **WEEK 3 Drawing.**

TUESDAY, FEB. 19 – **BOARD MEETING** at Roosevelt School, 8 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20 – Program to be announced. **WEEK 4 Drawing.**

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27 – **PROGRAM:** Heidi Slay, "Green Interior Design"; **WEEK 5 Drawing.**

SATURDAY, FEB. 24 – Michigan District "Optimist Family Reunion" at Marygrove College, Detroit.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 – Oratorical Contest. Topic: "My Biggest Challenge Is."

Sell those raffle tickets!

Our Club's popular 15 Week Raffle is underway. As of this writing, 55 tickets have been sold – which, of course, is a far cry from our ultimate goal of 300 sales, but is an encouraging start. Hopefully, over the holidays, members will hustle the tickets to family and friends.

The first of two Early Bird drawings, which will award four \$25 prizes, is scheduled for Jan. 9. The second "bird" drawing will be Jan. 23. This drawing is limited to members only. The first official drawing will occur during the Jan. 30 meeting.

If you have any questions, or wish to have more tickets, contact DON HORKEY at (734) 453-7226 or by e-mail at dhorkey@sbcglobal.net – or, at the weekly meetings.

Our Winter Golf Outing will take on a new and exciting look. Occurring on Saturday, Feb. 2 – which so happens to be Groundhog Day – we will have a tie-in to the day. The details are being worked out and will be publicized in the near future. Circle the date on your calendar:

FEB. 2 – WINTER "GROUNDHOG" GOLF!!



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

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(* 2 year terms).

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:
DON HORKEY

Honor Roll NEW MEMBERS

2007-2008

WARREN BLACK, D.D.S. (*sponsor*, Teri Giannetti)

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

DR. WILLIAM GISCHIA (*reinstated; original sponsor*, Terry Carlson)

KATHY SPARKMAN (*sponsor*, Jodi Franke)

LET'S CELEBRATE!

ANNIVERSARIES
DURING JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS:

JAN. 11 – SHARON GEE

JAN. 24 – PAUL LIPSON



MEMBERSHIPS:

29 YEARS – GINO SANTIA (1/1/1979)

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

Farewell, Jodi; Welcome, Darin

The new year will find managers of a pair of NationalCity Bank branches in a new environment that will have an affect on Our Club's roster.

JODI FRANKE, manager of the Keego Harbor office for the past five years, has been transferred to the Baldwin Road office in Auburn Hills. Jodi has been an Optimist member since 2003.

Taking her place will be DARIN LUTWIN, who has managed a branch office in Farmington for the past four years.

We bid a fond adieu to Jodi and a hearty welcome to Darin!

★**HAPPY "DUE" YEAR** – A new year is the start of the second quarter of the Optimist 2007-2008 year. Treasurer DON HORKEY will be mailing the second quarter dues notices – along with a reminder to those of you who have not paid for the first quarter.

★**ON THE MEND** – DAN PETERS is not having the typical holiday observance. He's recuperating from hip surgery. It'll take a while, but we expect to see him back on the Optimist trail soon.

★ **CANISTERS PASS TEST** – Our Club's experiment of leaving canisters at the premises of cooperating businesses as a means of raising some dollars for our treasury has passed its initial test. In less than two months, just under \$160 was deposited in the canister at NationalCity Bank, where JODI FRANKE was manager. NANCY PETSCH, manager of the Bloomfield Birmingham Credit Union, has delayed displaying the Optimist canister in favor of another charity during the holiday months. Thank you, Jodi and Nancy.

★**ABBOTT PRESENTS "AIDA"** – Abbott Middle School will perform the musical "Aida" on Feb. 22-23. Julie Music, producer of the Abbott Musical Theater, said that the production will involve about 80 talented students from the school's dance, theater and choir classes. The play will be staged at West Bloomfield High School at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb.22, and at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23. Tickets are \$9 (\$10 after Jan. 30). To order tickets by phone, call Karen Brody at the high school during the day at (248) 865-6720 or evenings at (248) 681-6215. Advertising deadline in the program book is Feb. 1. For information, call (248) 865-3670, ext. 7200.



A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."

What do you call a fish with no eyes?
A fsh.

I went to a seafood disco last week ... and pulled a mussel.

A man woke up in a hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, "Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied, "I know you can't. I've cut off your arms!"

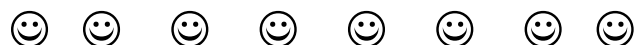
I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I couldn't find any.

DejaMoo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.

Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning."

"I don't believe you," says Dolly.
"It's true, no bull!" exclaims Daisy.

IN CLOSING . . . The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.





OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Friend of Youth

Optimist Club of Keego Harbor Friends of Youth for 2007

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 2007.

- Bagley & Langan, PLLC
- Billy J. Stallard
- Coach's Olympia Grill
- Complete Insurance Services
- Ember's Deli
- Keego Energy
- NationalCity Bank
- Roosevelt School PCG
- Jim Sonkiss, D.D.S.
- Otto A. Trzos Co., Inc.
- Visions of Sylvan Lake

Announcing . . .

Optimist Club of Keego Harbor Friends of Youth for 2008

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, 43 students have been the recipients of more than \$35,000 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.

"Friends of Youth" are recognized in a number of ways . . . At every event we sponsor, by a handsome certificate of appreciation, and by a listing in our monthly newsletter (a copy of which is sent to each "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: _____

She simplifies life, saves us time

Save you time – that’s the goal of Lisa Brownlee and her multi-faceted company, Lakes Area Pet and People Care. At our Nov. 28 meeting, Lisa shared the wide range of services she performs: pet sitting, pet boarding, house sitting, senior aid and numerous other

necessities such as grocery shopping, running errands, offering companionship, etc. “Our goal,” it states in her brochure, “is to simplify your life through the variety of time-saving services we can offer.”

For information, call (248) 681-3875 or log on to L. Brownlee@comcast.net. Her web site is www.lakesareapetandpeople.com

Andrew wows us . . .

Andrew Zerbo, a senior at Orchard Lake St. Mary’s Prep, entertained us at the Dec. 5 meeting with his magic that he has been practicing and developing for nearly 10 years. Andrew delighted us with his special fork trick and card tricks. We oohed and ahed. “How’d he do that?” was a frequently heard refrain.

. . . and Abbott kids entertain us

Our Club’s annual musical “gift” from the talented kids at Abbott Middle School was a special one this year with the appearance of 16 members of the Abbott Symphony Orchestra at the Dec. 12 meeting. They did a fantastic job, directed by Lynn Brosnan. Special thanks to Principal AMY HUGHES for arranging this for us.

Act now to avoid foreclosure

Act now! Seek help!

That’s the advice of realtor B. J. Stanker at our Dec. 19 meeting. She was talking about the foreclosure crisis in Michigan, which she thinks is at “rock bottom” and that Michigan will slowly recover. B. J. ticked off several options that beleaguered homeowners have who are faced with losing their homes, but her fundamental advice was “Before you get in trouble, go see your lender.”

B. J., JODI FRANKE and JOHN LINEMEYER are members of a group called P.A.L.S. (People’s Answers, Life’s Solutions). The group of seven business persons are willing to meet with people for free advice on such topics as accounting, taxes, real estate, insurance, or banking. They include accountant John Lansat (248-433-1040), Darin Lutwin (replacing Jodi at NationalCity; 248-738-7500), banker William Genna (248-561-3340), B. J. Stanker (248-842-3666), insurance John Linemeyer (248-682-1510), attorney Karen Ross (248-681-0404), and Gina’s home staging services (248-421-6207).

People who care make a difference in our lives

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just think about them; you'll get the point:

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of Miss America.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and best actress.
6. Name the last decade's World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
 2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
 3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
 4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
 5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with
- Easier?

The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.

In the Optimist Club, We don't know the names of those we have helped . . . and they don't know our names . . . but in our hearts, and in their hearts, we know each other . . .



“Lord, thank you for the opportunity through the Optimist Club to care for others, and for your guidance and direction in realizing our mission of ‘bringing out the best in kids.’ Amen.”

P.S. – “Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia.” (*Charles Schultz*)

