



OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR

JANUARY 2009

Coming Attractions!

- **PROGRAM CHAIR FOR JANUARY: PAUL LIPSON**
THURSDAY, JAN. 1 – New Year's Day! No meeting
- THURSDAY, JAN. 8 – PROGRAM: West Bloomfield Coalition for Youth.
- THURSDAY, JAN. 15 – 2nd Early Bird Drawing for our raffle. . . Program to be announced.
- THURSDAY, JAN. 22 – PROGRAM: Bob Pyles, Principal, West Bloomfield High School
- THURSDAY, JAN. 28 – PROGRAM: Marcin Chumiecki, Orchard Lake Schools Polish Mission Director.

- **PROGRAM CHAIR FOR FEBRUARY: DON HORKEY**
THURSDAY, FEB. 4 – Program to be announced.
- SATURDAY, FEB. 7 – Scouts Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m.; Goofin' Groundhog Golf, 10 a.m.; Raffle Drawing, 3 p.m.
- THURSDAY, FEB. 11 – Program to be announced.
- THURSDAY, FEB. 18 – Program to be announced.
- THURSDAY, FEB. 25 – Program to be announced.
- SATURDAY, FEB. 28 – Michigan District 2nd Quarter Regional Meeting, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., ConCorde Inn, Clinton Township.
- **PROGRAM CHAIR FOR MARCH: SID RUBIN**
- **PROGRAM CHAIR FOR APRIL: ED SIMONS**

A busy 5 weeks ahead:

Pancakes, Groundhog golf, Raffle

Get ready, get set, GO!!!!!!!!!!

We'll be getting the new year off running in the next five weeks.

It all culminates on **Saturday, Feb. 7**, with our annual "Goofin' Around Day," featuring fun for the entire family, for young and old alike:

PANCAKE BREAKFAST put on by the Scouts under Our Club's sponsorship, serving beginning at 9 a.m. in Roosevelt School . . .

GOOFIN', THE OPTIMISTIC GROUNDHOG GOLF CLASSIC, with the first tee at 10 a.m. on the Keego Harbor Country Club course . . .

RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWINGS, at 3 p.m. with first prize of \$1,000 and an additional four prizes totaling \$900. *All the details on the back page.*

Have you sold your raffle tickets yet?

As of New Year's Day, 18 of 31 members have sold and/or purchased raffle tickets. We have reached the point where **every ticket sold now is pure profit!** Our next Early Bird drawing for four \$25 prizes is at the Thursday, Jan. 15, meeting. This drawing is for member-ticket sellers only! Talk to your family and friends, neighbors, co-workers. We have very attractive prizes and a great cause: "bringing out the best in kids." Questions or concerns: contact DON HORKEY (734) 453-7226 or dhorkey@sbcglobal.net



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 Thursday 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

MICHIGAN DISTRICT GOVERNOR:
MICHAEL K. SELTZER

2008-2009 OFFICERS:
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(* 2 year terms).

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:
DON HORKEY

HONOR ROLL NEW MEMBERS

2008-2009

JoANN ANDREES (reinstated; original sponsor,
Ralph Behler in 1995)

MATT EVANS (sponsor, Don Horkey)

TOM SHELTON (sponsor, JoAnn Andrees)

JOHN SULLIVAN (sponsor, Nancy Petsch)

Program
Notes

Yummy pastries... Talented kids... A play preview

Our December programs, arranged by KATHY SPARKMAN, were culinary and entertainment delights. The Dec. 4 meeting was held at Chef David's bakery. We toured the facilities where all kinds of goodies are made, and then had a chance to sample many of the products. An added treat was the attendance by MIKE SELTZER, Michigan District governor.

At the Dec. 11 meeting, members of the Abbott Middle School sixth grade orchestra entertained us. These talented kids are directed by Carl Battishill, who pointed out that more than half of the members of this year's state champion West Bloomfield High School band got their start at Abbott. Conductor Megan Hendrick said she's well aware of the work Optimists do since her father is a member of the Lapeer club.

At the Dec. 18 meeting, we were treated to a preview of Abbott School's next stage production, "Into the Woods." Director Julie Music informed us that the musical will be staged on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20-21, at West Bloomfield High School.

Tickets (\$10) may be ordered on-line at www.showtix4u.com or through Julie Music at Abbott Middle School for each of the three performances: Friday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 21, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Advertising opportunities are available from \$50 to \$200. (Our Club has elected to take out a \$200 ad in support of the production.)

For more information: (248) 865-3670, ext. 7200 or musicj@westbloomfield.k12.mi.us



One Sunday, a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

One particular four-year old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

A little boy opened the family Bible with fascination, looking at the old pages as he turned them. Then something fell out of the Bible. He picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that has been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice he answered, "It's Adam's suit!"

LET'S CELEBRATE!

ANNIVERSARIES DURING JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS:

JAN. 11 – SHARON GEE

JAN. 24 – PAUL LIPSON



MEMBERSHIPS:

19 YEARS – GINO SANTIA (1/1/1979)

16 YEARS – ANN CRAWFORD (12/9/1992)

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

Breakfast with Santa a kids' delight

The smiles on kids' faces and the twinkle in their eyes told the whole story about the breakfast brunch with Santa Claus at O'Tooles Dec. 12. More than 100 adults and kids enjoyed the event. Thanks to the generosity of Ben Horner, proprietor of O'Tooles, our treasury reaped a profit of \$565. And thanks, too, to ED SIMONS, the instigator and driving force of this project.

For your next evening out or special occasion, visit O'Tooles on Cass Elizabeth Road, west of Cass Lake Road. It's a suitable family-fun establishment.

Mentoring program starts up

PAUL LIPSON reports that Our Club's mentoring program meets weekly at Roosevelt School with eight students from Roosevelt being mentored by eight students from Abbott Middle. The project is funded by a generous grant from DAVE KARAGOSIAN in cooperation with the West Bloomfield Coalition for Youth.

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*Friends of
Youth
for 2009*

*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 2009
(as of 12/31/08).*

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Insurance, Inc.
In memory of
David Palmer
In honor of
Ed Simons
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Announcing . . .

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Friends of Youth for 2009

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." . . .

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE "FRIEND OF YOUTH" will be directed to the Scholarship Program. In the last nine years, 48 students have been the recipients of more than \$37,000 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.** 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 2009 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:

- In honor of: In memory of:

Address of Donor:

Phone: _____

Please make a copy of this form for your records. Mail to: Mr. Steve Palmer, President; PO Box 535; Keego Harbor, MI 48320. For information, contact Mr. Palmer at 248-865-6620.

Goofin' Around Family Fun Day

Saturday, February 7

9:00-11:00 a.m. PANCAKE BREAKFAST

What a scrumptious way to start the day: with a breakfast of pancakes and sausage! The local scouts will be providing the service, while we Optimists will take care of the overhead and other behind-the-scenes necessities. This will take place in Roosevelt School, starting at 8 a.m. and running probably until about 11 a.m. The cost is nominal: \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 12 years and younger. This is a great family fun event!

10:00 a.m. GOOFIN' THE GROUNDHOG GOLF CLASSIC

Whether you are a golfer or not, you won't have more fun than at this wintertime golf outing. The Keego Harbor Country Club (in the area behind Roosevelt School and the new Keego city hall) will be re-designed to make this event a rollicking challenge. All you need is an iron and a putter. We play a scrambles format. The winning foursome will have their names engraved on the "Goofin', the Optimistic Groundhog" trophy. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids 12 and younger. The first tee time is 10 a.m. Information: contact either DON HORKEY (734) 674-8594 or ED SIMONS (248) 891-8848. NOTE: We play no matter what the weather: snow, rain, shine or clouds! . . . **AFTER GOLF:** enjoy pizza, salad and refreshments. Registration and all of the activity will take place in Roosevelt School.

Here's a great idea: **A COMBO OF PANCAKES AND GOLF!**

Meet your fellow golfers at the pancake breakfast, enjoy a delicious meal, and then hit the links.

3:00 p.m. RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWING

Just to review the important facets of this popular fund-raiser:

★ The prize structure: first prize of **\$1,000** cash, second prize \$500, third prize \$200, fourth and fifth prizes \$100 each. The prizes will be awarded at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009.

★ The discount: Tickets are \$20.00 each or **discounted at five tickets for \$80**. That means you can sell a book of five tickets, return the five stubs, and keep the extra \$20 for yourself . . . Or sell four tickets at \$20 each, return the money and stubs, and fill out the fifth stub for yourself!

Make checks payable to "Keego Harbor Optimist Club" and return by mail to Don Horkey, 37840 Scotsdale Circle #203, Westland, MI 48185, or the best way, in person at the weekly meeting!

★ And don't forget about the Early Bird prizes **for the sellers** of the tickets. At our meeting on **Thursday, Jan. 15**, we will award four Early Bird prizes of \$25 each. Sell your tickets and return the stubs and money as soon as you sell them to be eligible! (*Winners of the Early Bird drawing on Dec. 18 were MATT EVANS, CHUCK COMPTON, PAUL LIPSON and BILL BERTAKIS*). Any questions? Call Don at 734-453-7226 or by e-mail at dhorkey@sbcglobal.net

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Feb. 7 will be a busy day. There are numerous opportunities for members to volunteer their time, whether it be for part or all of the day. Come and enjoy the breakfast (and support the Scouts, too). So what, if you don't play golf! You'll have loads of fun in what we hope will be knee-high snow. The camaraderie is priceless. And, of course, sell and/or buy your raffle tickets. **THE BOTTOM LINE:** the funds we raise this day will help us provide scholarships and support all the other activities we do in realizing our mission . . . **"Bringing out the best in kids."**