



OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR

JANUARY 2010

Coming Attractions!

- THURSDAY, JAN. 7 – Program to be announced.
THURSDAY, JAN. 14 – Program to be announced. **EARLY BIRD** drawing.
TUESDAY, JAN. 19 – BOARD MEETING, 7:30 a.m., Roosevelt School
Community Room.
THURSDAY, JAN. 21 – Program to be announced, **WEEK 1** drawing of 15
Week Raffle.
THURSDAY, JAN. 28 Program to be announced. **WEEK 2** drawing of 15
Week Raffle.
THURSDAY, FEB. 4 – Program to be announced. **WEEK 3** drawing of 15
Week Raffle.
SATURDAY, FEB. 6 – **GOOFIN' GROUNDHOG GOLF CLASSIC**: register
8:30a.m., tee off at 9 a.m.; pizza and prizes at Gino's Restaurant.

Sell your tickets!

45 chances to win!

Our Club's 15 Week Raffle begins on Jan. 21 and continues thru April 29. Three prizes a week . . . 45 prizes in all . . . and ticket purchasers are eligible for each and every one of the 45 prizes. There have been numerous winners whose ticket has been pulled more than once. It's a unique raffle. Tickets are \$20 each. There will be an **EARLY BIRD** drawing for members only for six prizes on Jan. 14.

Bring your ticket stubs and money to the meeting, or mail them to Don Horkey, 14872 Village Court, Shelby Twp., MI 48315.

Let it snow! Let's play golf!

Our Club's **GOOFIN' GROUNDHOG GOLF CLASSIC** will tee off on Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Keego Harbor Country Club (a.k.a. Ruth Sorter Park behind city hall). Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Gino's Restaurant. The first tee is at 9 a.m. We provide a nine-hole par-3 course and golf balls for the four-person scramble format; you bring a putter and another club. Mother Nature is responsible for the weather – and we're hoping for a lot of snow!

The cost is \$20 (for kids 12 and under \$10). After golf, we retire to Gino's for pizza, salad and prizes.

The big prize for the winning foursome is having their names inscribed on the "Goofin' the Optimistic Groundhog" trophy.



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:
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RAFFLE 2010

to benefit scholarships, activities and programs for youth of the Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake and Orchard Lake area.

*****2010 PRIZE WINNERS*****

EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS:

DEC. 17 : Restaurant certificates to MEL HAGER (2), EDDIE DELBRIDGE (2), BILL BERTAKIS and PAUL LIPSON.

JAN. 14:

OFFICIAL DRAWING begins Jan. 21

Talented Abbott kids

entertain at our meetings

Talented kids from Abbott Middle School entertained at two of our December meetings.

Fifteen members of the string section of the Abbott Middle School Symphony Orchestra performed a half-dozen compositions at the Dec. 10 meeting. We showed our appreciation with enthusiastic applause.

The seventh- and eighth-graders were directed by Lynn Brosnan.

A week later, Ryan Moore directed 14 members of the cast of Abbott's upcoming production of "Big River" (the adventures of Huck Finn) which will be staged on Feb. 26-27 at West Bloomfield High School. They previewed some of the production numbers. The kids were fantastic.

Also on Dec. 17, Jamie Schutt, director of the Oakland Literacy Council, explained the nature of her organization, which primarily is tutoring adults to learn how to read.

She startled us with the revelation that 14 percent of adults in Oakland County, which has one of the highest numbers of college-educated residents in the state, are unable to read at all or not very well.

Volunteer tutors are badly needed, Jamie said. For more information, call 248-253-1617.

❖ **POKER WINNERS** – Our Club was a \$1,700 winner in the Charity Poker we sponsored at The Lodge for four nights of Thanksgiving Week. So elated are we that Our Club will sponsor Charity Poker July 5-7 at The Shark Club, and Aug. 15-18 and Aug.29-Sept. 1 at The Lodge . . . The 50-50 raffle on the day of the Michigan-Ohio State game had minimal profit of about \$200.

❖ **ALSO A WINNER** – GAYLE STURT won \$76 in the 50-50 raffle jackpot.

❖ **GO, KEEGO!** – President EDDIE DELBRIDGE reports that Our Club – represented by Eddie herself –

HONOR ROLL NEW MEMBERS

2009-2010

SCOTT SMITH (sponsor, Bill Bertakis)

LET'S CELEBRATE!

ANNIVERSARIES

DURING JANUARY & FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS:

JAN. 11 – SHARON GEE

JAN. 24 – PAUL LIPSON

FEB. 29 – EDDIE DELBRIDGE



MEMBERSHIPS:

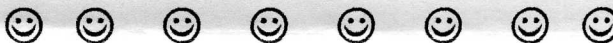
30 YEARS – GINO SANTIA (1/1/1979)

6 YEARS – BARBARA NORDEEN (2/26/2004)

(If we missed your date, let Don Horkey know at dhorkey@wowway.com or call 586-737-7280.)

was the only Optimist Club in the Oakland County Holiday Parade last month. Her effort was rewarded by a spectator who shouted out: "Go., Keego Harbor!"

❖ **IDEAS GALORE** – President EDDIE DELBRIDGE said she brought home a "binder full of ideas" from the recent Michigan District Optimist conference, which she will be sharing with us thru the year. DR. ASHOK GUPTA also attended.



LINES TO MAKE YOU SMILE

1. My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.
2. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
3. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
4. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
5. Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.
6. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me
Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
8. Earth is the insane asylum for the universe
9. I'm not a complete idiot -- Some parts are missing.
10. Out of my mind. Back in five minutes
11. NyQuil, the stuffy, sneezy, why-the-heck-is-the-room-spinning medicine.
12. God must love stupid people; He made so many.

Program
Notes