



OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR

JUNE 2006

Coming Attractions!

- WEDNESDAY, JULY 19** – Program to be announced.
MONDAY, JULY 24 – Golf Outing committee meeting, 6 p.m., Gino's.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 – Program to be announced.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2 – Program to be announced; Board meeting.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 – PROGRAM: "Breakfast in the Park" at Tate Optimist Park.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 – BIG FISH FESTIVAL, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. JOHN LINEMEYER (248-682-1510) has details; We will have a concession stand.
MONDAY, AUGUST 14 – GINO'S CRUISE at his restaurant, 6 p.m. More than 130 classic cars on display. We will have a concession stand.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 – PROGRAM: Kenny Lowen (brother of EARL LOWEN) will talk about his 28 years serving on a nuclear sub.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 – PROGRAM: "Breakfast on the Lake": pontoon boat ride on Orchard Lake.
FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUG. 25-27 – Michigan District Annual (and 4th Quarter) Convention at the Hilton Windsor in Canada.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 – Program to be announced.
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6 – Program to be announced; Board meeting.
THURSDAY, SEPT. 7 – TEEING OFF *FORE!* KIDS: golf outing at Pontiac Country Club.

Wanted/Badly Needed: VOLUNTEERS

Our president ED SIMONS made an impassioned plea for volunteers at the July 12 meeting. Here are three opportunities that some how, some way, every member can participate:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12: BIG FISH FESTIVAL from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Our Club will sponsor a concession stand with all proceeds benefitting Our Club's mission. Thousands of people are expected. **An hour or two or as much as you want: YOUR HELP will be appreciated and welcomed!**

MONDAY, AUGUST 14: GINO'S CRUISE, starting at about 6 p.m. (although the 130-plus cars and crowd of hundreds usually show up much earlier). Again, we will have a concession stand with all proceeds benefitting Our Club's mission. **An hour or two or as much as you want: YOUR HELP will be appreciated and welcomed!**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: GOLF OUTING at Pontiac Country Club. The golfing won't tee off until 9 a.m. However, there's plenty to do before then (setting up signs, etc.) and during (judges at hole-in-one sites, etc.) and after the golf (at Santia Hall for the steak dinner, handling raffles, etc.) This will be a long day of activity." **An hour or two or as much as you want: YOUR HELP will be appreciated and welcomed!**
CONTACT ED SIMONS (248-682-3369) or at the weekly meetings.

FOR MORE WAYS YOU CAN HELP THE GOLF OUTING: See insert with this issue.



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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NEWSLETTER EDITOR:
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HONOR ROLL NEW MEMBERS 2005-2006

KENDRA HEARN, Ph.D. (*sponsor*, JoAnn Andrees)
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LET'S CELEBRATE!

ANNIVERSARIES DURING JULY & AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS:

JULY 16 – STEVE PALMER
JULY 19 – CHUCK COMPTON
JULY 21 – DAN PETERS
JULY 24 – BARBARA NORDEEN
JULY 25 – BETTY CHOI
AUGUST 9 – ED SIMONS
AUGUST 10 – VAL EDGINGTON
AUGUST 11 – JERRY BOSLEY
AUGUST 13 – MARILYN TREUTER
AUGUST 29 – RALPH BEHLER



MEMBERSHIPS:

16 YEARS – SUSAN WEAVER (July 31, 1990).
10 YEARS – LARRY FIRMAN (July 10, 1996);
MARILYN TREUTER (July 10, 1996).
1 YEAR – ASHOK GUPTA (Aug. 19, 2005)

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

Welcome, Bill and Nancy, to Our Club

Applications of two new members to Our Club were approved by the Board of Directors.

BILL BERTAKIS (sponsored by PAUL LIPSON) is a lead engineer at Magna Automotive Testing. However, he's better known as the local ace photographer and compiler of Keego Harbor's 50th anniversary book. He lives in Keego Harbor.

NANCY PETSCH (sponsored by BARB NORDEEN) is branch manger of the Birmingham Bloomfield Credit Union in Keego Harbor. She lives in White Lake.

Our membership now stands at 45, a net gain of three during this Optimist Year.

Gayle gets "wiggly" in England

GAYLE STURT provided some insights into life in England during a recent two-week trip there with her husband, a native of Great Britain where she met and married him years ago. Among her reminiscences made at the July 12 meeting:

The community in Normandy in northern England is small and friendly; more relaxed than here.

Her 87-year-old uncle walks 10 miles a day and is in tip-top shape. He maintains a Wurlitzer organ in the town's concert hall.

The highlight was a car accident she and her husband were involved in. They were hit from behind by a semi, which in turn had been rear-ended by another semi. No one was seriously injured. Gayle said she was "a little mused" and "wiggly in her seat."

■ **TOMMY SAYS THANKS** – Tommy Van den Ende, the Abbott 7th grader to whom we gave \$100 to help finance his journey to the Boy Scout Jamboree in England next year, sent his thanks and added: "I look forward to tell you about my trip when I come back."

■ **SCHOLARSHIP AID** – The committee that put on the farewell party for JoANN ANDREES contributed \$100 to Our Club's scholarship fund named in JoAnn's honor. What a great way to honor her and help kids! JoAnn has left the area for her new responsibility as superintendent of schools in West Haven, Conn. We wish her the best!

■ **WELCOME, DALE** – Dale Stuart, the new city manager of Keego Harbor, was a special guest at our July 12 meeting. He succeeds Carolyn Lehr in the city job and also on Our Club's roster. He comes from Independence Township; Dale will speak to us later in the year after he's had a chance to sort things out in City Hall.

■ **BILL'S JACKPOT!** – BILL BERTAKIS was the lucky winner of the 50-50 when he turned over the seven of hearts. The jackpot totaled \$187.

SMALL STEPS TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR JULY & AUGUST

- Keep a pair of comfortable walking shoes in your car or at the office.
- When your kids jump in the pool, you jump in, too.
- Skip the sitcom rerun on TV and take a walk.
- If you drink whole milk, try 2% instead; gradually work your way down to skim.
- Don't skip meals; eat a healthy breakfast.
- Use nonfat or low-fat sour cream, mayonnaise, and salad dressing.



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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.

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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 **displayed their considerable talents** at our breakfast meeting *** We contribute **\$100 to each of three families** to make their holidays a bit brighter and merrier *** More than **500 youths** who attend Roosevelt School or are members of a number of Cub Scout or Girl Scout troops, or who play in the Lakeland Girls Hockey League or are represented by the Roosevelt Student Council had a **family day of fun bowling and raised dollars** for their respective club treasuries by participating in Our Club's annual "Bowling for Kids" *** **About 100 students** at Abbott Middle School participated in the Oratorical Contest; the dozen finalists did a grand job of telling us why "The Future is Bright because..." *** **More than 200 kids** enjoyed the annual Easter Egg Roll *** Some **15 outstanding students** from area schools were lauded on Student Appreciation Day *** Our Club awarded **seven graduating seniors scholarships totaling \$4,500** to help them in their entry into college; they were honored at the annual "Michigan Week" breakfast *** We contributed \$135 in support of **Elizabeth Magee's MSU extension project** of making back packs *** We supported the annual **Keego Harbor Memorial Day Parade** with a \$100 donation; the parade attracted thousands of spectators *** We gave \$100 to Abbott seventh grade Boy Scout, **Tommy Van den Ende**, to help him reach his goal of raising the funds necessary to attend the Boy Scout Jamboree in London, England, in July 2007 ***



Peters' business deals with vintage furniture

DAN PETERS has been in the vintage furniture business for eight years. At the June 28 meeting which he hosted at his Studio 50s outlet on Orchard Lake Road, he gave us a look-behind-the-



scenes of his establishment, which features furniture that may be 40 to 50 years old up to as recently as the mid-1960s. "My wife Helene

acquires," he explained, "and I peddle." He has more than a thousand persons on his e-mail list in addition to walk-in customers. Dan is open from 2-6 p.m. Wednesday thru Sunday. Of particular interest is a huge marble table sculptured by the late Marshall Fredericks and furniture from the estate of the late Max Fisher. The value of his collection ranges from a few dollars to thousands. Dan may be contacted at 2705 Orchard Lake Road, Keego Harbor, MI 48320; phone: (248) 706-9600; or by e-mail at studio50s@sbcglobal.net. By the way, this was Our Club's first meeting where we were located in two communities; Dan's business straddles the Keego Harbor-Sylvan Lake boundaries.

Impromptu meeting informative and fun

The June 21 meeting lacked a formal program, but the impromptu one was filled with all kinds of information: For example:

TERI GIANNETTI enjoyed her first year as principal of the Akiva Hebrew School in Southfield; she's looking forward to the return of the 300-plus students in the fall.

President ED SIMONS gave a new member pin to SHARON GEE that she received from International with a notation to give to the club president so that he could give it to her. (Did you follow that red-tape maze?)

JOHN LINEMEYER, who's chairing the Big Fish Festival Aug. 12 says the committee is looking for both adult and children crafters.

NANCY PETSCH had the opportunity to congratulate some of our scholarship winners when they visited the Bloomfield Birmingham Credit Union branch she manages in Keego Harbor.

BILL BERTAKIS, who tests car equipment at Magna Automotive, told us that the force behind car airbags is equal to two tons of dynamite. (Duck!)

SHARON GEE, manager of the Pixley Funeral Home, says she had "a ball explaining embalming" to students at an Abbott Middle School Career Day.

And guest Joan Tomlinson, widow of Our Club's founder, LEDGE TOMLINSON, surprised us with a visit. "I'm not home much," she told us.



REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

The woman applying for a job in a Florida lemon grove seemed way too qualified for the job. "Look Miss," said the foreman, "have you any actual experience in picking lemons?"

"Well, as a matter of fact, yes!" she replied. "I've been divorced three times."

An old man goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a curse he has been living with for the last 40 years. The Wizard says, "Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you."

The old man says without hesitation, "I now pronounce you man and wife."

Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, an elderly neighbor and his wife were told there would be a 45-minute wait for a table. "Young man, we're both 90 years old," the husband said. "We may not have 45 minutes." They were seated immediately.

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?"

Artie said: "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Eugene commented, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives."

Al said: "I'd like them to say, "Look, he's moving!"

John was on his deathbed and gasped pitifully. "Give me one last request, dear," he said.

"Of course, John," his wife said softly.

"Six months after I die," he said, "I want you to marry Bob."

"But I thought you hated Bob," she said.

With his last breath John said, "I do!"

Smith climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord, "God, what does a million years mean to you?"

The Lord replies, "A minute."

Smith asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?"

The Lord replies, "A penny."

Smith asks, "Can I have a penny?"

The Lord replies, "In a minute."



Teeing It Up *Fare!* Kids

Sponsored by GINO'S RESTAURANT

in association with the Keego Harbor Optimist Club

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2006 – 9 a.m. – Pontiac Country Club

for the benefit of

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital
and the Optimist Club of Keego Harbor "Bringing out the best in kids!"

18 holes w/cart ★ Free coffee and Dunkin' Donuts in the AM ★ Hot dog and beverage at the turn ★ STEAK DINNER at Santia Hall (Keego Harbor) after golf ★ Prizes and contests ★ Two hole-in-one prizes: a car (courtesy of Lunghamer Buick GMC) and a Rolex (courtesy of Karagosian Jewelers.)

REGISTRATION

\$100 per person / \$400 per foursome (*make check payable to Keego Harbor Optimist Club*)

1. Name _____ Phone _____

2. Name _____ Phone _____

3. Name _____ Phone _____

4. Name _____ Phone _____

NOTE: If you don't have a foursome, we'll put you in one. Try to comprise a foursome with players of A, B, C, and D levels of ability.

HOLE SPONSOR

\$50 per sponsorship (*make check payable to Keego Harbor Optimist Club*)

Name of Sponsor _____ Phone _____

What should the hole sponsor sign say (use other side of page, or include business card, etc. with payment):

PRIZE DONATION

Name of Prize Donor _____ Phone _____

Description of Prize and Value:

SEND form and payment to: Keego Harbor Optimist Club, PO Box 535, Keego Harbor, MI 48320.
or DROP OFF form and payment at Gino's Restaurant, 1999 Cass Lake Road (north of Orchard Lake Road), Keego Harbor.

INFORMATION: Ed Simons (248) 682-3369.