



Optimist Club of Keego Harbor

JUNE-JULY 2007

Coming Attractions!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 – Program to be announced.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY! No meeting; Have a Happy 4th!
TUESDAY, JULY 10 – BOARD MEETING, 8 a.m., Ed Simons' office.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 – Program to be announced.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 – Program to be announced.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 25 – Program to be announced.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1 – Program to be announced.
FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 24-25-26 – Optimist Michigan District 4th Quarter Convention, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids.
SATURDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 25-26 – Keego Harbor BIG FISH FESTIVAL.

SCHOLARSHIPS: \$4,500 this year, \$33,650 to 43 students in 9 years

Our Club has awarded scholarships totaling \$3,500 to five West Bloomfield High School graduates. In addition, a \$1,000 scholarship awarded in 2003 has been claimed to raise Our Club's awards for the 2006-07 Optimist Year to \$4,500. The students were introduced at the annual Michigan Week Breakfast May 18 at Shenandoah Country Club.

Since 1999, Our Club has awarded \$33,650 in scholarships to 43 students.

Austin Fletcher – \$500 . . . A student of West Bloomfield High School, Austin hopes to go into engineering with a special interest in robotics. He has been active in the Oakland County Competitive Robotics Association and values "hard work and determination". He has been accepted at Michigan State, Michigan Tech and Western Michigan University.

Jane Hwang – \$500 . . . A student of West Bloomfield High School, Jane aspires to become a dentist. Jane's teachers speak exuberantly of her responsible and positive attitude, and her GPA of 3.9 proves that it has paid off – all in a language and culture new to her! She is actively involved with her church and has helped out at Korean School as a substitute teacher. Jane has been accepted at Michigan State University.

Giovanni Santia – the Ledge Tomlinson \$1,000 Scholarship . . . A student of West Bloomfield High School, Giovanni is looking at astrophysics as his field of study. A 3.95 GPA and recipient of the Michigan Math Scholar Award are only two of his many accomplishments. He volunteers at Roosevelt summer camp and tutors trombone at the middle school. He will be attending the University of Michigan.



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.

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www.keegoharboroptimist.org

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LET'S CELEBRATE!
ANNIVERSARIES DURING
JUNE & JULY

BIRTHDAYS:

JULY 16 – STEVE PALMER.
JULY 19 – CHUCK COMPTON
JULY 21 – DAN PETERS
JULY 24 – BARBARA NORDEEN
JULY 28 – TONY VRBENSKY



MEMBERSHIPS:

17 YEARS – SUSAN WEAVER (July 31, 1990)
11 YEARS – MARILYN TREUTER (July 10, 1996)
2 YEARS – STEVE PALMER (June 30, 2005)
1 YEAR – BILL BERTAKIS (July 9, 2006)

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

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Wesley Vallette – \$500 . . . A student of Laker Academy, Wes's teachers report that he "constantly meets and goes above what is expected of him and always has a smile on his face while doing it." He has decided on a career as a fireman. He will start on his career path at Oakland Community College.

Krista Zamboldi – \$1,000 . . . A student of West Bloomfield High School, Krista is unanimously endorsed as a dedicated and hardworking student by those who have worked with her. She has been on the Varsity Cheer-leading team for three years. She received the 2007 Laker of the Year award for cheerleading. Krista is also involved with the International Club, French Club, and volunteers at the Gus Maker tournament, Beaumont Hospital and Roosevelt Summer Camp. She has been accepted at Michigan State, Grand Valley State, Central Michigan, and Western Michigan.

In addition, **Ryan Beeler**, a 2003 graduate of West Bloomfield High School and a \$1,000 scholarship awardee, claimed his award to apply to his senior year at Central Michigan University, where he is majoring in journalism. He expects to graduate in 2008. (NOTE: scholarship awards are held by the club for four years; thus, the 2007 graduates will have until the fall of 2011 to claim theirs.)

IDLE THOUGHTS . . .

I planted some bird seed. A bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it.

I had amnesia once -- or twice.

I went to San Francisco. I found someone's heart. Now what?

Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.

If the world was a logical place, men would ride horses sidesaddle.

What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?

They told me I was gullible ... and I believed them.

Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto a freeway.

Two can live as cheaply as one, for half as long. Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people.

A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

Students honored at Appreciation Day

Elementary, middle and high school students from six area schools were recognized May 9 during Our Club's annual Student Appreciation Day, held at Abbott Middle School. Students were nominated by their administrators and/or faculty for their outstanding character and exemplary qualities of leadership and community service. Chairman PAUL LIPSON emceed the event. Students honored were:

Roosevelt Elementary: Evan Rothe, Isaac Walton and Daniel Barragan-Vanin.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep: Matt Gervais, Mychael Gilliam and Theodore Piccirilli.

Laker Academy: Andrea Lagrow, Kelly Angott and Kristina Cummings.

West Bloomfield High School: Katie Buffmyer, Kevin Gill and Rick Simon.

Abbott Middle School: Anthony Stone, Valerie Hannosh and Jay Hwang.

Our Lady of Refuge School: Meghan Riney, Kristin Lunghamer and Andrew Duenas.

In addition, these students from the **Optimist Club Mentoring Program:** Mac Coddington, Tara Streng, James Bolder, Grace Holbrook, Kelly Rothe and Sabrina Jazrawi.



Optimist Club of Keego Harbor Friends of Youth for 2007

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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.

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** Renewed sponsorship for 2007*

REALIZING OUR MISSION *** Donated \$100 and several volunteer hours for the **Roosevelt School Fun Run** . . . Donated \$200 to the West Bloomfield Youth Coalition as a co-sponsor of a **mentoring program** that is involving students from both Abbott Middle School and Roosevelt elementary school . . . Contributed \$250 for the **Abbott School production** of "Once Upon a Mattress" . . . Hosted an afternoon of **bowling for nearly 60 kids** from Roosevelt School, helping the Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Student Council raise \$466 for their treasuries . . . Donated \$200 to the **Keego Harbor Memorial Day Parade** and pledged our participation in this annual event that is viewed by thousands . . . Fulfilled our annual commitment of **\$1,000 to Cub Scout Pack 224**, of which Our Club is the official sponsor . . . Awarded **\$4,500 in scholarships** to six high school graduates heading to college . . .



Buzz visits us - and Sweden, too

Former member Buzz Brown shared some of his experiences after a 10-day business trip to Sweden recently. Brown, chair of the West Bloomfield Historical Society, said that Sweden is "much like the U. S." in many ways. Of interest: gas sells for \$11 a liter (or about \$7-8 a gallon here.) He was able to use public transportation for his business dealings and sightseeing adventures.

Also noteworthy: "Buzz" indicated his interest in renewing his membership in Our Club.

Pontiac club pays a visit

Monetta Foster, president of the Pontiac Optimist Club, and two members were guests at our June 20 meeting. Chris Northcross, who is also a member of the Pontiac Board of Education, and club secretary, JoAn Legge, accompanied her.

Northcross shared some of the concerns facing Pontiac schools, namely, funding, management and curriculum.

Ms. Foster invited us to participate in the club's annual golf scramble July 20 at Pontiac Municipal.

Magnet program attracts exceptional kids from all over the WB District

West Bloomfield's Magnet Program is aptly named: it attracts academically exceptional children from all over the district to Roosevelt school in Keego Harbor, where it has been located since its founding in the 1978-79 school year.

Programs

Roosevelt principal, STEVE PALMER, introduced Kristi Law, one of the four members of the Magnet faculty, at our May 23 meeting. She explained that the program is

limited to 100 students, in grades 3-5, who are nominated by parents and teachers and then accepted on the basis of written narratives and questionnaires.

The three-year curriculum covers courses in science, social studies, math and language arts. Students are encouraged through project-based learning to reach their highest potential. The guiding principles of the Magnet program are:

- **Lifelong learners:** Through mentally-challenging projects, simulations, explorations and discussions, students begin to understand the excitement of creative problem-solving and critical thinking, factors that continue on with them in their life careers.
- **Project-based:** Students are actively involved in their learning through projects that are team initiatives or individualized studies, giving them the freedom and ability to pursue and explore their own talents and interests.
- **Relationships:** Students connect intellectually with same-age peers, who often become lifelong friends in many instances, while teachers come to fully understand students' strengths and weaknesses.
- **Multi-age:** Working and playing together in an all-day, every-day program, students from the third, fourth and fifth grades learn to appreciate and respect differences in ability rather than using age and gender as dividing factors.
- **Intellectually exceptional children:** Such children learn in ways that are different from other students. They yearn to learn broader and deeper, and faster and sooner. Students receive a curriculum that allows them to be challenged at their intellectual level, and to work and learn with other students with exceptional talents.

For information: (248) 865-6620 or log on to www.westbloomfield.k12.mi.us/roosevelt

SHOES ARE MADE FOR WALKING

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away, and you have their shoes.

Will there be a golf outing?

Whether Our Club will be co-sponsoring "Teeing Off *FORE!* Kids" with Gino's Restaurant – as of this writing – is up for discussion. A meeting is scheduled to be held in the very near future to plan the event that was staged last year in early September.

❖ **DUES ARE DUE!** – Treasurer DON HORKEY reminds one and all that he will accept Third Quarter dues by snail mail – or better yet, in person at a meeting! Fourth quarter payments will be due starting July 1.

❖ **ANN WINS!** – ANN CRAWFORD was the latest winner of the 50-50 raffle. Her jackpot was worth \$85.

❖ **"A PRIVILEGE"** -- President ED SIMONS called it "a privilege" to attend the recent Michigan Week breakfast at Shenandoah Country Club. He enjoyed witnessing the accolades that Our Club's scholarship recipients received from the overflowing crowd.

❖ **EQUAL TIME**– Secretary PAUL LIPSON arranged the sharing of the good news of our scholarship program on the Channel 19 community station. Our Club is sharing the same airwaves with West Bloomfield club's scholarship news.



A LIFETIME GUARANTEE

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS.'"

WATCH WHAT YOU SAY!

For those of you who watch what you eat, here's the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting medical studies:

1. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Americans, British or Canadians.
2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the Americans, British or Canadians.
3. The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Americans, British or Canadians.
4. The Italians drink large amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the Americans, British or Canadians.
5. The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Americans, British or Canadians.
6. Ukrainians drink a lot of vodka, eat a lot of pierogies, cabbage rolls and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Americans, British or Canadians.

CONCLUSION: Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

'Big Fish' getting bigger

Our Club will have a role in this year's Keego Harbor Big Fish festival: we will be operating a hot dog stand and chaperoning the "Kids Zone." Festival Chairman JOHN LINEMEYER says the festival is getting bigger, expanding its program of information and entertainment to two days: Saturday, August 25 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) and Sunday, August 26 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) He's seeking artists and crafters. The overall theme will be family-oriented. For more information, contact John at (248) 682-1510.

But there's more: \$1,000 first prize!

Our Club will be sponsoring a raffle leading up to and including the Big Fish Festival. Treasurer DON HORKEY says tickets will be in the hands of members very shortly. First prize will be \$1,000 with \$500 for second prize, and \$100 each for third thru seventh prizes. Tickets will be \$1.00 each. This promises to be an easy ticket to sell, and each club member will be asked to get rid of 100 tickets. Tickets will also be available during the festival's two days. The drawing will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 26.

Our Club adopts a highway

Our Club is awaiting the expected approval from the Oakland County Road Commission of our application to participate in Michigan's Adopt-a-Highway program. Our area of responsibility will be the approximate two-mile stretch on Orchard Lake Road from east of Middlebelt Road in Sylvan Lake to the south city limits of Keego Harbor. Two, maybe three, times year, members will be obligated to pick up trash along Orchard Lake Road. This project will give more exposure to the club and also be a positive contribution to the safety and well-being of the community.

Coming: a Spoker Rally

Details are a bit fuzzy at this moment, but PAUL LIPSON and EDDIE DELBRIDGE are organizing what promises to be a fun and healthy community event this fall. The idea is that people of all ages may ride bikes (that's the "spoke" part) – or they may walk, if they choose – along the six-mile West Bloomfield Nature Trail. At the end they will have a chance to win prizes by randomly drawing a hand of cards, originally thought to be a form of poker, but that may change. Paul has the OK from West Bloomfield Parks and Rec to use the trail. Many details have to be ironed out, but this could be a signature event for Our Club.

GOLF: You need a caddy with a sense of humor!

Golfer: "I think I'm going to drown myself in the lake."

Caddy: "Think you can keep your head down that long?"

Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course."

Caddy: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth."

Golfer: "Do you think my game is improving?"

Caddy: "Yes sir, you miss the ball much closer now."

Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?"

Caddy: "Eventually."

Golfer: "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world."

Caddy: "I don't think so, sir. That would be too much of a coincidence."

Golfer: "Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction."

Caddy: "It's not a watch - it's a compass."

Golfer: "How do you like my game?"

Caddy: "Very good sir, but personally, I prefer golf."

Golfer: "Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday?"

Caddy: "The way you play, sir, it's a sin on any day."

Golfer: "This is the worst course I've ever played on."

Caddy: "This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago."

Golfer: "That can't be my ball, it's too old."

Caddy: "It's been a long time since we teed off, sir."

'Be alert' for ID thieves

Identity Theft occurs when someone (the "perpetrator") wrongfully acquires and uses a consumer's personal identification, credit or other account information. The

perpetrator may use this information to obtain money, credit, goods, services and other things of value in the victim's name. The

perpetrator may also use

this information to gain access to the victim's bank accounts.

Programs

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A VICTIM:

- Report to police immediately. Ask the police to issue a police report.
- Call the fraud units of the three major credit reporting agencies.
- Request that a fraud alert be placed in your file.
- Request that a victim's statement be added to your file.
- Request a copy of your credit report. Check each credit report carefully.
- Request each credit reporting agency to remove all erroneous information. Ask each credit reporting agency to send you a copy of the corrected credit report.
- Call each affected credit card issuer to close and reissue all affected accounts.
- Ask each credit card issuer about the status of your account. Instruct the issuer not to honor any requests for information changes.
- Close and reissue any affected checking and savings accounts. Ask the financial institution to attach a unique identifier to your accounts.
- Get a new ATM card and PIN.
- Contact the Department of Motor Vehicles if you suspect someone is using your driver's license number.
- Contact the Social Security Administration if your social security number has become associated with bad checks and credit. Call 800-772-1213 to check your Social Security Statement.
- Notify the Postal Inspector if you suspect your mail has been stolen or a fraudulent change of address has been filed in your name.

LIST OF HELPFUL RESOURCES

- Victim advice and assistance: Privacy Rights Clearinghouse – email: prc@privacyrights.org; web: www.privacyrights.org
- Federal Trade Commission Identity Hotline 877-438-4338 or www.consumer.gov/idtheft
- Credit Reporting Agencies:
EXPERIAN (formerly TRW): Report fraud 888-397-3742; request report 888-397-3742.
EQUIFAX: Report fraud 800-525-6285; request report 800-685-1111.
TRANS UNION: Report fraud 800-680-7289; request report 800-888-4213.
DIRECT MARKETING ASSOCIATION, Mail Preference Service, PO Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735.
DIRECT MARKETING ASSOCIATION, telephone Preference Service, PO Box 9014, Farmingdale, NY

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- TO GET A FREE CREDIT REPORT: Log on to www.annualcreditreport.com; or call 877-FTC-HELP; or mail standardized form to Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. Customers are allowed one free report per year from each of the agencies.
- SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION: Data Operations Center, PO Box 7004, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18767. Report fraud 800-269-0271; request report 800-772-1203.
- WEBSITES: www.identitytheft.org; www.privacyrights.org; www.consumer.gov/idtheft; www.ssa.gov (800-269-0271); www.bos.frb.org/consumer/identity/index.Htm; www.michigan.gov/ag; www.annualcreditreport.com

(Information provided by Linda Hatfield, marketing VP for Birmingham-Bloomfield Credit Union.)

MICHIGAN FACTS

- Q. What annual license fee (how much) was charged to Michigan auto owners in 1905 to operate their vehicles?
A. Fifty cents
- Q. In what year was the first policewoman appointed in Detroit?
A. 1893.
- Q. What was the world's first urban freeway, completed in 1942?
A. The Davison Freeway, Detroit
- Q. In 1879, what amount was paid to the Campau family by the city of Detroit for Belle Isle?
A. \$200,000



Red Skeleton's Recipe for THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.

I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.

We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said "There are too many gadgets and no place to sit down!" So I bought her an electric chair.

My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was; she told me, "In the lake."

I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.

I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.

