



# Optimist Club of Keego Harbor

MARCH 2007

## Coming Attractions!

- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14** – Program: LINDA HATFIELD, Birmingham-Bloomfield Credit Union Marketing Services, “Identity Fraud”; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 10.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21** – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 11.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28** – Program: ABBOTT SCHOOL JAZZ BAND; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 12.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4** – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 13; BOARD meeting.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11** – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 14.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18** – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE Week No. 15.
- THURSDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 19-22** – “3-on-3 Hockey Challenge” at Orchard Lake St. Mary’s ice arena.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25** – Program to be announced.
- THURSDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 26-29** – “3-on-3 Hockey Challenge” at Orchard Lake St. Mary’s ice arena.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 2** – Program to be announced; BOARD meeting.
- THURSDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 3-6** – “3-on-3 Hockey Challenge” at Orchard Lake St. Mary’s ice arena.

## 3-on-3 HOCKEY:

Fun for all: boys and girls, men and women; deadline extended to April 7

*NOTE: Those of you who get the newsletter by e-mail, go to our web site at [www.keegoharboroptimist.org](http://www.keegoharboroptimist.org) for a copy of the enclosed program advertising agreement as well as for other information about the Hockey Challenge.*

The first (and, hopefully, annual) Original Six 3-on-3 Hockey Challenge – presented by the Optimist Club of Keego Harbor in cooperation with Orchard Lake St. Mary’s Preparatory – will be held on three consecutive weekends – **Boy’s Youth Thursday-Sunday, April 19-22, Girls Youth Thursday-Sunday, April 26-29, and Adults Thursday-Sunday, May 3-6** – at Orchard Lake St. Mary’s Sports Complex ice arena.

**The deadline to register has been extended to April 7.** Members, spread the word about the Challenge and the new deadline to prospective hockey players.

The competition divisions are as follows: **BOYS:** 1988-1999 birth years in both league and competitive levels. All players on the team must have a birth date within the year they are competing.

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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](http://www.keegoharboroptimist.org)

MICHIGAN DISTRICT GOVERNOR:  
LOU MOSS

MICHIGAN DISTRICT THEME:  
“Expect Success”

**2006-2007 OFFICERS:**  
President ED SIMONS  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President STEVE PALMER  
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JODI FRANKE\*  
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(\* 2 year terms).

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:  
DON HORKEY

## Honor Roll NEW MEMBERS

2006-2007

JOHN SCOTT (*sponsor*, Ed Simons)  
GARY GARNER (*sponsor*, Earl Lowen)

## LET'S CELEBRATE!

ANNIVERSARIES DURING  
MARCH & APRIL

### BIRTHDAYS:

**MARCH 6** – BOB PYLES  
**MARCH 14** – EARL LOWEN, JOHN SCOTT  
**MARCH 27** – RAY KOBE  
**APRIL 21** – JIM BAGLEY  
**APRIL 23** – BILL BERTAKIS  
**APRIL 24** – SUSAN WEAVER  
**APRIL 28** – TONY PERKOVIC



### MEMBERSHIPS:

**31 YEARS** – JIM BAGLEY (4/1/1976)  
**4 YEARS** – DAVE KARAGOSIAN (4/30/2003);  
JODI FRANKE (4/30/2003).  
**3 YEARS** – GAYLE STURT (4/21/2004)

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

## Bowling 'rousing success'

Our sore-shouldered president, ED SIMONS, declared the "Bowling for Kids" event March 4 "a rousing success." Nearly 60 kids from Roosevelt School participated and had fun while, at the same time, increasing the bottom lines of their club treasuries by a combined total of \$466: Cub Scouts Pack 224; Girl Scouts troops 1809, 2397 and 484; and Roosevelt School Student Council. Our Club's share of the funds amounted to \$495, which will eventually be poured back into supporting youth activities in the months ahead. Congrats to PAUL LIPSON for chairing this project.

❖ **DUES ARE DUE!** – Treasurer DON HORKEY reminds one and all that Third Quarter dues statements will be coming your way soon. Help him save a stamp by paying your dues now – in person at the meetings or through the mail.

## OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR 15-WEEK RAFFLE, 2007

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

### \* \* \* 2007 PRIZE WINNERS \* \* \*

#### EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS:

**DEC. 6:** \$25 each to JOHN SCOTT, JIM BAGLEY, SR. (twice), and ED SIMONS . . . **DEC. 20:** \$25 each to BILL BERTAKIS, BILLY STALLARD and ED SIMONS (twice).

#### OFFICIAL DRAWINGS:

**Week 1 – JAN. 10:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #264, Sarah Lenski (Don Horkey); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #323, Teri Giannetti (Teri Giannetti); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #304, Lori Henney (Eddie Delbridge).  
**Week 2 – JAN. 17:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #322, Eugene Sherizen (Teri Giannetti); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #191, Liz and Ray Kobe (Ray Kobe); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #107, Carol Bryant (Bob Burns).  
**Week 3 – JAN. 24:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #300, Russ Schulte (Eddie Delbridge); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #195, Denise and Alvie Yancey (Ray Kobe); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #304, Lori Henney (Eddie Delbridge).  
**Week 4 – JAN. 31:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #247, Jacquie R. (Ed Simons); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #048, Elaine Nicholson (Ed Simons); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #5, Steve Palmer (Steve Palmer).  
**Week 5 – FEB. 7:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #352, Donna Simons (Ed Simons); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #318, Eugene Sherizen (Teri Giannetti); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #215, Lisa Jennings (Paul Lipson).  
**Week 6 – FEB. 14:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #352, Donna Simons (Ed Simons); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #258, Jim Bagley, Sr. (Jim Bagley, Sr.); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #166, Don Horkey (Don Horkey).  
**Week 7 – FEB. 21:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #275, Alice Stoddard (Don Horkey); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #273, Mary Tomlinson (Don Horkey); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #96, Ralph Behler (Ralph Behler).  
**Week 8 – FEB. 28:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #290, Jon Sturt (Gayle Sturt); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #62, Marilyn Treuter (Marilyn); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #355, Sherry Foster (Paul Lipson).  
**Week 9 – MARCH 7:** 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100) – #231, P. J. Bagley (Jim Bagley, Sr.); 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50) – #373, Melissa Brown (Teri Giannetti); 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) – #291, Alan Sturt (Gayle Sturt).  
**Week 10 – MARCH 14:**  
**Week 11 – MARCH 21:**  
**Week 12 – MARCH 28:**  
**Week 13 – APRIL 4:**  
**Week 14 – APRIL 11:**  
**Week 15 – APRIL 18:**

## Jacket dinner a hit

The Keego Harbor Jacket Club's annual wild game dinner March 6 was another hit. A sold-out crowd of nearly 300 people in Santia Hall enjoyed buffalo, rabbit, elk, venison, pheasant, quail and other goodies. The best part, for the Optimist Club anyway, was the donation of \$350 from the Jacket Club for our scholarship fund. A big thank you to Skeet Laidlaw, the heart of the Jacket club, and members for their generosity.

KEEGO HARBOR  
OPTIMIST CLUB

Friends of  
Youth

FOR 2007



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## 3-on-3 HOCKEY

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**GIRLS:** Under 10, under 12, under 14, under 16, under 18.

**MEN:** Open/Elite, Men over 35, recreational A & B. No "carded" players are allowed in the "over 35" and "rec" divisions. Those players should opt for the "open/elite" division.

**WOMEN:** Open Division /Rec.

There will be a maximum of six teams per division. Jerseys will be provided bearing the names of the Original Six NHL teams: Red Wings, Blackhawks, Maple Leafs, Canadiens, Bruins and Rangers. Teams will be guaranteed at least three games.

The cost is \$400 per 6-member team (5 skaters and a goalie). The teams will be confirmed on a first-come, first served basis. (Please make checks payable to Keego Harbor Optimist Club). This is a USA Hockey-sanctioned event.

*However. . .* before the puck is dropped, Our Club must be successful in securing advertising for the program book.

**The challenge is simple: members should get as many ads as possible.** Whatever amount we raise combined with the team registration fees have the potential to realize a hefty profit that would enable Our Club to significantly increase our support of our community's youth, such as scholarships and underwriting of various activities.

The enclosed advertising contract has all the details: the size of the ads and the cost for each. All ads are important, from a business card size on up to a full page on the inside or outside covers. If you have questions, contact Ed Simons (248-891-8848) or Eddie Delbridge at 248-561-1025.

## Sorry, but no oration this year

Much to the chagrin of members, Our Club will not be sponsoring an oratorical contest this spring. Abbott Middle school principal, Amy Hughes, explained that the contest happens at the same time as the school's annual stage production, involving many students and faculty who would also be taking part in the oratorical contest. President ED SIMONS said that Our Club will host the contest in November with the winners going on to district competition the following spring.

*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.*

Billy J. Stallard\*  
Complete Insurance\*  
Ember's Deli\*  
Keego Energy\*  
Roosevelt School PCG\*  
Jim Sonkiss, D.D.S.

\* 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 . . .

## The symphony is 'a gem'

A human whirlwind named Fran Anderson swept through our March 7 meeting and "conducted" us on an informative overview of the Pontiac-Oakland Symphony. "It is a gem that no one knows about," declared Fran,

### Programs

who is on numerous boards in the community and the development director for the symphony. She told us that pianist Melvin Chen will be performing with the

orchestra at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at Oakland University. On April 28, the orchestra will hold a fundraiser, "All that Glitters." Optimist EDDIE DELBRIDGE is involved in this project and is asking for donations to create a musical basket for the silent auction.

## Parade preparations begin

At our March 7 meeting, Mel Hager, the long-time chairman of the Lakes Area Memorial Day Parade, provided an insight into the early preparations for the annual parade, scheduled for Monday, May 28. He's seeking financial support from the community to meet the parade's budget of \$2,500. At the same time, he's on the lookout for volunteers and participants for the parade that begins in Keego Harbor and ends in Sylvan Lake. Hager may be contacted at (248) 875-9773.

## 4-H is mind-boggling

Accompanying Hager was 16-year-old David Derksen, who talked to us about his experiences in 4-H. "It's mind boggling what I've learned," he told us about his mere six years with the club. A project that the club has become recognized for is making quilts for cancer patients in area hospitals. "We've made over 5,000 quilts," he said. The idea has spread to other 4-H groups in Ohio and Indiana. David and his members will be attending exploration days at Michigan State University, where they will be competing for state-wide honors.

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## MICHIGAN FACTS

Q. When the territory of Michigan was created on Jan. 11 what town was selected as its capital?

A. Detroit.

Q. Bloomfield Hills was first known by what name?

A. Bagley's Corners

Q. Where is the world's only *marble* lighthouse?

A. Belle Isle ( Livingston Lighthouse)

Q. Utica was originally known by what name?

A. Hog's Hollow

Q. Approximately, how many lakes are in the state?

A. 11,000



## GOLDEN MOMENTS

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"



Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?"

Slim says, "I feel just like a newborn baby."

"Really !? Like a newborn baby !?"

"Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."



An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly."

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know, the one that's red and has thorns?"

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"



Three old guys are out walking. First one says, "Windy, isn't it ?"

Second one says, "No, it's Thursday !"

Third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer."



A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked kindly, "Crushed nuts?"

"No," he replied, "Arthritis."



