



OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR

MARCH 2010

Coming Attractions!

- THURSDAY, MARCH 4 – PROGRAM: Essay Contest winner. WEEK 7**
drawing of 15 Week Raffle.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 9 – Jacket Club Annual Wild Game Dinner, 6 p.m.,** Santia Hall. Tickets: MEL HAGER tascmel@comcast.com
- THURSDAY, MARCH 11 – PROGRAM: Target Sports Shooting Range.**
WEEK 8 drawing of 15 Week Raffle.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 16 – Board meeting, 7:30 a.m.,** Roosevelt School.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 18 – PROGRAM: Common Ground. WEEK 9** drawing of 15 Week Raffle.
- MONDAY, MARCH 22 – ORATORICAL CONTEST, 7 p.m.,** Our Lady of Refuge School.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 25 – PROGRAM: Oratorical Contest winners. WEEK 10** drawing of 15 Week Raffle.
- THURSDAY, APRIL 1 -- Program to be announced. WEEK 11** drawing of 15 Week Raffle.
- LOOKING AHEAD . . . MAY 6:** Student Appreciation ... **MAY 14:** Michigan Week Breakfast ... **CHARITY POKER:** July 5-6-7 at Sharks Club; Aug. 15-16-17-18 at The Lodge; Aug. 29-30-31-Sept. 1 at The Lodge ... **BIG FISH,** Aug. 21-22.

March the month for essays and oratory

March will be the month Our Club will recognize winners of the Essay and Oratorical contests.

At the March 4 meeting, the Essay Contest winner will read his winning composition on the topic, "The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace." Congrats to PAUL LIPSON for chairing this project, the first time in a long time Our Club has sponsored the Essay contest. Nancy Galsi, Principal Amy Hughes and staff at Abbott Middle School were most co-operative in this venture.

The Oratorical Contest will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 22 at Our Lady of Refuge School. Chair DON HORKEY appreciates the participation of Principal Sally Chaney and staff. The winners will present their talks at our March 25 meeting and proceed on to the regional competition before April 10.

Winter golf a fun time

About \$700 in profit was realized from our Goofin' Groundhog Winter Golf outing on Feb. 6. About 40 participants enjoyed golfing in the snow and sharp breezes, pizza, salad, refreshments and prizes. The team of MATT EVANS, Jamie Evans, Mike Mikola and Ceyard Kitchen were 3-under par to win the Goofin' 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 Tony's Deli, 3258 Orchard Lake Road (next door to the West Bloomfield Fire Dept.) Phone: (248) 683-3344.

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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: Restaurant certificates to MEL HAGER, ED SIMONS, SCOTT SMITH, PAUL LIPSON, EDDIE DELBRIDGE and BILL BERTAKIS.

OFFICIAL DRAWING:

Week 1 – JAN. 21: 1st (\$100) – #242, Marilyn Treuter (sold by Marilyn Treuter); 2nd (\$50) – #190, Gino Santia (Gino Santia); 3rd (\$25) – #57, Hazel Brace (Ralph Behler).

Week 2 – JAN. 28: 1st (\$100) – #47, Sue Ellen Vaughn (Don Horkey); 2nd (\$50) – #223, Terri Klochko (Kathy Sparkman); 3rd (\$25) – #419, Dr. Ashok Gupta (Mel Hager).

Week 3 – FEB. 4: 1st (\$100) – #499, Mark Rosenberg (Mel Hager); 2nd (\$50) – #259, Judy Lipson (Paul Lipson); 3rd (\$25) – #404, Wellington Andrees (JoAnn Andrees).

Week 4 – FEB. 11: 1st (\$100) – #405, Robert Andrees (JoAnn Andrees); 2nd (\$50) – #269, Naomi Morgan (Ed Simons); 3rd (\$25) – #439, Chris Goran (Kathy Sparkman).

Week 5 – FEB. 18: 1st (\$100) – #49, Haig Stoddard (Don Horkey); 2nd (\$50) – #207, Lyle Wilson (Ed Simons); 3rd (\$25) – #187, Gino Santia (Gino Santia).

Week 6 – FEB. 25: 1st (\$100) – #122, Lindsay Patton (Mel Hager); 2nd (\$50) – #57, Hazel Brace (Ralph Behler); 3rd (\$25) – #30, Jerry Bosley (Don Horkey).

Week 7 – MARCH 4:

Week 8 – MARCH 11:

Week 9 – MARCH 18:

Week 10 – MARCH 25:

Week 11 – APRIL 1:

Week 12 – APRIL 8:

Week 13 – APRIL 15:

Week 14 – APRIL 22:

Week 15 – APRIL 29:

❖ **SUPER** – EDDIE DELBRIDGE, ED SIMONS, BUZZ BROWN and MEL HAGER spent Super Bowl Sunday at O'Toole's conducting a 50-50 raffle that realized \$180 for the club.

❖ **CUB MASTER** – Adam Elson has replaced Jeremy Forcier as cubmaster for Cub Scouts Pack 224.

❖ **CHILI COOK-OFF** – The Pontiac Optimist Club is holding its annual Chili Cook-off from 12 noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, at the Pontiac Municipal Golf Course café. Tickets are \$10 a person and entitles you to all the chili you can eat. If you want to put your favorite chili recipe for judging, call JoAn Legge at 248-682-2328 for details.

HONOR ROLL NEW MEMBERS

2009-2010

SCOTT SMITH (sponsor, Bill Bertakis)

LET'S CELEBRATE!

ANNIVERSARIES DURING MARCH

BIRTHDAYS:

MARCH 3 – KATHY SPARKMAN

MARCH 6 – BOB PYLES

MARCH 14 – JOHN SCOTT

MEMBERSHIPS:

15 YEARS – PAUL LIPSON (3/30/1995)

7 YEARS – SHARON GEE (3/18/2003)

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

Bank loans, park improvements

KELLY CORTESE, mortgage representative, PNC: Now is "great time to refinance," Kelly told us at our

Feb. 4 meeting. The federal government is auctioning off \$1 billion in foreclosed homes and interest rates are low.

DARA GAUCHER, VP business bank at PNC: Small businesses seeking loans are being held "to a higher bar," Dara said at the Feb., 11 meeting. The focus is on the

cash flow side of the business, how day-to-day operations are handled and how vendors are being paid. Very few loans are made to start-up businesses.

DAN NAVARRE, director of the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission: A four-year \$5.5 million improvements project at Marshbank Park is scheduled for a grand opening in the fall, Dan told us at the March 18 meeting.

Improvements include an all-season shelter building, a seasonal toilet building with composting toilets and waterless urinals, universal access for the disabled throughout the 100-acre park, a 75-foot public fishing pier on the Cass Lake shoreline, energy efficiencies, playgrounds, ball fields and soccer field, paved walking paths, landscape with native species, improved nature trails.

Program
Notes