



Optimist Club of Keego Harbor

MAY 2008

Coming Attractions!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 – PROGRAM: Student Appreciation at Abbott Middle School; **WEEK 15 (Final week!) Drawing.**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 – PROGRAM: Mark Milgrom, of the Mentor Connection Advisory Council.

FRIDAY, MAY 16 – Michigan Week Breakfast at Bay Pointe Golf Club, 7:30 a.m.; presentation of Our Club's scholarship winners.

SATURDAY, MAY 17 – Our Club's "Clean Up Orchard Lake Road"; assemble at 9 a.m. at "the Rock," OL and Cass Lake Roads.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 17-18 – Michigan Optimists District 3rd Quarter conference at Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing.

MONDAY, MAY 19 – Board of Directors meeting re: fund-raising, 8 a.m., Roosevelt School Media Center. ALL welcome!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 – Program to be announced

MONDAY, MAY 26 – Lakes Area Memorial Day Parade; assemble at 9 a.m. at "the Rock," OL and Cass Lake Roads

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 – Program to be announced

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 – Program to be announced

Student Appreciation . . . Our Club's annual recognition of outstanding students from the area's elementary and secondary schools will be staged at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 7, at Abbott Middle School. **PLEASE NOTE: We will NOT meet at our usual place at Tony's Embers Deli that day.**

Road Clean-up . . . Our spring clean-up of Orchard Lake Road begins with an assembly of volunteers at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 17, at "the Rock" at Orchard Lake and Cass Lake roads in downtown Keego Harbor.

Memorial Day Parade . . . Our Club will be among the participants of this annual event. Assembly begins at 9 a.m. Monday, May 26, at "The Rock," OL and Cass Lake roads. A memorial service will be held at 9:30 a.m. with the parade following, coursing its way for two miles to Sylvan Lake. All members and their families are invited to come one along.

STEVE PALMER: Our Club's leader for the 2008-2009 Optimist Year

Steve Palmer, principal at Roosevelt School since September 2005, will be Our Club's president beginning Oct. 1, the start of the 2008-2009 Optimist Year. He is currently the first vice president. Here is a thumbnail sketch of Steve's background:

- Doctorate from Eastern Michigan University, 2002, from the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling. Masters Degree and Administrative Certification from Michigan State. BA from University of Michigan-Flint.

- He has taught in Flint and Holly, and was a principal in Harbor Springs for 12 years before coming to West Bloomfield to be principal of Roosevelt School in 2005. He also taught Math Methods at the

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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 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

MICHIGAN DISTRICT GOVERNOR:
BOB SCHILLER

2007-2008 OFFICERS:
President BILL BERTAKIS
1st Vice President STEVE PALMER
2nd Vice President EDDIE DELBRIDGE
Treasurer DON HORKEY
Secretary PAUL LIPSON

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NANCY PETSCH
GAYLE STURT*
ED SIMONS (ex officio)
(* 2 year terms).

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:
DON HORKEY

Honor Roll NEW MEMBERS

2007-2008

"BUZZ" BROWN (*reinstated; original sponsor, Don Horkey*)

DARIN LUTWIN (*sponsor, Jodi Franke*)

KATHY SPARKMAN (*sponsor, Jodi Franke*)

JEREMY FORCIER (*sponsor, Bill Bertakis*)

SID RUBIN (*sponsor, Bill Bertakis*)

LET'S CELEBRATE!

ANNIVERSARIES
DURING MAY & JUNE

BIRTHDAYS:

MAY 25 – GINO SANTIA
MAY 26 – ANN CRAWFORD



MEMBERSHIPS:

17 YEARS – RALPH BEHLER (5/29/1991)
11 YEARS – DON HORKEY (5/6/1997)
3 YEARS – STEVE PALMER (6/30/2005)
2 YEARS – EDDIE DELBRIDGE (5/11/2006)

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

Cub Scouts will go camping

As the sponsor of Cub Scout Pack 224, Our Club is also a major financial supporter of the kids as evidenced by our donation of \$1,000 given to Cubmaster Jeremy Forcier at the pack's annual Pinewood Derby. "Everybody had a good time" was the review provided by several members who attended.

Packing for troops

President BILL BERTAKIS reported that nearly 400 packages containing a variety of useful items were prepared for delivery to our troops in Iraq. The occasion was a packing party sponsored by Congressman Joe Knollenberg. President Bill labeled many of the packages with a note that it was coming from the Keego Harbor Optimist Club – and within days, he received notes of appreciation from the troops.

Another "packing day" is planned for the month of May. President Bill will notify one and all of the pertinent details via the internet.

Condolences

Our Club's condolences go out to Joan Tomlinson and her family on the recent loss of her daughter, Maureen Reid. Her father was the late Ledge Tomlinson, founder of Our Club in 1973.

Billy's stuff

President BILL BERTAKIS reports that numerous items from Billy Stallard's barbershop were donated to the West Bloomfield Historical Society museum. Bill was one of Our Club's charter members; he died recently.



PERKS OF BEING OVER 50

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
3. No one expects you to run--anywhere.
4. People call at 9 pm and ask, "Did I wake you????"
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
8. You can eat dinner at 4 pm.
9. You can live without sex but not your glasses.
10. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
11. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
12. You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
13. You sing along with elevator music.
14. Your eyes won't get much worse.
15. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
16. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
17. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.

STEVE PALMER: (*from page 1*)

University of Michigan-Flint for a number of years (evenings and spring/summer terms).

● Personally, he does fused glass work and is represented by ten galleries. He has had a game published (an educational game) and is working with his wife to get her second book published, hopefully by this June.

● Among other things: he was president (and other offices) for the Harbor Springs Kiwanis Club (the second largest in the state); president (and other offices) of Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey; chaired the first Pastoral Council at Holy Childhood Church in Harbor Springs (did not complete his second year because of the move to West Bloomfield).

PAUL LIPSON and DON HORKEY will continue on as secretary and treasurer, respectively, for the new year. The rest of the executive officers and Board will be elected in the near future.



**OPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL**

Friend of Youth

Optimist Club
of Keego Harbor
**Friends of Youth
for 2008**

*Thank you . . . to the following
individuals and businesses who,
through their generosity, have
helped make possible the
programs and activities of Our
Club for the benefit of the youth
of our community for 2008
(as of 5/1/08).*

- Ralph & Virginia Behler
in memory of Billy Stallard
- Buzz Brown:
- Q Linc of Keego Harbor
- Complete Insurance
Services
- Paul Lipson
- NationalCity Bank
- Billy Lee Stallard
- Gayle Sturt
- The Jacket Club
- Tony's Embers Deli

Announcing . . .

Optimist Club of Keego Harbor Friends of Youth for 2008

MEMBERS . . . And family and friends of members:

Here is an important way for you, your family and your friends to become an integral player in helping Our Club achieve its mission of "bringing out the best in kids."

This year, contributions to the "Friend of Youth" will be directed to the Scholarship Program. In the last eight years, 45 students have been the recipients of more than \$36,000 in tuition assistance. We feel proud that we are able to give these deserving young men and women a "little push" in the right direction toward a career that eventually will make them contributing citizens to society.

Donations are \$100 (NOTE: a reduction of \$50 from last year). They may be made in the name of the donor or in honor of or in memory of a dear friend.

"Friends of Youth" are recognized in a number of ways . . . At every event we sponsor, by a handsome certificate of appreciation, and by a listing in our monthly newsletter (a copy of which is sent to each "Friend.")

YES, I/We are happy to make a donation of \$100 to be a Keego Harbor Optimist Club "Friend of Youth" for 2008 in support of the Club's Scholarship Program. *(Make check payable to: Optimist International Foundation. Your contribution is tax deductible.)*

My/Our donation is enclosed.
 I/We pledge our donation. I/We will send it by _____.

NAME OF "FRIEND OF YOUTH" DONOR (as it should appear on the Certificate of Appreciation):

In honor of: In memory of:

Address of Donor:

Phone: _____

Please make a copy of this form for your records. Mail to: Mr. Bill Bertakis, President; PO Box 535; Keego Harbor, MI 48320. For information, contact Mr. Bertakis at 248-343-8816.

OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR 15-WEEK RAFFLE, 2008

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

*****2008 PRIZE WINNERS*****

EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS:

JAN. 9: \$25 each to ED SIMONS (twice), DON HORKEY and PAUL LIPSON.

JAN. 23: \$25 each to NANCY PETSCH, GAYLE STURT, STEVE PALMER and ANN CRAWFORD.

OFFICIAL DRAWINGS:

Week 1 – JAN. 30: 1st (\$100) – #376, Vern Aungst (sold by Ray Kobe); 2nd (\$50) – #70, Helene Peters (Dan Peters); 3rd (\$25) – #281, Sue Ellen Vaughan (Don Horkey).

Week 2 – FEB. 6: 1st (\$100) – #325, Nancy Horkey (Don Horkey); 2nd (\$50) – #28, Bill Packer (Ed Simons); 3rd (\$25) – #362, Paul Lipson (Paul Lipson).

Week 3 – FEB. 13: 1st (\$100) – #332, Don Horkey (Don Horkey); 2nd (\$50) – #68, Helene Peters (Dan Peters); 3rd (\$25) – #134, Pam Hulett (John Linemeyer).

Week 4 – FEB. 20: 1st (\$100) – #342, D. Yancey (Ray Kobe); 2nd (\$50) – #301, Tom Faylor (Nancy Petsch); 3rd (\$25) – #55, Ralph Behler (Ralph Behler).

Week 5 – FEB. 27: 1st (\$100) – #330, Ann Richards (Don Horkey); 2nd (\$50) – #376, Vern Aungst (Ray Kobe); 3rd (\$25) – #75, Chuck Compton (Chuck Compton).

Week 6 – MARCH 5: 1st (\$100) – #52, Carol Hardesty (Ralph Behler); 2nd (\$50) – #132, Pamela Hulett (John Linemeyer); 3rd (\$25) – #239 – Alice Stoddard (Joan Tomlinson)

Week 7 – MARCH 12: 1st (\$100) – #291, Sharon Butler (Ed Simons); 2nd (\$50) – #28, Bill Packer (Ed Simons); 3rd (\$25) – #97, Rachel Lipson (Paul Lipson).

Week 8 – MARCH 19: 1st (\$100) – #75, Chuck Compton (Chuck Compton); 2nd (\$50) – #81, Janet Crawford (Ann Crawford); 3rd (\$25) – #22, Lyle B. Wilson (Ed Simons).

Week 9 – MARCH 26: 1st (\$100) – #323, Raenette Palmer (Steve Palmer); 2nd (\$50) – #323, Raenette Palmer (Steve Palmer); 3rd (\$25) – #291, Sharon Butler (Ed Simons).

Week 10 – APRIL 2: 1st (\$100) – #2, Marcy Rowe (Gayle Sturt); 2nd (\$50) – #361, Paul Lipson (Paul Lipson); 3rd (\$25) – #12, Rebecca Szczenbara (Ed Simons)

Week 11 – APRIL 9: 1st (\$100) – #64, Melissa Whorf (Buzz Brown); 2nd (\$50) – #323, Toni Johnson (John Linemeyer); 3rd (\$25) – #22, Lyle Wilson (Ed Simons).

Week 12 – APRIL 16: 1st (\$100) – #12, Rebecca Szczenbara (Ed Simons); 2nd (\$50) – #23, Dave Supal (Ed Simons); 3rd (\$25) – #209, Ann Beckman (Nancy Petsch).

Week 13 – APRIL 23: 1st (\$100) – #361, Paul Lipson (Paul Lipson); 2nd (\$50) – #124, Laura Sandmark (Steve Palmer); 3rd (\$25) – #124, Laura Sandmark (Steve Palmer).

Week 14 – APRIL 30: 1st (\$100) – #206, Julie Music (Nancy Petsch); 2nd (\$50) – #95, Stacy Lipson (Paul Lipson); 3rd (\$25) – #21, Paul Forman (Ed Simons).

Week 15 – MAY 7:

Programs

Lost your job? Don't panic! – It's easier said than done. However, at our March 19 meeting, Linda Hatfield, VP for marketing and membership at the Birmingham Bloomfield Credit Union, offered a number of tips about how to cope with such a situation. Among those tips: Assess how long your savings will last; minimize outstanding credit card debt; network with friends and associates about job opportunities; stay physically and mentally fit; prepare a budget; avoid major purchases.

Keep an eye on your phone bill – Identity thieves are the locust plague of modern times. At our April 23 meeting, John Sullivan, manager of information systems for the West Bloomfield School District, encouraged us to take a close look at our telephone bill. Learn to say no to telephone scams. "Just hang up," he said. We are aware of "slamming" (the practice of switching one's phone service without the customer's consent), but he told us to be the lookout for "cramming," the practice of placing unauthorized, misleading or deceptive charges on a consumer's telephone bill. As phone bills become more and more confusing, such cramming practices are becoming more common.

Developing your will power – Attorney Charles Harroun, at our April 30 meeting, covered a wide range of estate planning possibilities. An estate plan can take advantage of certain tax avoidance techniques for those who have accumulated some wealth; this gets more of your property to your intended beneficiaries and less to the federal government. The various plans Harroun covered included last wills, living trust, general power of attorney, durable power of attorney, and medical power of attorney.