



# OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2005

## Coming Attractions!

- WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7** – PROGRAM: Donna Schaerer, West Bloomfield Youth Coalition; Board meeting.
- WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14** – PROGRAM: BOB BURNS in a discussion about the beautification of Rose Sorter Park.
- WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21** – PROGRAM: Musical entertainment by students from Abbott; EARLY BIRD RAFFLE DRAWING #1.
- WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28** – Program to be announced.
- WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4, 2006** – HAPPY NEW YEAR! Program to be announced; Board meeting.
- WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11** – Program to be announced; EARLY BIRD RAFFLE DRAWING #2.
- WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18** – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE DRAWING #1.
- WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25** – Program to be announced; 15-WEEK RAFFLE DRAWING #2.
- SATURDAY, JAN. 28** – WINTER GOLF OUTING at Keego Harbor Country Club.
- SATURDAY, FEB, 11** – 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER MICHIGAN DISTRICT REGIONAL MEETING at Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills.
- SUNDAY, FEB. 12** – BOWLATHON at Sylvan Lanes.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 14** – ORATORICAL CONTEST at Abbott School.

## SELL THOSE TICKETS!

**300 sold = \$3,000 profit**

Our Club's 15-Week raffle has proven to be a successful fundraiser. What makes it unique is that a person who purchases a ticket is eligible for each of the 45 prizes drawn (three prizes a week for 15 weeks starting Jan. 18). It has happened several times that an individual has won more than once.

That can be a prime selling point for members in their push to reach our goal of 300 tickets sold, which will realize a profit of \$3,000 for scholarships and other community activities for kids.

In addition, members should be aware of the **two Early Bird drawings on Dec. 21 and Jan. 11**. Four \$25 prizes will be awarded. Only those members who turn in ticket sales will be able to win.

As of Nov. 30, 315 tickets have been distributed. Raffle Chairman DON HORKEY has received money for **74 sales from 13 members**: JoANN ANDREES, JIM BAGLEY, DOC BROWN, SHARON GEE, TERI GIANNETTI, DAVE KARAGOSIAN, RAY KOBE, TONY MARASCO, ED SIMONS, BILLY STALLARD, MARILYN TREUTER, DENNIS WATKINS and SUSAN WEAVER.

The tickets make great presents for Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries or any other reason or cause you can imagine. So don't be bashful. It's for a good cause . . . It's for the kids!



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)

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DON BROSE

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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President BOB BURNS  
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"BUZZ" BROWN  
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(\* 2 year terms).

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:  
DON HORKEY

## HONOR ROLL NEW MEMBERS

2005-2006

KENDRA HEARN, Ph.D. (*sponsor*, JoAnn Andrees)  
WALTER SANDS, JR. (*sponsor*, Ralph Behler)  
AMY HUGHES (*sponsor*, JoAnn Andrees)  
TONY MARASCO (*sponsor*, JoAnn Andrees)

## LET'S CELEBRATE!

### ANNIVERSARIES DURING DECEMBER

#### BIRTHDAYS:

Dec. 4, JOHN BACZYNSKI  
Dec. 9, BOB BURNS  
Dec. 27, BUZZ BROWN  
Dec. 30, JEFF BECKETT  
Dec. 31, JODI FRANKE



#### MEMBERSHIPS:

**13 YEARS** – BOB BURNS (Dec. 9, 1992);  
ANN CRAWFORD (Dec. 9, 1992).

**6 YEARS** – RAY KOBE (Dec. 28, 1999).

**4 YEARS** – ED SIMONS (Dec. 28, 2001).

**2 YEARS** – BUZZ BROWN (Dec. 12,  
2003); JOHN KURTTI (Dec. 12, 2003); JOYCE  
MATHEWS (Dec. 12, 2003).

**1 YEAR** – TONY PERKOVIC (Dec. 4,  
2004).

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

## 1-2-3: start moving!

Our enthusiastic member, DR. ASHOK GUPTA, is a fan of walking – anywhere, anytime. So it was natural that he made us aware of “Michigan Steps Up!,” a state-wide program encouraging all of us to Step 1 (move more), Step 2 (eat better) and Step 3 (stop smoking).

All of this advice comes from Michigan’s Surgeon General, Dr. Kimberley Dawn Wisdom (which brings up another point: Michigan is the only state that has a Surgeon General!).

Log on to the colorful and informative web site for more information: [www.michiganstepsup.org](http://www.michiganstepsup.org)  
So, get moving!!!

▣ **LUCKY ED** – Our president, ED SIMONS, is rolling in luck lately. Recently, he sold his Keego Energy business and is running the operation for the new owner, while he operates a fuel-testing business on the side. Then, at the Nov. 23 meeting, he won the 50-50 jackpot of \$250.

▣ **BOB IS LUCKY, TOO** – BOB BURNS won the luck of the draw to win back his seat on the Keego Harbor City Council. He and opponent, Brian Martin, wound up in a 222-tie after the votes were counted in the Nov. 8 election. Bob won re-election by a draw from a hat at the county clerk’s office.

▣ **PUMPKIN SUCCESS** – More than 100 kids and their parents enjoyed pumpkin decorating Oct. 29 at Roosevelt School. Co-chairs PAUL LIPSON and STEVE PALMER called the event a “raging success.” They were particularly grateful to the nearly three dozen volunteers, including about 13 high school students, who helped with all the preparations and during the pumpkin decorating. A tip of the hat to the Keego Harbor Parks and Recreation Dept. for supplying the pumpkins.

▣ **PROGRAM IDEAS** – Have an idea for a program during our meetings? Let either PAUL LIPSON, SHARON GEE or DON HORKEY know about it.

▣ **DISTRICT MEET** -- President ED SIMONS, treasurer DON HORKEY and member DR. ASHOK GUPTA represented Our Club at the Michigan District 1st Quarter conference in Flint on Nov. 12. The 2nd quarter get-together will be in February in nearby Auburn Hills.

▣ **GUESTS** – Recent guests at our meetings have been Keego Harbor City Council candidates Brian Martin and Sid Rubin . . . Zone 13 Lt. Gov. Rusty Kaltsounis . . . Former Keego Harbor Police Chief Bill Holloway; he was on the PD force from 1962-1994, the last 22 as chief.

## Welcome, Amy and Tony, our 2 newest members

Welcome to our two newest members, AMY HUGHES and TONY MARASCO. Both were sponsored by JoANN ANDREES.

Amy is the principal of Abbott Middle School, succeeding member BOB PYLES, who has moved up the academic ladder to West Bloomfield High School.

Tony is the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Labor Relations for the West Bloomfield district. He’s acquainted with Optimism as a former member of the Hamtramck Optimist Club, where he served one year as president.

Our membership now stands at 47, an increase of four members since Oct. 1.

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## WINTER GOLF OUTING!!!

Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Keego Harbor Country Club (Rose Sorter Park). This is a fun event. Mark the date down. More information is coming.



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**KEEGO HARBOR OPTIMIST CLUB**

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FOR THE YEAR 2005**



*Thank you*

*to the following individuals and businesses  
who 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 2005.*



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The Lodge  
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Schooper's  
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## 'Friends of Youth' provide 'seed money' in our service to youth

A new calendar year presents a new opportunity for Our Club to seek out those special "Friends of Youth" to help underwrite the many activities we undertake for the youth in our community.

The 20 individuals and businesses you see in the column on the left were the pioneer annual sponsors who last year, for a donation of \$150, gave Our Club a cushion of funds to help us realize our mission, namely, "bringing out the best in kids."

Through such events as our 15-Week raffle, winter golf outing and bowllathon, we raised funds:

- to provide scholarships totaling \$5,000 for four high school seniors heading to college;
- to help youngsters gain confidence through participation in our annual Oratorical Contest;
- to recognize outstanding young people from area elementary, middle and high schools during our annual Youth Appreciation Day;
- to promote safety among youngsters during the annual Skate Night in cooperation with the Keego Harbor Police department;
- to help youngsters develop their creativity during our annual pumpkin decorating event;
- to give youngsters who are talented musicians an opportunity to display their prowess at one of our weekly meetings;
- to give kids a chance to enjoy an afternoon of bowling with family and friends, while at the same time assist the local Cub and Girl scouts earn some funds for their purposes.

These contributions served as "seed money" to give us a boost in our efforts to help kids in the community develop a sense of optimism in their lives.

In gratitude, we acknowledge these "Friends of Youth" in our monthly newsletter (copies of which they also receive) and are prominently highlighted in all of the activities that we have.

Secretary PAUL LIPSON came up with a good idea: "Every member get a sponsor!" That sounds like a great way to get Our Club the funds it needs to support and promote its activities and programs for the benefit of kids. *A handy application form is enclosed. Make as many copies as you need!*



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**Figure 1DR. ASHOK  
GUPTA is our first  
"Friend of Youth" for  
2006. Thank you,  
Doctor!**

# **Doc Brown on the move: Goodbye, Michigan; hello, Massachusetts**

DR. ARNOLD BROWN has relocated successfully to Massachusetts, where he will reside near his family. His generous support and quiet humor will be missed by all of us back in Keego Harbor. We will share one thing in common with Doc Brown, though: c-c-c-cold weather!!!

Doc's generosity continues even though he is many miles away. He purchased the five raffle tickets mailed to him, so he is still helping us bring out the best in kids.

Below is an e-mail his daughter, Eileen Gorss, sent, asking that it be shared with his fellow Optimists:

*To our dear friends:*

*Just want to take a minute to let you know that Dad's move to Massachusetts has been completed. We had a whirlwind move, with Dad and Chris (Doc's son) returning to Detroit from Austin, Texas where he attended a class reunion with Dad's med school friends. He stayed with Malcolm and Ann. (He had such a nice visit.!)*

*Monday (Nov. 7) we had an all-out effort packing and ended the day with a great meal at Gino's Restaurant with about 32 friends from 40+ years to the last couple, including medical friends, buddies from Dunkin Donuts and the Optimist Club, and friends and neighbors in the community..There were stories , jokes and fond farewells. It was a fun time and a nice chance to say good-bye to our Michigan friends.*

*The packing went smoothly. We hired 2 people from e-move (on line) to help load the U-haul truck (which Chris drove). In the late afternoon, the St Vincent De Paul truck loaded as much as possible in their truck. The dumpster took the rest...it broke my heart to see the dumpster full, but what can you do? The sun was shining and although it was exhausting, everything went without a hitch. Dad's neighbors and friends were so kind and helpful throughout the process.*

*Chris left after dinner and (granddaughter) Anna and I cleaned. We left Waterford at 7 a.m. on Wednesday (Nov. 9). Anna flew back Wed. morning and Dad and I drove through Canada, past Niagra Falls and arrived in Southboro on Thursday evening. Had a bit of rain and some hail during the drive, but no problems.*

*Dad stayed with us over the weekend in our home and moved into his new digs today (Nov. 16). He has a one bedroom apt in a retirement community (assisted living). His room overlooks an indoor pool which Carolyn and her friends can use. He is very close to the dining room and looks forward to getting started at the exercise room. We still have a few details to attend to like care insurance, driver's license and new license plates, and, of course, we are hoping that the Michigan condo sells sooner rather than later.*

*Now we are so happy to have Dad so close. It will take time to make new friends, but people seem very*

*friendly, and who can resist such a nice guy with a sense of humor? Dad's new address is*

*Arnold L Brown*

*400 Hemenway St., Suite 292*

*Marlborough, MA 01752*

*Phone: 508-460-7292*

*E-mail: ArnoldLBrown@earthlink.net*

*It would sure be nice for Dad to hear from you.*

## **JoAnn Andrees moving, too ... to Connecticut!**

Our Club has been hit with a double whammy. First, Doc Brown moves East and now word comes that JoANN ANDREES is right behind him, to Connecticut, to become the superintendent of schools in West Haven, Conn. She was the unanimous choice of a search committee to direct the educational efforts of the 7,500-student district.

Word has it that JoAnn, at the end of the current school year, will be leaving her current post as assistant superintendent for instruction and curriculum in the West Bloomfield District, where she also served as teacher, counselor, assistant principal, and middle school and high school principal.

JoAnn was a tremendous force and role model of generous supporter and active member in Our Club and the cause of Optimism. In the last month, she has sponsored three new members.

## **Valerie and Laura combine talents in media services**

**P\*R\*O\*G\*R\*A\*M** VALERIE EDGINGTON and LAURA WILLIAMS used their imagination in naming their media production company as they do in the variety of media services they offer.

"Our first DVD was about women and ice hockey," Valerie explained at the Nov. 16 meeting. From that project came "Ice" and "Tribal" because on the ice, as in life, to be successful you have to work together. "So we named our company Ice Tribal Productions."

Valerie and Laura, who will co-chair Our Club's winter golf outing Jan. 28, combine their talents in a line of media services for business or personal use, such as commercials, virtual tours, parties, showers, birthdays, etc.

They provide a film crew, computer editing, graphic design and final DVD production. For a consultation, call them at (248) 681-3616. They are located in Waterford.

They showed an example of their work with a DVD featuring highlights of Our Club's recent pumpkin decorating event.

**Dues are due:** Treasurer DON HORKEY reminds one and all to **pay your dues!** You have options: annually (\$180), semi-annually (\$90) or quarterly (\$45). The first quarter ends Dec. 31.