



OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR

NOVEMBER 2006

Coming Attractions!

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1 – Program to be announced; Board meeting.
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8 – Program to be announced.
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15 – Program to be announced.
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22 – Program to be announced.
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29 – Program to be announced.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6 – Program to be announced; **EARLY BIRD #1 drawing**;
Board meeting.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13 – Program to be announced.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20 – Program to be announced; **EARLY BIRD #2 drawing**.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27 – Program to be announced.

Installation & Exultation: a Happy New (Optimist) Year!

Our Club welcomed the new Optimistic year by installing our leadership for 2006-2007 and handing out awards to a quartet of deserving individuals.

In a break with Our Club's 33-year tradition, ED SIMONS was installed for a second consecutive one-year term as president. He thanked the two dozen members and guests attending the installation banquet Oct. 4 at Gino's Restaurant for their support and cooperation in the old year, and asked for even more support for the new year.

Taking the oath of office (administered by past Lt. Gov. TERI GIANNETTI) with Ed were EARL LOWEN, first vice president; STEVE PALMER, second vice president; secretary PAUL LIPSON; treasurer DON HORKEY; and new directors, BILL BERTAKIS, JODI FRANKE and NANCY PETSCH (each for two-year terms) and GAYLE STURT, filling out the vacancy created by Jerry Bosley, who resigned his Optimist membership after 43 years – 33 in Our Club. VAL EDGINGTON and DAN PETERS are the other directors completing the remaining year of their terms.

Bosley had to endure a fractured piece of poetry by DON HORKEY in a tribute to his four decades-plus as an Optimist and as a charter member of Our Club in 1973. (*More about Jerry on page 2*).

President Simons presented the annual awards to:

GINO SANTIA, Optimist of the Year in tribute to his years of community service and support of Our Club and its mission;

BARBARA NORDEEN, the Spirit of Optimism for her generous and willing hand of cooperation;

JOHN LINEMEYER, the Ledge Tomlinson Community Service award for his diligence as president and driving force of the Tri-Cities Business Association.

15-Week Raffle: Goal, sell 300 tickets!

Members have – or shortly will have – in their possession tickets for our 15-Week Raffle. Early Bird drawings (for members only) will be held Dec. 6 and 20, and the first week of drawings will be held Jan. 10. The goal is to realize a \$3,000 profit by selling all 300 tickets. President ED SIMONS is exhorting everyone: "Either buy or sell at least five tickets!"



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

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Treasurer DON HORKEY
Secretary PAUL LIPSON

Directors
BILL BERTAKIS*
VALERIE EDGINGTON
JODI FRANKE*
DAN PETERS
NANCY PETSCH*
GAYLE STURT
(* 2 year terms).

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:
DON HORKEY

HONOR ROLL NEW MEMBERS

2006-2007

JOHN SCOTT (*sponsor*, Ed Simons)

LET'S CELEBRATE!

ANNIVERSARIES DURING NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS:

NOV. 8 – DAVE KARAGOSIAN

NOV. 27 – NANCY PETSCH



MEMBERSHIPS:

1 YEAR – TONY MARASCO (Nov. 21, 2005)

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

Golf Outing a success

The first annual "Teeing Off FORE! Kids" was deemed a success by President ED SIMONS. The event on Sept. 7 at Pontiac Country Club attracted more than 80 golfers who enjoyed a round of golf and then a delicious steak dinner at Gino's Santia Hall.

The event was sponsored by Gino Santia in cooperation with Our Club to benefit the St. Joseph Hospital Neonatal ICU and Our Club's scholarship fund. When all the bills were paid, the hospital and Our Club split the profit of \$4,054.50.

Simons paid tribute to members VAL EDGINGTON and LAURA WILLIAMS, and to Jack Birrell and Kevin Ogg for their leadership. He also expressed gratitude to all the volunteers who helped out.

Welcome, John Scott

Oakland County Commissioner JOHN SCOTT is Our Club's first new member of the new Optimist year. His application was approved by the Board of Directors. President ED SIMONS is Scott's sponsor.

Jerry Bosley: for 43 years, an Optimist!

JERRY BOSLEY, who is 80, became an Optimist because he wanted to live longer. "I read somewhere that optimistic people live longer, so I didn't want to be a pessimist."

He joined the Royal Oak club in 1963. In a brief time, he was elected president and during his term of office, inspired the club to become No. 1 in the Michigan District through a vast array of activities and achievements.

He said he never considered joining other civic clubs because "their purposes didn't appeal to me."

He became a member of Our Club in fulfillment of a pledge he made to Ledge Tomlinson, Our Club's founder.

This was during the time when Jerry was Michigan District governor in 1972-73. He helped establish seven clubs that year. The Keego Harbor effort was struggling to get the 35 required members.

"So I told Ledge if he could get 34, then I would join and become the 35th member," Jerry explains. "Well, he did and he held me to my promise." Jerry made the trip to Keego Harbor from Royal Oak all these years in all kinds of weather. "I'm going to be saving a lot of money now not buying gas for the car."

Jerry was president of Our Club in 1988-89. He also served as treasurer. On a district level, he was Lt.-Gov. for two years, and chairman of the Achievements Awards committee for one year. For three years, he served as a member of the Optimist International Convention Committee.

In his non-Optimist life, Jerry sold insurance for more than 40 years with Michigan Life, first as an agent representing several other agencies and then, in the last 7-8 years, as a third-party administrator functioning as a liaison between the client and the insurance company.

But before that, as an 11th grade high school student during World War II, he voluntarily joined the Navy. He wouldn't have been accepted as a draftee because he was color blind. He served for two years in the Seabees on Guam.

He sold garage doors for six years in Florida and Birmingham, Mich., and then for 10 years, worked in the marketing and merchandising departments for Chrysler and Ford.

Jerry and his wife, Carol, have been married 53 years. They have a son and daughter, and one grandchild.

In a note to the Editor, Jerry wrote: "It was a pleasure to get to know so many folks from the Keego area over these past some 30 years, and I'm going to miss you all. Keep up the good works; long live the Keego Optimists!"

KEEGO HARBOR
OPTIMIST CLUB

*Friends of
Youth*

FOR THE
YEAR 2006



REALIZING OUR MISSION ***

More than 100 youngsters use their creativity in **decorating pumpkins for Halloween** *** Our Club donates \$200 in support of **Abbott Middle Schools' musical production** in March; we also pledge to support through attendance *** We contribute \$200 to the **West Bloomfield Youth Coalition** in support of their programs partnering youths and parents *** A dozen members of the Abbott Middle School orchestra **displayed their considerable talents** at our breakfast meeting *** We contribute **\$100 to each of three families** to make their holidays a bit brighter and merrier *** More than **500 youths** who attend Roosevelt School or are members of a number of Cub Scout or Girl Scout troops, or who play in the Lakeland Girls Hockey League or are represented by the Roosevelt Student Council had a **family day of fun bowling and raised dollars** for their respective club treasuries by participating in Our Club's annual "Bowling for Kids" *** **About 100 students** at Abbott Middle School participated in the Oratorical Contest; the dozen finalists did a grand job of telling us why "The Future is Bright because..."*** **More than 200 kids** enjoyed the annual Easter Egg Roll *** Some **15 outstanding students** from area schools were lauded on Student Appreciation Day *** Our Club awarded **seven graduating seniors scholarships totaling \$4,500** to help them in their entry into college; they were honored at the annual "Michigan Week" breakfast *** We contributed \$135 in support of **Elizabeth Magee's MSU extension project** of making back packs***We supported the annual **Keego Harbor Memorial Day Parade** with a \$100 donation; the parade attracted thousands of spectators*** We gave \$100 to Abbott seventh grade Boy Scout, **Tommy Van den Ende**, to help him reach his goal of raising the funds necessary to attend the Boy Scout Jamboree in London, England, in July 2007*** **More than a hundred kids** attended the Roosevelt School Summer Camp.***Our Club is a

major \$500 sponsor of the annual **Skate Night** in cooperation with the Keego Harbor Police Dept. Hundreds of youths enjoy an afternoon of safe fun on bikes, skateboards, etc.



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 2006.

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The Lodge
The Paint Can
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Group funds research in brain diseases

"Cutting edge research" in brain diseases and disorders is being funded in our area by a relatively unknown organization based in Bloomfield Hills.

Cathy Goodell, executive director of the Mental Health Research Association explained at our Sept. 20 meeting that the group raises about \$350,000 annually to provide seed money for



research and education.

Some 90 percent of the funding is made in Michigan, she said, to such organizations as Children's Hospital of Michigan, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

In 2007, the association will be devoting funds for mandatory suicide prevention education programs in the state's schools.

The organization was founded 14 years ago. Its mission is to fund research for brain diseases and disorders and to erase stigma by providing educational programs in the community and schools. More information, call (248)338-1299 or visit their website at www.miraresearch.org. Ms. Goodell was the guest of EDDIE DELBRIDGE.

Ralph recuperating

In a note accompanying his dues payment, RALPH BEHLER's spouse, Totsy, had this encouraging news about Ralph:

"He's in Woodward Hills rehabilitation center. He's doing well and hopefully will be coming home in another week (by the end of October)."

An amazing story!

You've probably heard the story about the gentleman who was attacked by a stingray that jumped into his boat? He is the uncle of BILL BERTAKIS, who recounted the experience for us at our Oct. 25 meeting. Doctors performed amazing surgery on his heart to save his life. As of now, it appears the gentleman – who is 82 years old! – will successfully survive this harrowing incident.

Gino is sighted

Members of the club have sighted GINO SANTIA at his restaurant recently following his open heart surgery. Though he probably has been told to take it easy, it's difficult to keep a good man down. We wish you well, Gino, our 2006 Optimist of the Year!



OXYMORONS

1. Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?
2. Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
3. If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
4. If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
5. Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
6. Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
7. Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
8. Why do "tug" boats push their barges?
9. Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game" when we are already there?
10. Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?
11. Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?
12. Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?
13. Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?
14. Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?
15. Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?
16. If work is so terrific, why do they have to pay you to do it?
17. If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?
18. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
19. If you are cross-eyed and have dyslexia, can you read all right?
20. Why is bra singular and panties plural?
21. Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?
22. Why do we put suits in garment bags and garments in a suitcase?
23. How come abbreviated is such a long word?
24. Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?
25. Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
26. Why do they call it a TV set when you only have one?
27. Christmas, what other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree, and eat candy out of your socks?

SAYINGS OF THE FAMOUS:

"The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending, and to have the two as close together as possible." – *George Burns*.

"Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year." – *Victor Borge*

"We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress." – *Will Rogers*.