



# OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR

NOVEMBER 2009

## *Coming Attractions!*

- THURSDAY, NOV. 12 – Program to be announced.  
TUESDAY, NOV. 17 – BOARD MEETING, 7:30 a.m., Roosevelt School Community Room.  
THURSDAY, NOV. 19 – Program to be announced.  
SATURDAY, NOV. 21 – 50-50 RAFFLE, noon, during the UM-OSU game; at The Lodge (on Orchard Lake Road in Keego) and O'Tooles (on Cass-Elizabeth Lake Road, Waterford).  
SUNDAY-WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22-25 – POKER PARTY at The Lodge, Orchard Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Each day, 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
THURSDAY, NOV. 26 – THANKSGIVING DAY. No meeting.  
SATURDAY, DEC. 5 – BREAKFAST WITH SANTA at O'Tooles. 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Details on page 2).  
THURSDAY, DEC. 3 – PROGRAM: Musical entertainment.  
THURSDAY, DEC. 10 – PROGRAM: Musical entertainment.  
THURSDAY, DEC. 17 – Program to be announced.

## **November fund-raisers: reasons to be grateful?**

This month is marked by Thanksgiving Day. It will be a month that Our Club may be expressing gratitude if a couple of fund-raisers pan out as well as we are anticipating.

➤ **The first is a 50-50 raffle – in two locations! – on Saturday, Nov. 21, during the Michigan-Ohio State game.** As of this writing, the time of the game is yet to be determined, but it will probably be either noon or 3:30 p.m. One location will be The Lodge on Orchard Lake Road in Keego Harbor . . . the other at O'Tooles on Cass-Elizabeth Lake Road in Waterford.

Volunteers are needed. Call EDDIE DELBRIDGE (248-891-9440) to help out at The Lodge; con tact ED SIMONS (248-891-8848) to offer your help at O'Tooles.

➤ **The second fund-raiser will be Poker Nights at The Lodge from Sunday thru Wednesday, Nov. 22-25, from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. each day.**

Our initial experience with this event didn't prove to be as fruitful as were led to believe. However, The Lodge has been attracting large crowds for its poker events, and we are expecting to do well.

**Again, volunteers are very important. Contact ED SIMONS (248-891-8848) to volunteer for a shift (or two or more).** Proceeds from this event will benefit our scholarship fund and our other community projects for the youth.



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 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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(\* 2 year terms).

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:  
DON HORKEY

## Scott is Number 1!

Scott Smith dropped off his two children last month at the Pumpkin Decorating event at Roosevelt School, and stayed around to witness all the fun. He was so impressed that he decided to join us, and so he becomes Our Club's first new member for the 2009-2010 Optimist Year.

Scott is a senior financial advisor and associate vice president of Ameriprise Financial Services in West Bloomfield. He and his wife, Suzanne, and children live in Commerce Township.

Welcome, Scott!

## Having pumpkin fun

"If you didn't attend, you're the loser."

ED SIMONS was describing the "good time all the kids" had at our annual Pumpkin Decorating event last month.

Some 206 pumpkins were decorated in all kinds of imaginative ways at Roosevelt School over a period of two hours Oct. 24.

Special thanks go out to:

- DZI lawn maintenance for the donation of cider.
- O'Toole's for the donation of cookies and brownies.
- Dunkin' Donuts for the donation of 400 donut holes.
- Our Club's former president, JEFF BECKETT, for the transportation of pumpkins to Roosevelt School.
- Principal TOM SHELTON for all the preparations at Roosevelt School.
- And to the Club members who volunteered their time to make the event so successful.

❖ **MEETINGS** – We are back at Tony's Deli for our weekly Thursday AM meetings. Voluntary contributions to the "breakfast fund" are welcomed to ease the financial strain on our budget.

❖ **WINNERS** – ED SIMONS won the 50-50 raffle jackpot of \$145 , , , DON HORKEY won the \$500 of dining certificates in the Parks and Recreation raffle that Our Club sponsored.

❖ **ORATORICAL/ESSAY** – Our Club voted on a one-year trial basis to sponsor an essay contest in the spring rather than an oratorical contest. The essay topic: "The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?"

❖ **ENDORSEMENT** – Our Club approved a letter endorsing the West Bloomfield School District's application for a federal "Re-Imagine" grant. These funds will provide support for advanced academic programs in district schools.

## HONOR ROLL NEW MEMBERS

2009-2010

SCOTT SMITH (*sponsor, Bill Bertakis*)

## LET'S CELEBRATE!

### ANNIVERSARIES DURING NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

#### BIRTHDAYS:

NOV. 8 – DAVE KARAGOSIAN

NOV. 27 – NANCY PETSCH

DEC. 27 – BUZZ BROWN

DEC. 28 – AMY HUGHES



#### MEMBERSHIPS:

17 YEARS – ANN CRAWFORD (12/9/1992)

8 YEARS – BOB PYLES (11/8/2001);

ED SIMONS (12/28/2001)

5 YEARS – TONY PERKOVIC (12/5/2004)

4 YEARS – TONY MARASCO (11/21/2005)

3 YEARS – DALE STUART (12/6/2006)

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

## Breakfast with Santa

"Breakfast with Santa" will again be sponsored by Our Club between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, at O'Toole's, 4000 Cass Elizabeth Road, Waterford.

This was a very popular event a year ago, offering everyone a delicious buffet meal and, for kids under 12, a chance for a photo with Santa.

And for the club, it's an opportunity to realize funds for our community service budget.

The cost is \$14.95 for adults, and \$8.95 for kids 12 and under.

To register or for more information, contact BILL BERTAKIS at (248) 343-8816 or e-mail at [intellbill@comcast.net](mailto:intellbill@comcast.net)

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*Friends of  
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Jim Bagley Sr.

In memory of  
"Bill" Bertakis

In memory of  
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In memory of  
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In honor of  
Carson James  
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In honor of  
Ed Simons

In memory of  
Ledge Tomlinson

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*Announcing . . .*

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR**

*Friends of Youth for 2009*

**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." . . .

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE "FRIEND OF YOUTH"** will be directed to the Scholarship Program. In the last nine years, 48 students have been the recipients of more than \$37,000 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.** They may be made in the name of the donor or in honor of or in memory of a dear friend.

**YES**, I/We are happy to make a donation of **\$100** to be a Keego Harbor Optimist Club "Friend of Youth" for 2009 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:**

In honor of:       In memory of:

Address of Donor:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make a copy of this form for your records. Mail to: Ms. Eddie Delbridge, President; PO Box 535; Keego Harbor, MI 48320. For information, contact Ms. Delbridge at 248-891-9440.*



# **No body? No murder?**

## **Conviction is possible**

If there isn't a body, can you still be convicted of a murder?

The answer is "yes," according to Steve Kaplan, assistant prosecuting attorney for Macomb County, who talked to Our Club Oct. 29.

Kaplan related a "perfect murder" that was solved years after it was committed in 1991. The case involved the disappearance of a nurse. The suspect had broken up with the woman, and believed that without a body, he couldn't be convicted.

"However, we proved that he lied and we were able to gain a conviction," Kaplan said.

A resident of West Bloomfield and a township trustee, Kaplan has served 22 years in the

Macomb County prosecutor's office. Among the changes in law enforcement he has observed over the years are "more professional" police agencies, more violent crime among youth, and prosecutors becoming "career" positions.

He said that there isn't more crime, "but more publicity and news about crime."

## **Public transportation? It's up to the citizens to decide**

It's up to the citizens to decide if they want public transportation.

That was the gist of a presentation by member JOHN SCOTT, an Oakland County Commissioner, at our Nov. 5 meeting.

John said that there are 23 communities in Oakland County who have public transportation, and 37 who have "opted out."

Every January, these communities must decide if they want to remain in or continue to stay out. If the communities' legislative body decides to join, then the question is put on the ballot in an August vote for the citizens to decide.

The 23 communities (representing 56% of the county's registered voters) who are in are taxed .59 mills, totaling about \$21 million in tax revenue.

John said there is a proposal before the Oakland County general government committee on Nov. 30 to replace the current transportation authority with a county-wide system that would impose a .50 tax. The proposal will come before the full Board of Commissioners in December. Scott said that County Executive Brooks Patterson has already indicated he will veto the proposed legislation if it comes to his desk. It would take 17 votes of the 25 Commissioners to override the veto, and John said he didn't think the override would occur.

In summary, John said, "Let each community decide, yes or no, if it wants public transportation."



## **PERKS OF BEING OVER 60, AND HEADING TOWARDS 70 AND BEYOND**

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 p.m. 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 supper at 4 p.m.
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.
18. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
19. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

### **SUBJECT: MAN DOWN!!!**

A husband and wife are shopping in their local Wal-Mart. The husband picks up a case of Budweiser and puts it in their cart. "What do you think you're doing?" asks the wife.

"They're on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans," he replies.

"Put them back, we can't afford them," demands the wife, and so they carry on shopping. A few aisles further on along the woman picks up a \$20 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket.

"What do you think you're doing?" asks the husband.

"It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful," replies the wife. Her husband retorts, "So does 24 cans of Budweiser and its half the price."

On the PA system: "Cleanup needed on aisle 25, we have a husband down."



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