



OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR

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October 2010

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2010 AWARDEES

OPTIMIST OF THE YEAR

Ed Simons

Spending countless hours on behalf of our Club, but not wanting any personal recognition, makes it tough to honor one who gives and gives at this level. But the Club persevered and found a way to say thanks!

LEDGE TOMLINSON COMMUNITY SERVICE - Mel Hager

Dedicated not only to the community, but the Club's philosophies, Mel is all about youth – and all about helping others, giving 150% to our Club, without regard for personal gain or recognition.

BILLY HALL SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM AWARD - Bill Bertakis

Bill serves tirelessly to spread the word of our Club around the Keego Harbor community (and has brought four new members to our Club this year).

SPECIAL OPTIMIST AWARD - Tom Shelton

Totally dedicated to the projects and activities of our Club, Tom paves the way in getting things done...easily and without complication. He has a positive attitude in everything he does.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD - Don Horkey

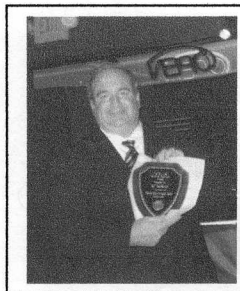
For his dedication, efforts, time and energy for the last 13 years. spending countless hours, promoting our successes, tracking our finances, writing great words...

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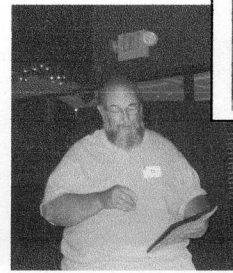
2010 INSTALLATION DINNER CELEBRATES ACHIEVEMENTS

The Annual Awards/Installation Dinner proved to be a surprise for a number of our members.

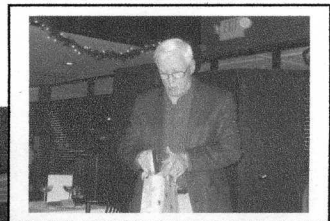
Unsuspecting board members received gifts of gratitude as outgoing President Ms. Eddie Delbridge rewarded them for their hard work and support throughout the year.



Bill Bertakis receiving the Billy Hall Spirit of Optimism Award



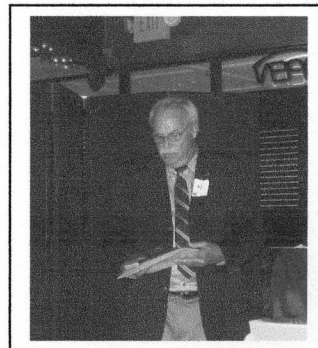
Mel Hager receives the Ledge Tomlinson Community Service Award.



Outstanding Service recipient Don Horkey



Kathy Sparkman "packs" a punch this year



Optimist of the Year Ed Simons



A surprised Lee Sullivan recognized as Volunteer of the Year



Past Lt. Governor Debbie Berry congratulating incoming President Tom Shelton as Special Optimist for 2010.



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Serving the youth of Keego Harbor,
Sylvan Lake and Orchard Lake, MI.

The Club meets at 7:30 AM every
Thursday at Tony's Deli,
3258 Orchard Lake Road (next door to
the West Bloomfield Fire Dept).

(Optimist International, Club 17227
Michigan District No. 17, Zone 13.)

MICHIGAN DISTRICT GOVERNOR:
Jan Oord

LT. GOVERNOR: Lisa Boettcher

2010-2011 OFFICERS:

TOM SHELTON, *President*
KATHY SPARKMAN, *1st Vice President*
MEL HAGER, *2nd Vice President*
CHUCK COMPTON, *Treasurer*
PAUL LIPSON, *Secretary*
MS. EDDIE DELBRIDGE,
Immediate Past President (ex officio)

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BUZZ BROWN
MATT EVANS*
BETH FEITEN
NANCY PETSCH
ED SIMONS*
SCOTT SMITH*

*Two-year Terms

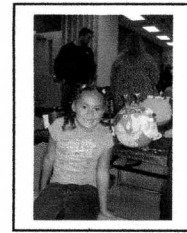
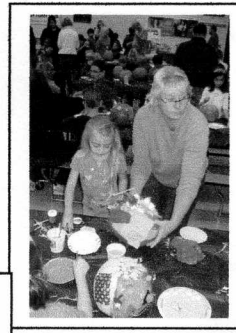
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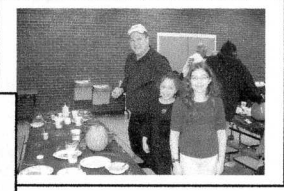
OPTIMISTS MAKING FACES



Adam and Cristina Elsen
with their family.



Lee Sullivan with
Ed Simons and
Kathv Sparkman



Scott Smith with daughters
Alexi and Olivia

Children literally watching paint dry.

The **Annual Pumpkin Decorating Day** at Roosevelt Elementary School was once again a huge hit with the community. A pile of pumpkins were painted and decorated by over 220 children.

Pumpkins were provided by John and Jean Sopko, JFS Enterprise, Keego Harbor Flower Nursery, and sponsored by member John Scott, and Rocky Raczkowski, candidate for US Congress. DZI Maintenance sponsored the cider, Tim Hortons the donuts, and past president Ms. Eddie Delbridge sponsored the coffee table. Jeff Beckett (and man's best friend Bingo) provided delivery of over 220 pumpkins for the event.

Club members and friends donated an array of materials ranging from paint, nuts and bolts, to fabrics and yarn, buttons, ribbon, popsicle sticks and pipe cleaners. Member Buzz Brown provided "spooky" music for the children (*Who let the dogs out - Monster Mash - you know the drill*).

An added bonus this year was Bill Bertakis setting up an area for children to have their pictures taken with their finished pumpkin. What a hit!

Many parents complimented the Club for doing this event for their children - and everyone young and old had a great time. The Keego Harbor/Sylvan/Orchard Lake community has some talented and creative children!

Awardees (from page 1)

**OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR -
Ms. Lee Sullivan**

In the true spirit of volunteerism, for giving her time and support, jumping in and assisting with our special events and activities.

2010 "PACKS A PUNCH" AWARD - Kathy Sparkman
For spearheading our backpack raffle project, increasing to 50 the number of packs collected, stuffed and raffled off for the children in our community this year.

Did you know that Halloween has taken over as the number one most decorated holiday ever - even more than Christmas, St. Paddy's and Valentine's Day! More money is spent on decorations for Halloween than any other (season) in the USA.

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Friend of Youth 2010

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

Contributions to "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 ONLY \$100. They may be made in the name of the donor; in honor of someone, or in memory of a dear friend or family member.

Keego Harbor Optimist Club "Friend of Youth" 2010
YES! I/we are happy to make a donation of **\$100**,
in support of the Club's Scholarship Program.

PLEASE PRINT

DONOR NAME _____

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_____ IN HONOR OF

_____ IN MEMORY OF

My/Our Donation is enclosed.

I/We pledge our donation, and will send it by _____.

(Make check payable to: Optimist International Foundation.

Your contribution is tax deductible), and mail to:

Mr. Tom Shelton, President, Keego Harbor Optimist Club;

PO Box 535, Keego Harbor, MI 48320.

For information, you may contact Mr. Shelton at:

shelton@westbloomfield.k12.mi.us

Friend of Youth 2010

In honor of...
Paul Lipson
Keego Harbor Jacket Club

In memory of
Catherine Pappas
Margo Santia

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

The Optimist Club of Keego Harbor is proud to welcome its newest members over the past few months, and achieving our goal of five (5) new members for 2009-2010.

Scott Smith is an Associate Vice President for Ameriprise Financial in West Bloomfield., Scott lives in Commerce Twp with wife Suzanne and children Alexi (11) and Olivia (8).
Sponsor: Bill Bertakis

Adam Elsen has been coming to our Club on behalf of the Cub Scouts at Roosevelt . He is now officially a member representing the Parent Community Group (PCG) at Roosevelt. Adam lives in Keego Harbor with wife, Cristina and children Jake (7); Sophia (6); Michael (2), and Amelia (1).
Sponsor: Ms. Eddie Delbridge

O'Tooles Restaurant – John Buchanan is the General Floor Manager, overseeing the restaurant's operations on Sundays. John lives in Waterford with his partner and four special needs children.
Sponsor: Bill Bertakis

Beth Feiten is the new Roosevelt Elementary School Principal. She and husband Mike live in West Bloomfield, with daughter Hannah (18-1/2). Beth stepped up immediately to participate in our activities and programs, and will be serving this coming year as a Director.
Sponsor: Dr. JoAnn Andrees

Kathleen (Kathy) Riley is a career coach. Her company is Transformational Leaders International, located in Bloomfield Hills. Kathy recently moved to Keego Harbor, where Bill Bertakis quickly encouraged her to take a look at our club. Kathy also stepped up right away to work on our events.
Sponsor: Bill Bertakis



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COMING EVENTS...

- THURS, NOV 4** Frank Vigliarolo, High Performance Sports & Apparel
- THURS, NOV 11** Program to be Announced
- THURS, NOV 18** Program to be Announced
- THURS, NOV 25** **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
- THURS, DEC 2** Program to be Announced
- THURS, DEC 9** Program to be Announced
- THURS, DEC 16** Program to be Announced
- THURS, DEC 23** **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**
- THURS, DEC 30** **HAPPY HOLIDAYS !**

Have an interesting speaker? Need to contact a former speaker? Contact President Tom Shelton:
shelton@westbloomfield.k12.mi.us



RECENT PROGRAMS...

Sept 23 – Rob Boyle, Executive Director of *Furniture Bank for Southeastern Michigan* (based in Pontiac) spoke about the many important services his organization provides to families in Oakland / Macomb Counties - for over 40 years, furnishing hope and establishing a stable home to over 4,000 families in need by providing: 2600 tables around which families can gather; 2300 mattresses/beds to keep children from sleeping on the floor; 200 cribs for newborns and infants to sleep safely; 200 sofas and dressers; and over 500 appliances to store and cook meals, and clean clothes. They collaborate with other human services organizations to help children, infants and newborns, victims of domestic violence, fire, theft and floods, the home- less, those with disabilities, medical emergencies, foster parents and seniors.

Oct 7 – Awards/Installation Dinner

Oct 14 - John Scott, Oakland County Commissioner and fellow member gave us an update: The County budget is balanced, as is Keego Harbor. Property taxes are down 15-20%.

Oct 21 – Randi Sakwa, from *Our Children's Fund*, a non-profit organization, run by volunteers, with the support of the West Bloomfield School District, for the purpose of providing for children and their families in need. Since its inception in 1990, *Our Children's Fund* has granted nearly 1038 requests totaling more than \$197,471. Assistance can range from medical expenses, clothing, food, school supplies and other necessities. 100% of fundraising activities goes to these needy families. The School District provides a social worker and secretarial services.

Oct 28 – Lt. Gov. Lisa Boettcher (Lakes Area Optimist Club) visited our Club, and promises to stay in touch this year. Also spotted at the conclusion of our meeting: Past Lt.Gov Debbie Berry (Waterford Optimists) meeting with Past Governor Bob Schiller (West Bloomfield Club).

Celebrations!

September – October
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- Sept 6 Dr. Ashok Gupta
- 20 Tony Marasco
- 22 Dr. JoAnn Andrees
- Don Horkey
- Oct 13 Gayle Sturt
- 17 Sid Rubin

Memberships

- 37 Years Chuck Compton
(10/01/73-Charter Member)
- 5 Years Amy Hughes (10/20/05)
- 4 Years John Scott (10/21/06)
- 3 Years Buzz Brown (10/12/07)
- Kathy Sparkman (10/12/07)

(if we missed your date, let Eddie know
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