

NEWSLETTER OF THE KEEGO HARBOR OPTIMIST CLUB

October 2005

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.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT GOVERNOR:
DON BROSE

MICHIGAN DISTRICT THEME:
"Illuminating Our Youth"

2005-2006 OFFICERS:
President ED SIMONS
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2nd Vice President BOB BURNS
Treasurer DON HORKEY
Secretary PAUL LIPSON

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JERRY BOSLEY*
"BUZZ" BROWN
CHARLES COMPTON
VALERIE EDGINGTON*
BARB NORDEEN
DAN PETERS*
(* 2 year terms).

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:
DON HORKEY

COMING ATTRACTIONS!

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26 – Program to be announced.

SATURDAY, OCT. 29 – PUMPKIN DECORATING at Roosevelt School; doors open at 10 a.m. for kids, but help is needed for preparations at 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2 – Program to be announced; Board meeting.

TUESDAY, NOV. 8 – ELECTION DAY! Do your duty!

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9 – Program to be announced.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, NOV. 11-13 – Michigan District 1st QUARTER meeting, Gateway Center, Flint.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16 – Program to be announced.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23 – Program to be announced.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30 – Program to be announced.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7 – Program to be announced; Board meeting.

We are an HONOR CLUB for 2004-05!

Congratulations to us! We are an Honor Club for 2004-2005. We met the requirement to wind up with at least one more member than we had at the beginning. We started the Optimist Year last October with 41 members, and ended it with 43 with the approval of the applications of LAURA WILLIAMS and

VALERIE EDGINGTON, both sponsored by BARB NORDEEN. They were formally inducted during our installation banquet.

Congratulations, too, to outgoing president, PAUL LIPSON. It was one of his priority goals, and he accomplished it!

And we're off to a good start for 2005-06!

At the Oct. 5 Board meeting chaired by our new president, ED SIMONS, two new membership applications were approved for:

□ KENDRA HEARN, Ph.D. (sponsored by JoANN ANDREES): She is the Director of Curriculum for the West Bloomfield School District.

□ WALTER SANDS, JR. (sponsored by RALPH BEHLER): He owns Sands Design, Inc., based in Keego Harbor.

That means that JoAnn and Ralph be able to wear the snappy Sponsor Lapel Pin (pictured on the front page of the latest Optimist magazine). In addition, they will be entered in International's "win a cruise-for-two" contest open to members who sponsor a new member between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31. Good luck to them!

Who's next?

PUMPKIN DECORATING SAT., OCT. 29

Your help is invaluable for this fun event at Roosevelt School. PAUL LIPSON and STEVE PALMER are co-chairing. We need help at about 9 a.m., to unload the pumpkins, and then at 10 a.m. when the doors open. Be there! You'll enjoy it!

New President Ed Simons is 'open for new challenges'

ED SIMONS was inducted as Our Club's new president for the 2005-2006 Optimist Year at a gala installation banquet Oct. 11 at Gino's Restaurant.

Michigan District Lt.-Gov. Rusty Kaltsounis led Simons and a slate of new officers and directors in the oath of office.

"I'm open for new challenges," Ed told the crowd. "We need new ideas and new programs."

Others assuming administrative duties include First Vice President GAYLE STURT, Second VP BOB BURNS, Secretary (and outgoing president) PAUL LIPSON, Treasurer DON HORKEY and these new directors for two-year terms: JERRY BOSLEY, VALERIE EDGINGTON and DAN PETERS. Three directors complete the Board with a year remaining in their terms: BUZZ BROWN, CHUCK COMPTON and BARB NORDEEN.

□ Lt. Gov. Kaltsounis, a member of the Auburn Hills club, said he brought a special message from Gov. Don Brose: "Our theme this year is to bring out the

best in our kids.” He also praised the enthusiasm of those attending the banquet. “This is the best attendance I have seen,” he said.

□ PAUL LIPSON said his year as president was a “rewarding experience.” He thanked officers and members for their generous support. “We worked as a team,” adding: “I am proud that we are an Honor Club.” Paul also said Our Club’s website is “up and running.” Log on to www.keegoharboroptimist.org.

□ Paul handed out these annual awards:

“Optimist of the Year” to BUZZ BROWN.

“Spirit of Optimist” to MARILYN TREUTER.

“Ledge Tomlinson Community Service Award” to Carolyn Lehr, Keego Harbor city manager.

NEWSY NOTES

SKATE NIGHT – All reports indicate that the annual Skate Night sponsored by the Keego Harbor Police Dept. and of which we are a major sponsor was a resounding success with all kinds of kids enjoying skating and biking in safety.

3 TATE PARK PROJECT – Our plans to put in a basketball court at the Tate Optimist Park appears to be in a fog, what with some resistance from the city’s Park and Rec Dept. as well as reported resistance from neighbors of the park. The latter report is news to PAUL LIPSON who had a very favorable reception in a meeting with the citizenry. Stay tuned.

3 RAFFLE – DON HORKEY reports that tickets for our annual 15-Week Raffle will be available in November. That will give us about two months to hustle tickets before the first drawing on Jan. 18. Can we hit the 300 goal?

3 BACK TO SCHOOL – BUZZ BROWN is taking graduate courses this fall at the University of Michigan’s School of Information, learning how computers gather and store information. He’ll miss our meetings for the first semester until he can rearrange his class schedule. Reports that he’s trying out for the Wolverine football team are exaggerated.

3 A NEW ZONE – Our Club is now in Zone 13 instead of Zone 11 as the result of some restructuring of the Michigan District, reported Lt. Gov. Rusty Kaltsounis at the induction banquet. The other clubs in Zone 13 are Auburn Hills morning and noon, Oakland Community College/Auburn Hills, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills and Pontiac.

3 DUES ARE DUE – New treasurer DON HORKEY is echoing a familiar refrain uttered by JERRY BOSLEY: **Pay your dues!** You have choices: annually (\$180), semi-annually (\$90) or quarterly (\$45). The first quarter ends Dec. 31.

ANNIVERSARIES DURING OCTOBER

MEMBERSHIPS:

32 YEARS – JERRY BOSLEY, CHUCK COMPTON and BILLY STALLARD (Oct. 1, 1973).

1 YEAR – BILL KIRSH-CARR and BRENDAN MOLLOY (Oct. 16, 2004).

BIRTHDAYS:

October 13, GAYLE STURT
October 19, DENNIS WATKINS
October 27, JIM SONKISS

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

KEEGO HARBOR OPTIMIST CLUB

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FOR THE YEAR 2005



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**Farewell party for
Doc Brown Nov. 7**

A farewell party for Doc ARNOLD BROWN, an Optimist since 1996 who is moving East in November, will be held Monday, Nov. 7, at Gino's Restaurant. His daughter, Eileen Gorss, is sponsoring the event along with our member, RAY

KOBE, who is handling things from this end. A \$10 contribution is requested along with your RSVP if you plan on attending. Please contact Eileen by Oct. 31 either by phone (508-485-3747) or by e- mail: Eileen@gorss.com

Doc's address after Nov. 15 will be: 400 Hemenway St., Suite #292, Marlborough, MA 01752.

We wish him the best!

The Honor Roll of **PRESIDENTS** of the Keego Harbor Optimist Club

Ed Simons is the 33rd president of the Keego Harbor Optimist Club since its founding in 1973. Here is the honor roll of individuals who have served Our Club so well:

1973-74	Ledyard Tomlinson
1974-75	Terry R. Talcott
1975-76	Rev. Paul Harrington
1976-77	Dave Sturges
1977-78	Charles Loudermilk
1978-79	J. Lorny Richards
1979-80	Arthur E. Canon
1980-81	Charles Compton
1981-82	Julius Sonkiss
1982-83	Keith Deacon
1983-84	Dennis Hord
1984-85	Robert A. Compton
1985-86	Kendel Jensen
1986-87	John Lohla
1987-88	John H. Kurtti
1988-89	A. Jerome Bosley, Jr.
1989-90	Allan Hamer
1990-91	Cheryl Flammer
1991-92	Keith Murphy
1992-93	Ronald Brown
1993-94	Teri Giannetti
1994-95	Ralph W. Behler
1995-96	Dennis J. Bow
1996	Brad Zimmerman
1996-98	Terry W. Carlson
1998-99	Larry Firman
1999-00	Donald Horkey

2000-01	Haig Stoddard
2001-02	Dennis Watkins
2002-03	Jeff Beckett
2003-04	Jim Gabris
2004-05	Paul Lipson
2005-06	Ed Simons