



# OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR

SEPTEMBER 2006

## Coming Attractions!

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6** – Program to be announced; Board meeting . . . SKATE NIGHT behind City Hall, 5 p.m.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 7** – TEEING OFF *FORE!* KIDS: golf outing at Pontiac Country Club.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13** – Program to be announced.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20** – Program to be announced.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27** – Program to be announced.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4** – Program to be announced; Board meeting.

## Back-to-back: Skate Night, golf outing

Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 6 and 7, will be busy days for Our Club. It goes without saying that participation by members (volunteering to help out, playing golf, securing prizes, etc.) will be appreciated and welcomed. Let ED SIMONS know (248) 891-8848.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6 – SKATE NIGHT.** This annual event is anticipated by the community's youths who can skate and cycle and mingle in safety in the area behind Roosevelt School/in front of the former location of Keego's City Hall. President ED SIMONS will be offering free hot dogs, and he could use an extra hand or two. The fun starts at about 5 p.m. and lasts for three hours. Hundreds of kids will be attending.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 7 – TEEING OFF "FORE!" KIDS: golf outing at Pontiac Country Club.** The golfing won't tee off until 9:30 a.m. However, there's plenty to do before (setting up hole sponsor signs, etc.) and during (judges at hole-in-one sites, etc.) and after the golf (at Santia Hall for the steak dinner, handling raffles, etc.) This will be a long day of activity. Your help will be appreciated and welcomed! Contact Chair VAL EDGINGTON (248) 681-3616 with your offer to help.

## INSTALLATION

The annual installation banquet will be scheduled to coincide with the start of the new Optimist year in October. The formal date will be announced shortly and more information forthcoming. This is the opportunity to express thanks to outgoing officers and pledge our support to the incoming group. Since ED SIMONS will be succeeding himself for another term as president, he will be on the receiving end of both expressions. Other officers and directors will be elected during September and installed at the banquet. It is also the occasion for Our Club to present awards to the Optimist of the Year, the Spirit of Optimism and the Ledge Tomlinson Community Service Award.



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)

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT GOVERNOR:**  
DON BROSE

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT THEME:**  
"Illuminating Our Youth"

**2005-2006 OFFICERS:**  
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(\* 2 year terms).

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## HONOR ROLL NEW MEMBERS

2005-2006

KENDRA HEARN, Ph.D. (*sponsor*, JoAnn Andrees)  
AMY HUGHES (*sponsor*, JoAnn Andrees)  
TONY MARASCO (*sponsor*, JoAnn Andrees)  
JOHN LINEMEYER (*sponsor*, Chuck Compton)  
CHAD ENGELHARDT (*sponsor*, Ed Simons)  
EARL LOWEN (*sponsor*, Sharon Gee)  
EDDIE DELBRIDGE (*sponsor*, Ed Simons)  
BILL BERTAKIS (*sponsor*, Paul Lipson)  
NANCY PETSCH (*sponsor*, Barb Nordeen)

## LET'S CELEBRATE!

### ANNIVERSARIES DURING SEPTEMBER

#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

**SEPT. 4** – KENDRA HEARN

**SEPT. 6** – DR. ASHOK GUPTA

**SEPT. 20** – TONY MARASCO

**SEPT. 22** – JoANN ANDREES, DON HORKEY  
and BILLY STALLARD



#### **MEMBERSHIPS:**

**11 YEARS** – JoANN ANDREES (Sept. 7, 1995).

**1 YEAR** – VAL EDGINGTON (Sept. 26, 2005);  
LAURA WILLIAMS (Sept. 26, 2005).

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

### SMALL STEPS TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR SEPTEMBER

- Clean out your closet and donate clothes that are too big. (If dust triggers your asthma, ask for help when sorting out your closet.)
- Substitute brown rice and whole wheat pasta for your regular choices.
- Ask your doctor if you should use your quick-relief inhaler before exercising.
- Make a regular date with yourself to be physically active.
- Make an appointment with your doctor to get a flu shot.

## Big Fish and Gino's Cruise are big hits

From all reports, congratulations are in order for the huge success of a busy weekend in Keego Harbor: the Big Fish Festival Aug. 12 and Gino's Classic Cruise Aug. 14.

Optimist JOHN LINEMEYER, president of the Tri-Cities Business Association, directed the second annual Big Fish Festival enjoyed by large crowds all day long.

Optimist GINO SANTIA maintained his perfect record of never having a drop of rain fall on his Classic Car Cruise for the ninth year in a row. Again, hundreds turned out to ooh and aah at the classic beauties.

For both events, Our Club sponsored a concession stand with hot dogs and soda pop. President ED SIMONS was tireless in coordinating this effort. The turnout of Optimist volunteers was commendable.

▣ **GUESTS GALORE** – At the August 2 meeting, we enjoyed the company of a pair of guests. Lane Glenn – guest of EDDIE DELBRIDGE – is president of the Auburn Hills AM Club, which has 45 members. He tells us that his club's Comedy Night at the Holly Hotel raises \$10,000 for scholarships. He is a dean on the Oakland Community College Auburn campus . . . RAY KOBE introduced his daughter, Colleen, a graduate of Michigan Tech and on the faculty at Kirkwood Community College in Iowa. She had some interesting tales about the variety of students in her classes, and their academic achievements.

▣ **PARK AND PONTOON** – Our Club's outdoor meetings were most enjoyable: the breakfast at Tate Optimist Park and breakfast cruising on the pontoon boat on Orchard Lake. Beautiful Michigan summer weather made the occasions more delightful.

▣ **STEVE'S JACKPOT!** – STEVE PALMER didn't wait long enough for the 50-50 jackpot to grow, so his winnings were only \$35 when he turned up the correct card.

**FOOTNOTE:** The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs.



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**FOR THE YEAR 2006**

**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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**REALIZING OUR MISSION** \*\*\* 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. \*\*\* 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.



# Reared in Keego, joins Navy, sees the world

Kenny Lowen, brother of member EARL LOWEN, entertained us at our August 9 meeting with 45 nearly uninterrupted minutes of his life and exploits in and out of the U. S. Navy. Born

and raised in Keego Harbor (but now living in Iowa on his way to Virginia when he met with us), Kenny joined

the Navy in 1957, retired in 1979 and re-upped in 1981 for another three years. "I've traveled all over the world," he said.

When he was 17 years old, he was stationed in Japan in the mine-sweeper division; spent a lot of that time seasick. He eventually joined the submarine service, served on the Rockwell and found himself back in Japan. "We could stay down a maximum 18 to 20 hours," Kenny said, contrasting with the nuclear sub Rickover that he later served on, when "we could stay down all the time." He spent five years with the nuclear sub, then four years as an instructor in nuclear power ("how to operate a nuclear sub"), then three years as a chief petty officer and warrant officer ("I was all things to all men"). He also served as a "damage control officer" for several ships, dealing mostly with the plumbing and fire systems.

In 1977, he transferred to the Navy Safety Center in Norfolk, Va., studying the efficiency of Navy operations. Upon his retirement in 1979, he joined the Oakland County Road Commission as a safety officer. Two years later, he volunteered back into the Navy and was stationed at the School of the Americas in Panama, training "peasant kids with a third-grade education" how to operate patrol boats. From 1984-1988, he joined Operation Raleigh, which involved working with youth interns on various kinds of scientific expeditions.



An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart.

"Wal-Mart?" the preacher exclaimed. "Why Wal-Mart?"

"Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week "

## DISORDER IN THE COURT!

*The following exchanges are excerpts from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.*

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan.

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy on him!

And the best for last:

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse ?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: But could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

