



OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR

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December 2010

ANNUAL HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA PARADE DRAWS THOUSANDS

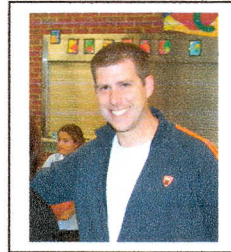


Mike and Beth Feiten leading fellow club members Buzz Brown and Tom Shelton. Joining in are Tom's kids and their friends.

Participants from the communities of Auburn Hills, Pontiac, Keego Harbor, Waterford, Highland and White Lake brought their best to the parade, with a range of floats and balloons on loan from The Parade Company (our Thanksgiving Day Parade folks).

Police and Fire Departments from all communities were on hand; the equestrian units were stunning, and the enthusiasm from the crowd was what it was all about. First Presbyterian Church kept us warm by serving up cocoa and coffee.

This parade offers us an incredible opportunity to promote our Club and our Mission.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

The Holidays are upon us, and I want to take advantage of this opportunity to wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season with family and friends. I sincerely hope that you're able to maintain your Spirit of Optimism throughout this time, and continue to see "the sunny side of everything."

We've had a busy month, including the Oakland County Holiday Extravaganza Parade in Pontiac on Saturday, December 4, and our Lunch with Santa event at Santia Hall on Sunday, December 12. Both events were well attended and positive events for kids and families of our community. I want to formally thank Gino for opening his doors to us and giving so much, and to our resident photographer Bill Bertakis for doing the 'Santa' pictures once again.

Our weekly meetings have been full of great social times and wonderful speakers, including a performance by our very own Chuck Compton, and a preview performance (12/16) of the upcoming Abbott musical. I am still looking for someone to volunteer to set up speakers for January. If you are interested, please let me know.

We'll be busy in January getting ready for our annual "Goofin' Groundhog Golf Classic" (at the Keego Harbor Country Club). Our Past President Ms. Eddie Delbridge is chairing this event, but it will take a lot of us to pull it off and make it even bigger than last year. I'd like to challenge every member of the Club to become involved in this to some level, whether you commit to coming and bringing a foursome with you, or whether you have the time to commit to help get it organized and off the ground. Please contact me or Eddie if interested.

We will not have regular meetings 12/23 or 12/30. Enjoy the Holidays, and I'll look forward to seeing all of you in January.

~ President Tom Shelton



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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
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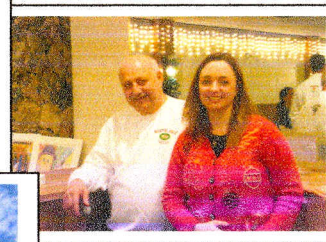
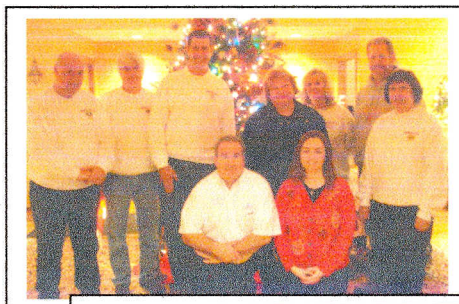
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LUNCH WITH SANTA



Gino Santia takes a moment with Beth Feiten.



Santa and one of his elves visits with the children.
(above) North Pole helpers stop to admire Gino's tree.

Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Keego Harbor and hosted by Gino Santia, kids were treated to a pizza lunch and special treats in addition to having their picture taken while delivering their Christmas "wish list" to Santa.

Over 150 very excited children came with their families to have lunch and see Santa (and one of his elves!) at Santia Hall December 12th. Member Bill Bertakis was on deck to take souvenir pictures of the kids.

Santa was quite comfortable on a super chair (loaned by member Dan Peters from his Studio 50s shop).

A special thank you to Gino for his generous hospitality.

Our President Tom Shelton was seen chatting with Santa as well (what do you suppose he asked Santa?).

Club volunteers working this event sported "North Pole" shirts, specially created for us by Barb Nordeen. Additional shirts will be available at club meetings if you are interested in purchasing one or two – great gifts!

Thanks to members Buzz Brown; Beth Feiten and her husband Mike; Nancy Petsch; Barb Nordeen; Paul Lipson; Bill Bertakis, Eddie Delbridge, and President Tom (he and his family drove through the early winter storm from Brighton to be there!).

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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
Gayle Sturt

In memory of...

Catherine Pappas
Margo Santia

Celebrations!

DECEMBER
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Dec 27 Buzz Brown
28 Amy Hughes

Memberships

6 Years Tony Perkovic (12/4/2004)
18 Years Ann Crawford (12/9/1992)
9 Years Ed Simons (12/28/2001)

(if we missed your date, let Eddie know
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Recent Programs...

Dec 2 Dave Henning, United We Walk
This year's theme is "United we Remember and Move Forward". The organization's mission is to celebrate annually the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., continuing the influence and impact, his dream of creating a beloved community that values diversity, promotes unity, and underscores the worth of every person.
United We Walk Info: 248.865.6420

Dec 9 – Chuck Compton musically singing the praises of the season – the story of Christmas.

Dec 16 – Preview performance of upcoming musical by choir students from Abbott Middle School, under the direction of John Deierlein and Ryan Moore. The musical, titled '13' is scheduled for February 25-26, 2011.



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CLUB MEETINGS...

DEC 23	HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
DEC 30	HAPPY HOLIDAYS !
JAN 6	To Be Announced
JAN 13	To Be Announced
JAN 20	To be Announced Also Pontiac Optimists Joining Us!
JAN 27	To Be Announced

Have an interesting speaker?
Need to contact a former speaker?
**Contact President Tom Shelton
to schedule:**
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! COMING EVENTS...

JAN 26-29	Charity Poker at Holly Lanes
JAN 30-FEB 2	Charity Poker at Holly Lanes
Sat, FEB 5	Goofin' Groundhog Golf Classic
FEB 25-26	Optimist Michigan District 2nd Quarter Meeting-Lansing
MARCH 19	Pontiac Club Chili Cook-Off
MAY 13-14	Optimist Michigan District 3rd Quarter Meeting-Dearborn
MAY 29	Keego Memorial Day Parade
JULY 4-6	OI CONVENTION
AUG 26-28	Optimist Michigan District 4th Quarter Meeting-Grand Rapids