



OPTIMIST CLUB OF KEEGO HARBOR

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PO Box 484 • Keego Harbor, MI 48320

October 2011

CLUB MEETINGS...

Thurs OCT 13 Karen M. Faett, Attorney
Campaigning for West
Bloomfield School Board.

Thurs, OCT 20 TBD

Thurs OCT 27 TBD

NOVEMBER CHAIR: You ?

Thurs, NOV 10 Stacey Lusky, WBHS
Social Worker/Counselor
National Honors Students

We are looking for members to book speakers,
preferably on a monthly basis.

Contact President Kathy Sparkman
to schedule a speaker:

kdsparkman@comcast.net

248.830.6554



Adam and Cristina Elsen helping their children with their pumpkins
last year where over 250 pumpkin faces were created..

Annual Pumpkin Decorating

The Club will once again host the very popular
Optimist Club Pumpkin Decorating Day at Keego
Harbor's Roosevelt School Saturday, October 29
from 10 AM-NOON.

Pumpkins will be provided, along with cool items
to decorate with (paint, yarn, nuts and bolts, and
many other found items for creating spooky and
creative pumpkins. Golling Chrysler is sponsoring
the pumpkins this year; DZI Maintenance is
providing the cider and Karagosian Jewelers the
donuts. Board member Ms. Eddie Delbridge will
supply the coffee; and the kids will provide the
imagination and creativity!

This event is free to Roosevelt students and their
families; however, parents are asked to bring a
sturdy box to carry the finished pumpkin home.

Club members are asked to donate their time
and energy for this great event! Donated supplies
for decorating faces are also welcome.

For further information and donations contact:
Beth Feiten, Event Chair 248.865.6629 or
feitenb@westbloomfield.k12.mi.us

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! COMING CLUB EVENTS...

Sat, Oct 15 **Annual Fall Road Clean Up**
9:00 AM Adopt-a-Highway Program
Volunteers Needed
Chair: Bill Bertakis 248.343.8816
intellbill@comcast.net

Fri-Sat-Sun **1st Quarter District Conf**
Oct 21-23 Centerpointe Marriott, AH
Our Zone is hosting the
Hospitality Activiites.
Conf Details in OptiViews

(Fri, Oct 28) **Pumpkin Delivery**
5-6 PM Unloading/Cleaning

Sat, Oct 29 **Pumpkin Decorating**
10 AM – NOON Roosevelt School
9 AM Set Up **Volunteers Needed!**

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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:
Ray Finnochio

LT. GOVERNOR:

2011-2012 OFFICERS:

KATHY SPARKMAN, *President*
BETH FEITEN, *1st Vice President*
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CHUCK COMPTON, *Treasurer*
PAUL LIPSON, *Secretary*
TOM SHELTON,
Immediate Past President (ex officio)

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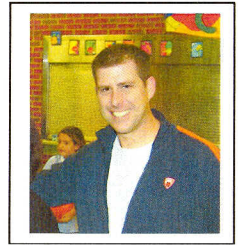
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FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT...



Dear Fellow Optimists,

I am equally delighted and sad to be writing this letter as your outgoing President. I am glad to be able to move on to different endeavors and proud of what we accomplished this year, but also regretful about what we could have accomplished but didn't.

In the past year, we have organized many activities and events that support the youth in our community. We are small but mighty, and our 30+ membership should be enough to support the youth and businesses in the communities of Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake and Sylvan Lake.

I have struggled for a while with my outgoing message. In the end, we are all about making a difference for kids. This is our unifying factor, and what brings all of us to the work we do together. Please renew your commitment to our kids, our community and our club. Specifically, commit to take part in all of our activities as a club!

Be proud of the things we do for families and youth in our community every day. Above all, commit to being more involved.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President for the 2010-2011 year.

Yours in Optimism
~ Tom

Celebrations!

Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays

Aug 5 – Beth Feiten
Oct 13 – Gayle Sturt
Oct 17 – Sid Rubin

Memberships

38 Years – Charles Compton (10/1/73)
Charter member!
6 Years – Amy Hughes (10/20/05)
5 Years – John Scott (10/21/06)
4 Years – Buzz Brown (10/12/07)
and Kathy Sparkman

(if we missed your date, let Eddie know)
eddiebnac@gmail.com or 248.891.9440

2011 INSTALLATION DINNER HONORS ITS MEMBERS

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

Held at the Oakland County Boat Club, members enjoyed the vast scenery and Sylvan Lake front on a calm and balmy September evening. Chef Paul Wertz delivered an incredible meal and members and guests enjoyed the celebration.

President Tom Shelton did a fine job of keeping the secret of who was being honored right up to the end! Outgoing Lt. Governor Lisa Boettcher was on hand to swear in the new officers and celebrate the achievements of this past year.

So, congratulations to those honored, and congratulations to the Club for the numerous achievements recognized during the evening.

OPTIMIST OF THE YEAR

Dr. JoAnn Andrees exemplifies the purpose and creed of Optimism, giving countless hours and effort on behalf of the Club.

She received her award at the School Board meeting and we believe you can see her surprise on cable!

LEDGE TOMLINSON COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Kathy Sparkman

This award goes to someone dedicated not only to the community at large, but to the Club, helping to shape our youth for the future.

SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM AWARD

BUZZ BROWN

For exemplifying Optimism in his everyday life, beyond the Club and its tenets.

SPECIAL OPTIMIST AWARD

BETH FEITEN

To someone who is totally dedicated to the projects and activities of our Club, working to make things happen.

And, an **AWARD OF APPRECIATION** was presented to a very surprised past president Ms. Eddie Delbridge for her service as President during 2009-2010.





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Have you seen our new t-shirts?

Be sure to pick one up at a Club meeting. We have all sizes – both In youth and adult sizes! They are bright blue, with our Club name and logo on the front; the 'best in kids' slogan and one of our Creed Philosophies on the back.
Only \$10 each.

Proceeds will benefit the programs for youth that we do...

We'd like all Club members to sport a Club shirt when working an event – and **Boy!** are these visible!



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Friend of Youth 2012

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" 2012
YES! I/we are happy to make a donation of **\$100**,
in support of the Club's Scholarship Program.

PLEASE PRINT

DONOR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

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. Chuck Compton, Treasurer, Keego Harbor Optimist Club;
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