



Central Macomb Optimist Club

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Club Assists with Food Pantry

"... 133 families (464 persons) helped in July !"

"... an amazing pantry day!"



Richard Paul brought his puppets to entertain families as they waited in line at the Macomb Charitable Foundation Pantry.

The Central Macomb Optimist Club was thanked for assisting with 'Pantry Day' at St. Peter Church. Club members assisted with serving 127 families on July 27th. The church and Macomb Charitable Foundation coordinated the event.

Pat Rabaut Miller, Craig Babcock, Sue Mancuso, Rose Merecki, Debbie Selkey Jasmine Paul and Richard Paul were all on hand to assist with the event. A table was set up by our club to pass out mini muffins, water and juice boxes along with providing coloring activities for the children.

Pantry Coordinators Ed and Cheryl Borowski gave special thanks to our club and noted, "What an amazing (and busy) day! We served 127 families (July 27)... combine that with our church families plus others helped provides a total of 133 families (464 persons) were helped in July."



2010 - 2011 Newly Elected

- **President Kelley Wallis**
- **Vice Presidents**
 - Barry Burnham
 - David Wallis
- **Board of Directors**
 - Sue Kardasz
 - Rose Pipia
 - Fred Lyon

50/50 Winner Bob Wollman \$26

Braggs and Fines

Fred Lyon: NEW GRANDSON
David Wallis: Wedding was beautiful !

August Birthdays

- 10 Barbara Lyon**
- 20 Bill Merecki**
- 30 Martin Hardy**



OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST

- Help 4 Hannah Walk (June 27) : \$97 in cash and \$1,570 in checks came in from the walk; \$150 pavilion and \$250 donation from our club. Food donated from Applebee's.
- Golf Camp for Homeless Kids: Our club will provide 25 goodie bags for less fortunate children attending the MCF golf camp.
- Lottery Raffle will take place in November.
- July Special Guest: Julie's Sister !

Dues: \$10 per month (\$40 new member fee)
Meeting dates: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month
August 4 - Regular Meeting - Hamlin Pub @ 7 pm
August 18 - Regular Meeting - Hamlin Pub @ 7 pm
 All regular meetings at - Hamlin Pub (22 & Hayes)
 New Members & Guests Welcome!

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Elaine Lyon**

**Internal V.P.
Barry Burnham**

**External V.P.
Donna Onifer**

**Secretary
Pat Rabaut Miller /
Kelley McClellan**

**Treasurer
Kathy Vatalaro**

**Directors (09-10)
Craig Babcock
Fred Lyon
Rose Pipia**

**Directors (10-11)
Julie Gola
Rose Merecki
Dot Hardy**



Guest Speaker - Judi Baker



CDKL5 Research / Walk-a-thon

Judy Baker spoke to club members in July regarding CDKL5 and an upcoming Walk-a-Thon to find a cure for this devastating disorder.

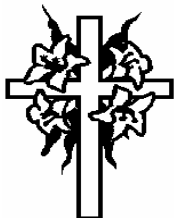
The Walk-a-Thon will take place on Saturday, August 7th and 100% of the funding will go to CDKL5 research. Mrs. Baker's granddaughter Bella of Macomb Township is afflicted with this disorder.

Funds from last years event helped to form the research foundation know as **International Foundation for CDKL5 Research**. For more information on CDKL5 or the walk-a-thon go to: www.cdkl5.com or contact Janet Baker at janeepie@hotmail.com or Katheryn Frame at keframe@cdkl5.com

President Lyon noted that \$250 was donated to this worthwhile event.

New Member Debbie Selkey

Our newest member Debbie Selkey was welcomed by club members on July 21st. Debbie was sponsored by her brother Fred Lyon. Deborah is retired and married to husband Ron. They reside in Harrison Township.



Sara Glover - In Sympathy

Former member Sara Glover passed away in July. Sara was a wonderful person and contributed so much to our club and her smile, talents and enthusiasm for life will be missed noted club president Lyon. Our sympathy go out to her family and friends.

Brighter Days 'n' Nights Event - August 29th

The need for answers is great! Help us unlock the mysteries of Bipolar illness by supporting breakthrough research to improve treatments and find a cure!

Place: Andiamo's 7096 E. 14 Mile Road Warren 48092 (Palermo Room)

Strolling Hors D'oeuvres & Silent Auction

Speakers: Guest of Honor Mrs. Wally Prechter 6:30 to 7 PM

Strolling Hors D'oeuvres & Silent Auction Resumes

Live Entertainment : Thornetta Davis

Cash Bar

100% of proceeds : Will benefit the University of Michigan Depression Center

Prechter Bipolar Research Fund

web site: <http://prechterfund.org>

All Rites Reserved by: Sue Ferus-Mancuso

Email: smancuso@wowway.com



- Additional information can be found at the website: www.prechterfund.org or contact member Sue Mancuso.

- Tickets are \$35 per person and the event runs from 4 pm until 9 pm.



- Craig Babcock**
- Barry Burnham**
- Jessica Campbell**
- Janet Dunn ***
- Paul Gayan ***
- Julie Gola ***
- Mark Hackel**
- Dorothy (Dot) Hardy**
- Martin Hardy**
- Dan Kardasz**
- Sue Kardasz**
- Patricia Kerich**
- John Klatt**
- Paul Kowal**
- Terri Kowal**
- Bonnie Long**
- Barb Lyon**
- Elaine Lyon**
- Fred Lyon**
- Steve Mancuso**
- Sue Mancuso**
- Bill Merecki**
- Rose Merecki**
- Pat Rabaut Miller**
- Karen Monville ***
- Donna Onifer**
- Richard Paul ***
- Debbie Selkey - new**
- Shelly Penzien**
- Rose Pipia**
- Keith Rengert ***
- Jeff Sprys**
- Kim Steffen ***
- Cindie Szarek ***
- Karen Tucker**
- Kathy Vatalaro**
- Fred Vatalaro**
- Sue Vergilio**
- Al Vergilio**
- Joe Wietecha**
- David Wallis**
- Kelley Wallis**
- Bob Wollman**
- Kathy Western**

43 Total Members

* Charter Members (8)

**By providing hope and positive vision,
Optimists bring out the best in kids!**



Central Macomb Optimist - Event Calendar

- Aug 4 Regular Meeting- @ Hamlin - 7
- Aug 7 CDKL5 Walk-A-Thon (see page 2)
- Aug 18 Regular Meeting- @ Hamlin - 7
- Aug 29 Brighter Days and Nights (Sue M) @ Andiamos (page 2)
- Oct 6 Induction Banquet @ The Hardy Home (details soon)



About Member ... **Dan Kardasz**

Macomb County has been my lifelong home. My alma mater is Roseville High School. My wife Suzanne and I moved to Sterling Heights in May of 1973. We met 45 years ago on a blind date to a Sacred Heart High School football game in Mt Clemens. We are looking forward to celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary on September 11th. We have one son, Michael, who has been married to Kim for 10 years, and lives in Troy. The "apple of my eye" is my wonderful 2 1/2 year old grandson, Alex, whom I enjoy taking care of twice a week. The Detroit Zoo, the library, Greenfield Village and the playground are our favorite spots to hang out together. In the remainder of my free time, I enjoy golfing, working on stained glass projects, and living each day to the fullest. Retirement has kept me very busy.



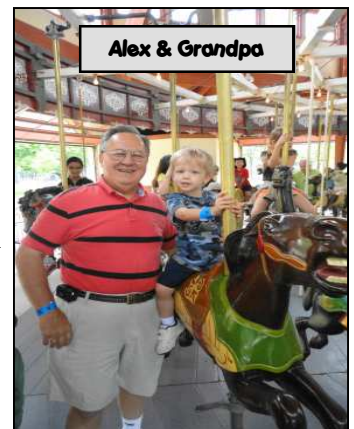
Dan & Suzanne with Kim & Michael

I retired from General Motors after 38 years of service in 2008. My responsibilities at GM took me into several areas of operation as a Materials Engineer with the last 10 years managing General Motors Materials Test & Failure Analysis Laboratory. I received a Bachelors in Metallurgical Engineering in 1970 and a Masters in Materials Engineering in 1972, both from Wayne State University. I have been a licensed Professional Engineer for the past 30 years. Currently I serve on the executive board for the American Society of Metals - Detroit Chapter, do some volunteer work for the Michigan Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation and The SAE World of Motion Project. I am an avid MICHIGAN fan and can usually be found in Ann Arbor on football Saturdays. Our family is a strong supporter of the Michigan Marching Band (where Kim and Mike met in college).

Recently a family owned 57 Chevy returned from Vermont to Michigan. I am looking forward to working with my son to restore and show this car.



Suzanne and I joined the Central Macomb Optimist Club in January and have received much enjoyment participating in CMOC's volunteer efforts. I look forward to a long and active relationship with CMOC. The variety of CMOC's service make it a very interesting and appealing group of friends.



Alex & Grandpa



Dan at JJC for Oratorical Contest



Central Macomb Optimist Club

Bringing Out The Best In Kids



The Optimist Creed - Promise Yourself ...

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all you friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

The Central Macomb Optimist Newsletter is published monthly. Please feel free to submit an article or photo of interest to the Co-Editors: Keith Rengert & Kim Steffen / KRengert@Comcast.Net

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August



August 4 - Meeting @ 7 Hamlin Pub
 August 18 - Meeting @ Hamlin Pub
 Hamlin Pub (Hayes & 22 Mile)

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