



Central Macomb Optimist Club



BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS

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Carnival was Delightful *Club Members Serve at Challengers for Life Event*

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Report by President Elaine Lyon

On Wednesday, July 22nd, myself, Dot Hardy, Donna Onifer and Julie Gola spent the day working the carnival at Vision Hope's Challengers for Life camp. As I am sure you all remember, this is a camp for foster children. Some of our previous fundraisers helped to sponsor several of these children and the grant Dot got from her employer helped to fund the birthday party that was given for all of the children.

I can't begin to tell you what a wonderful day this was for the 4 of us! We arrived at the camp at around 10:30am. We were asked to watch a training video that would help us understand the trauma that some of these children have been through in their short lives. It was heartbreaking.

We were then taken on a tour of the camp. Unfortunately, we were not allowed to take any pictures. We were also taken on a tour of the "Sunshine Store". This is a store that is set up by Vision Hope with all kinds of new and used clothing as well as some accessories. Each child is allowed to go in to the store and choose whatever they would like. A shoe store from Clinton Township was also coming on Thursday to fit each child with a new pair of shoes.

50/50 Winner was Rose Pipia

Brags and Fines

Donna Onifer: Nick built new awesome clubhouse for grand-girls

Kathy & Elaine: Thanks for Florida - was great honor. Also Pat K is having back surgery.

Keith: Aunt Bea turned 100 last week... it was a great party!

Julie: Began with a par on first hole of golf with Cindie and two 12 year olds!

Paul: Taking Teri to Vegas for her birthday

August Birthdays...

10 - Barbara Lyon

20 - Bill Merecki

31 - Martin Hardy



Dues: \$10 per month (\$40 new member fee)
Meeting dates: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month

August 5th - BOWLING FUNDRAISER @ 7 pm
at Troy Lanes

August 19th - Regular Meeting @ 7 pm
at Hamlin Pub

All regular meetings at - Hamlin Pub (22 & Hayes)
New Members & Guests Welcome!

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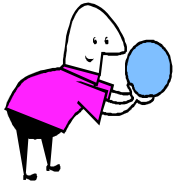
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Bowling Fundraiser for Tarlton Family



In May of 2009 Dennis Tarlton had a devastating stroke and has been hospitalized ever since. Dennis has been an active volunteer and coach for the Clinton Macomb Girls Fast Pitch League, and volunteer for the Boys and Girls Club. Dennis and his wife Karen are raising their two nieces and a nephew.

Dennis is undergoing rehabilitative therapy and the August 5th fundraiser will help to defray the cost associated with his care and support.

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5th (from 7 pm until 9pm)
PLACE: Troy Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Road, Troy, MI 48085
COST: \$16 per person (Checks payable to Central Macomb Optimist Club)
INCLUDES: 2 games; shoes; pizza and pop
INFORMATION AND/OR TICKETS:
 ElaineLyon1@Yahoo.Com or 791-8006



Tiger Baseball - Detroit

September 12

- AT A COST \$58 PER PERSON (all money due by 8/1/09).
- CONTACT IPP CINDIE AND SHE MAY ADD YOU TO HER LIST.
- GAME: Tigers vs. Blue Jays (7:05 game)
- BUS DEPARTS: Promptly at 4:45 from Resurrection Funeral Home, 40800 Hayes, Clinton Township 48038 (just south of 18 Mile).
- FUN INCLUDED: Fun bus trip with beverages and snacks. Fun Drawings and Prizes. Fun on the Pizza Deck 1 1/2 hours. Fun Bus races on the way home. & More Fun (Yes Julie)... FIRE WORKS TOO!
- IF ALL GOES WELL (Yes Craig)... The Tigers will win and you'll be dropped off at the funeral home before midnight.

Kids Kicking Cancer Event

On Sunday, August 16th several local businesses and organizations will be sponsoring a 'Family Fun Day' from noon until 4 p.m. The Clinton Township Optimist Club is one of the sponsors of this event. The event takes place at Health 1st Chiropractic, 14445 E. 15 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48312. Please stop in at this event should you get a chance in support of this worthwhile cause.

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

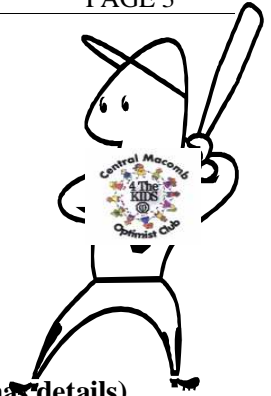
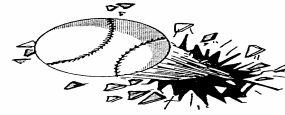
Special Welcomed
Guests last meeting
were Bridgett & Bob

Club Membership

- Craig Babcock**
- Barry Burnham**
- Jessica Campbell**
- Janet Dunn ***
- Paul Gayan ***
- Julie Gola ***
- Mark Hackel**
- Dorothy (Dot) Hardy**
- Martin Hardy**
- Patricia Kerich**
- Paul Kowal**
- Terri Kowal**
- Sarah Lee-Ellena ***
- Bonnie Locke**
- Barb Lyon**
- Elaine Lyon**
- Fred Lyon**
- Rose Merecki**
- Pat Rabaut Miller**
- Karen Monville ***
- Donna Onifer**
- Richard Paul ***
- Shelly Penzien**
- Rose Pipia**
- Keith Rengert ***
- Kelley Scalici**
- Kim Steffen ***
- Cindie Szarek ***
- Karen Tucker**
- Kathy Vatalaro**
- Joe Wietecha**
- David Wallis**

32 Total Members
* Charter Members (9)

Central Macomb Optimist Activity Calendar



- **August 5th** **Bowling fundraiser - Wednesday 7 pm**
 Troy Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Road, Troy, MI 48085
- **August 16th** **Notice: Clinton Township Optimists - Family Fun Day - see page 2**
- **August 19th** **Regular Meeting at Hamlin Pub - 7 p.m.**
- **August 21st** **Notice: BBQ at Boy & Girls Club from 12 noon until 2 pm. (Barry has details)**
- **August 28th** **Fundraiser at Karen Tucker's house (Elaine will email details when available)**
- **September 2nd** **Regular Meeting at Hamlin Pub - 7 p.m.**
- **September 12** **Tiger Game: Tigers vs. Blue Jays (Pizza Deck)**
- **September 16-19th** **Texas Hold 'EM (Snookers)**
- **October 7th** **Installation Banquet at Kathy Vatalaro's**
- **October 10th** **Walk for Diabetes at Detroit Zoo (details will follow)**



HARVEST OF HEARTS - HELP WANTED !

"Items needed to help kids..." - Optimist Shelly Penzien (Macomb Charitable)

Just a gentle reminder that we are still accepting items for our upcoming fundraiser Harvest of Hearts. As stated earlier, in order to help the children we service, fundraising is a necessary part of our foundation.. Your donations, big or small allow us to operate all year. Remember, our foundation is operated by VOLUNTEERS, no one gets paid.

For the month of July we are collecting any NEW, UNUSED items pertaining to KIDS! Anything you can imagine a child would like OR need is what we are after... Bubbles, books, bracelets, sand box, swing, pool, Barbie, hot wheels, Nerf balls, baseball mitt, football, bikes, wagons, car seats, strollers... etc. Items can always be dropped off at Cracklewood Golf Club, or email me and we will arrange pick up. If you are one of our supporters who have dropped off in the past, a heartfelt thank you!

I would ask that you put a small note with you name and address in the bag so that we can send you a tax receipt. In addition, we have a family with 9 children in need of three sets of bunk beds. If you have a set that you no longer need, please let me know. Every child deserves to sleep in a bed. For your continued support and prayers on behalf of the children we serve, I thank you. For more info on our charity, visit our website at www.macombcharitablefoundation.org

Shelly Penzien President Macomb Charitable

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After the children ate lunch, the four of us worked the various carnival games that had been set up. These children were so sweet, so polite and so thankful to have the opportunity to be at the camp and to be a part of this day. It was so sad to see their sweet faces and know that they have endured so much pain already in their short lives. During these games, EVERYONE won a prize. In spite of some bad weather, we worked the carnival until about 5pm.

We left there wet and tired but so happy talking about the day. We will talk about it more at the meeting in August. I know the four of us plan on attending this camp again next year and we would LOVE to have any of you that are available to join us. It was one of the best "work vacation days" that I have ever taken.

Elaine



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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 5th BOWLING FUNDRAISER
 August 19th - Meeting @ 7 at Hamlin Pub
 Hamlin Pub (Hayes & 22 Mile)

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