



Central Macomb Optimist Club

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Champions for Life Kids' Camp

Director thanks the Central Macomb Optimist Club

“... your organization (Optimist Club) has helped so much”

50/50 Winner Kathy Vatalaro

Braggs and Fines

Richard: Going to Alaska

Rose Pipia: Son on Deans list at WMU

Sue Mancuso: Hour magazine ad for Brighter Days and Nights fundraiser.

Keith: Thanked those that attended Ice Cream Social at JJC.

Donna: Melissa & Ryan expecting... ultra sounds confirm a healthy baby.

Kathy: Husband had a pseudo aneurism... now home and doing well.

Central Macomb Optimist Club

President

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



To learn more about Vision Hope and Champions for Life Kids' Camp visit www.VisionHope.Org
Beth & Brian Camp Co-Directors

Champions for Life Kids' Camp continues to bring HOPE and encouragement to children caught in the web of abuse.

Champions for Life Kids' Camp began operations in the summer of 2003, servicing 31 foster children, age 7-11, from Macomb and St. Clair Counties. Each year, thanks to the continued support of its generous donors, CFL Kids' Camp has been able to expand its program to meet the ever-increasing needs of the surrounding communities, adding Oakland County, as well.

This year an anticipated 130 foster children, and other children in dependency care, will have the opportunity to attend one of the two, week-long resident summer camp programs. Campers will have opportunity to participate in a host of self-esteem building activities including, horseback riding, kayaking, archery, swimming, technical tree climbing, wood shop and more.

As Camp Director Beth Kohl noted, "Thanks, again for everything (contributions to the Sunshine store) It's so nice to know there are caring people (in your club) that are willing to help out. Champions for Life Kids' is truly blessed."

July Birthdays

- 3 Janet Dunn
- 5 Barry Burnham
- 11 Dan Kardasz
- 12 Dot Hardy
- 15 David Wallis
- 19 Julie Gola & Joe Witecha
- 24 Karen Monville
- 26 Terri Kowal



Dues: \$10 per month (\$40 new member fee)
Meeting dates: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month
July 7 - NO MEETING ON 7th
July 21 - Regular Meeting - Hamlin Pub @ 7 pm
All regular meetings at - Hamlin Pub (22 & Hayes)
New Members & Guests Welcome!

No Meeting July 7th

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Guest Speaker—Doug Glazier



Sand Castles thanks Club

Doug Glazier of Sand Castles told of his program and thanked our club for our \$350 donation in sponsoring a child for camp and the 150 Beanie Babies donated to the Sand Castles program.

Club President Elaine thanked Mr. Glazier for attending the meeting.

New Member Kathy Western

Our newest member Kathy Western was welcomed by club members on June 16th. She was inducted by club President Lyons and sponsored by Vice President Donna Onifer. WELCOME KATHY !

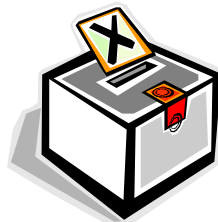


Club Election Results - Congratulations

President Lyon noted that the May election results

May elections resulted in the following:

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

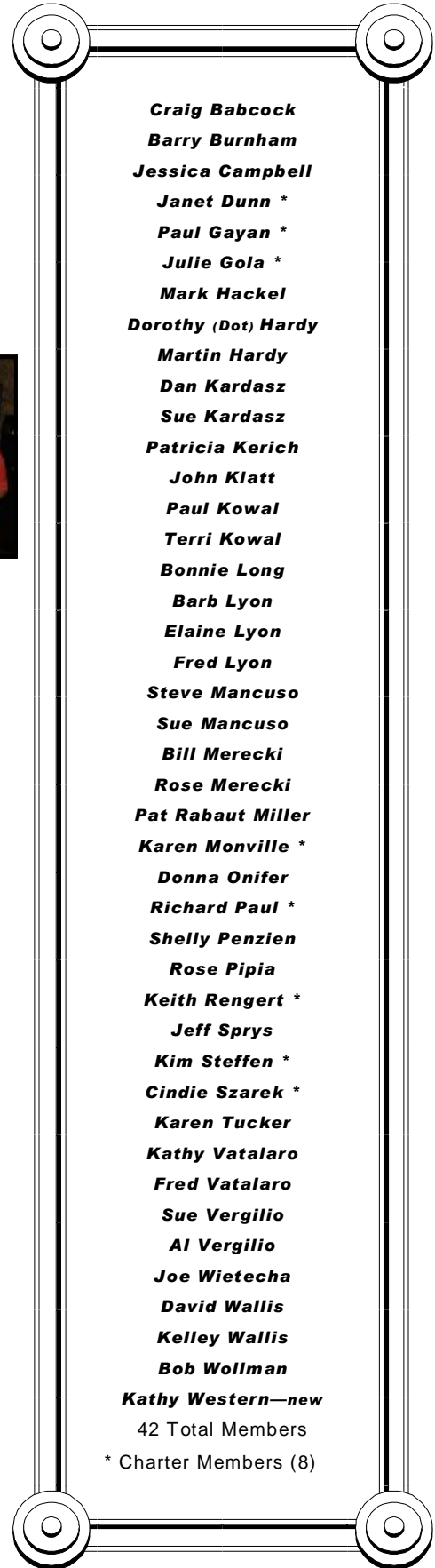


Elaine congratulated the officers elect. The new officers begin their terms in October of 2010.

Optimist History Lesson - Did You Know?

As industrialization and urbanization brought many new problems to society, citizens began forming voluntary organizations to address the needs of their communities. In some areas, groups took the name “optimist club” to express their desire for a positive outlook in the face of all these problems. The first official Optimist Club was formed in Buffalo, New York, in 1911.

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



- 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 ***
 - 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—new**
- 42 Total Members
* Charter Members (8)

Central Macomb Optimist - Event Calendar

- July 7 **NO MEETING**
- July 21 **Regular Meeting- @ Hamlin - 7**
- July 22 **Vision Hope Camp (10 members will attend) - Lexington**
- July 27 **MCF Pantry Day (Richard and Sarah) 9:30 - noon**
- Aug 29 **Brighter Days and Nights (Sue M) @ Andiamos**



About Member ... **Jeff Sprys**



Jeffery Sprys moved to Macomb Township with his wife Aileen in March of 2006. The couple met in law school and were married in August of 2008. On April 16, 2010, Aileen and Jeff had their first child, Madison Cabral Sprys. Jeff was born and raised in Macomb County and his parents have lived in Richmond Township for over thirty-five years. Jeff has been an attorney in Michigan and Washington D.C. since May 2005. In

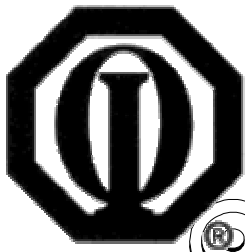
November 2008, he was elected to serve as a Macomb County Commissioner for District 26 (Southern Macomb Township). When he is not working or campaigning, Jeff enjoys spending time with his family and golfing!



Jeff joined the Central Macomb Optimist Club in the Fall of 2009 after being invited by Optimist Keith Rengert to volunteer for the Respect for Law and Oratorical Contest events. His favorite Optimist Club event, however, is the Soup and Chili Cook-Off! In addition to being a member of the Central Macomb Optimist Club, Jeff is a member of the Macomb Community Action Advisory Board (MCAAB), St. Augustine Parish in Richmond, and the Macomb County Bar Association.



Jeff Sprys... Having fun! Helping others!



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.

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July



July 7 - NO MEETING

July 21 - Meeting @ 7 Hamlin Pub
Hamlin Pub (Hayes & 22 Mile)

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