



# Central Macomb Optimist Club

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## President Receives Recognition "Elaine Lyon Receives Volunteer of the Year Recognition"

### Respect for Law Event at the Juvenile Justice Center



Elaine Lyon is recognized as a recipient of Macomb County Volunteer of the Year 2010 Award following the Clubs Respect for Law event at the JJC.

In hopes to instill respect for law in local youth our club again sponsored a one week project at the county Juvenile Justice Center. On Wednesday, May 8th students asked questions to a panel of experts made up Macomb County Sheriff Mark Hackel; Probation Officer Brian Daniels; County Commissioner Sue Doherty; JJC Director Chuck Seidelman; Chief Referee Dane DeRush and L'Anse Creuse JJC School Coordinator John Klatt.

Optimist club member Jeff Sprys directed the questions following an opening statement by President Lyon.

The poster contest was directed by Pat Rabaut Miller and she awarded first, second and third place certificates to the winning students.

At the end of the program Elaine Lyon was recognized for her volunteerism and Karen Lafata was recognized for 36 years of service as a teacher at the JJC School.

Respect for Law photos on page 3

### 50/50 Winner Dan Kardacz

## Braggs and Fines

**Fred:** Elaine received Volunteer award from the Macomb County Board of Commissioners

**John:** Daughter (MSU cheerleader) graduated from MSU. Thanks to clubs contribution to the JJC library which was matched by an anonymous donor.

**Rose M:** Granddaughter lost first tooth.

**Kathy:** Got a birdie!

**Craig:** Wife received a promotion

**Elaine:** Fred's Optimist Club car won 1st place at the district meeting

**Club Brag: Welcome back to Pat Kerich... back from knee surgery!**

### June Birthdays

- 6 Kelley McClellen
- 20 Bonnie Long



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

June 2 - Regular Meeting - Hamlin Pub @ 7 pm

June 16 - Regular Meeting - Hamlin Pub @ 7 pm

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

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### Central Macomb Optimist Club

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Elaine Lyon

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Barry Burnham

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Kelley McClellen

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Craig Babcock  
Fred Lyon  
Rose Pipia

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

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## Guest Speakers Welcomed in May



### Macomb Community Foundation

Nancy Nevers spoke to the club regarding a funding assistance with a veterans memorial project. The project is being undertaken by the Macomb Community Foundation and will honor military and first responders. The memorial will be located at Macomb Township just outside the front of the town hall. Any donations or purchase of bricks would be greatly appreciated.

### Dawn Hafeli - Juvenile Arthritis Foundation

Ms. Fafeli provided background of the terrible disease, Juvenile Arthritis that affects so many children. 65 kids attend Lions 'Bear Lake Camp' each year and this would not be possible without Camp Dakota which provides the medical staff to meet the special needs of this population of youngsters.

The cost to attend camp is \$250 and the foundation provides scholarship to children who submit requests for assistance. Dawn noted that any assistance from the club would be appreciated.

### Help for Hannah - Walk June 27

Jason and Glen gave the background of Hannah, she may be in remission of ovarian cancer. She is a two-year old and has been continuing to undergo chemotherapy. Her parents are financially devastated by medical bills and they are looking for any type of help. [www.help4hannah.com](http://www.help4hannah.com)

Hannah is not *OFFICIALLY* in remission, although all cancerous tumors were removed, it will be about 6 months before doctors can determine if she actually is in remission. Still, great news for Hannah and her family, keep up with the prayers and she will be on her way to a full recovery.

There will be another fundraiser on Sunday, June 27th. "Walk for Hannah". It will be held at Metro Beach Point picnic shelter #2 at Metro Parkway and Jefferson. There will be 3 separate walks: 10am, 12 noon and 6pm.

Central Macomb Optimist club will be sponsoring this event with assistance from Glenn Hartshorn (586) 942-5752 and Jason Heenan (248) 767-7469. Feel free to contact either of these gentlemen for additional details or visit our other web-site [www.helphannah.com](http://www.helphannah.com) for registration and pledge forms. See you all there and bring a friend or two.

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

**Kathy Western - Guest and soon to be member! WELCOME KATHY!**

**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 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**  
**Jeff Sprys**  
**Kim Steffen \***  
**Cindie Szarek \***  
**Karen Tucker**  
**Kathy Vatalaro**  
**Fred Vatalaro**  
**Sue Vergilio**  
**Joe Wietecha**  
**David Wallis**  
**Bob Wallman**

39 Total Members

\* Charter Members (8)



# About Member ... Dot Hardy



Well .... I have been a member since October of 2006. I came to a couple meetings and events with my dear friends Elaine and Fred Lyon prior to joining. I just couldn't resist the fun that I had observed and wanted to contribute to the community.



Most of you know what I have done in the club and I am very proud of what we have accomplished in our years together. I think you all know I work at McKesson Corporation as an Account Executive and have been there for 30 years in September.



So,, I thought I might tell you a bit about what I do when I am not with you all , helping the kids. I dearly love my family- you all know Martin, and we have a wonderful son, Dan- he is our best accomplishment in life. The relationship we have with Dan and his fiancée Allison is the most important thing in the world to Martin and I. We spend many hours with them helping them set up their household in Fraser, planning their upcoming wedding and we baby-sit my grand-puppies Harrison and Bella as practice for the future.

When we aren't with them or the other members of our family and extended family- Martin and I are basically Homebodies. I really, really love time alone with my husband recharging my batteries for the life we lead. He loves to cut the grass and I love to garden and believe it or not clean the house. My boys will tell you on most Saturdays- I lounge around in the morning and then put my "Cleaning Face On". The I-pod goes on, the Country music gets cranked and the mops and cleaners come out.

When I am not cleaning, I play with our dog Rudy, the beagle we got from a rescue shelter a year ago, I am an avid reader- (mostly historical English history- believe it or not I love Henry the VIII what a character!), attend our church most Sundays, I update the website for the club, and have recently reconnected with old classmates on Facebook. Politics are fascinating to me – I am a pretty fiscally conservative Republican with liberal tendencies socially.

I have also been known to bring a box of work home – from McKesson just to keep myself caught up. I love movies, we watch a ton of them. Honest conversations and time spent with my friends- just sitting around tipping a few and chatting is probably my most favorite social event.

The reason I joined this club was to attempt to correct the thing I can't tolerate in this world, --children without the day to day necessities, children without a stable family environment, children with diseases that are sometime fatal and most times painful. Most of all children without a helping hand.

All of our hands together have helped many children in this community and I am proud to be among you all.



Thanks Dot !





# HELP FOR HANNAH - JUNE 27th Walk

*- Please join us in support of Hannah and her family*

Two year old Hannah Bizzotto was diagnosed with four extragonadal germ cell tumors (Yolk Sac Tumors). Of these tumors, the largest was the size of a Nerf football stemming from her ovary and filling her small belly. This cancer has spread, deeming it Stage III. Fortunately the largest tumor was resected on January 26th, 2010 in a three hour surgery. She has had three tumors removed to date. Residual tumor tissue has been left in because it is attached to a main artery and can't be removed. In addition to the tumors, Hannah also has Uterine Dysgenesis. The combination of these two issues is due to a chromosomal defect that occurred during development while a fetus. She is currently undergoing chemotherapy. The presence of both of these is still relatively new to the medical world especially in a child of only 2 years old, and a terrible financial strain on the family.

## Walk for Hannah - REGISTRATION FORM

**Sunday, June 27, 2010**

**Starting times: 10 am; 2 pm and 6 pm**

**Walk Location: Metropolitan Beach  
Metropolitan Parkway and Jefferson  
Harrison Township, MI**



Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### PARTICIPANT WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY

In registering for the above, I hereby release the Central Macomb Area Optimist Club, its officers, representatives, successors, and members of any and all liability for any and all types of damages or injuries, whether foreseeable or not, sustained by myself, my child, my ward, or other family members while participating in, observing, and traveling to or from the above listed event. In addition, I hereby give permission for the use of photos, video, or other likenesses of me, my minor child or ward to be used in promotional materials for Central Macomb Area Optimist Club.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Participant*

*(or signature of the Parent. Legal Guardian and/or Caregiver of Participant if under the age of 18 years of age)*

Enclose checks payable to:

Central Macomb Optimist Club  
35518 Garret  
Clinton Twp., MI 48035

No headsets, dogs, skateboards or roller blades allowed on the Walk

For information contact: Glenn Hartshorn at [g.hartshorn@gmail.com](mailto:g.hartshorn@gmail.com) (586-942-5752)

Or Jason Heenan at [jasrockon@comcast.net](mailto:jasrockon@comcast.net) (248-767-7469)

# Central Macomb Optimist - Event Calendar

- June 2                      Regular Meeting- @ Hamlin - 7
- June 16                     Regular Meeting- @ Hamlin - 7
- June 22                     Vision Hope Camp - Lexington
- June 27                     Help 4 Hannah Walk at Metro Beach
- July 7                        NO MEETING (have a great 4th)
- July 27                      MCF Pantry Day
- Aug 29                      Brighter Days and Nights (Sue M) silent auction

**Diaper Drive for MCF pantry results in food, formula and 4,000 diapers! THANK YOU MEMBERS !**

## Respect for Law Day at JJC a Success !

*"We believe it is important for children to grow up with strong belief in abiding by the law..."*



Above photos of the May JJC Respect for Law event. Special thanks to Cindie and members for attending the ice cream social follow-up event!

## Club Election Results

President Lyon noted that the May election results

May elections resulted in the following:

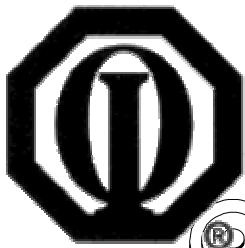
- President Kelley McClellan
- Vice Presidents
  - Barry Burnham
  - David Wallis
- Board of Directors
  - Sue Kardasz
  - Rose Pipia
  - Fred Lyon

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

## Spoiled Girls Night Out a Great Success.

Rose Pipia noted that "Spoiled girls night out" was very successful. \$1,400 was raised and it was noted that we may have another opportunity with Fitness 19 in conjunction with an upcoming membership drive.

President Elaine thanked Rose and all that assisted with the successful event.



# 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](mailto:KRengert@Comcast.Net)

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# JUNE



June 5 - Meeting @ 7 Hamlin Pub  
 June 19 - Meeting @ 7 Hamlin Pub

Hamlin Pub (Hayes & 22 Mile)

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