



Central Macomb Optimist Club



BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS

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OPTIMIST CLUB 17-504



Club Sends Kids to Camp

8 Children benefit from CMO Club \$2,000 Check

Central Macomb Optimist Club

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Elaine Lyon

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Directors (09-10)

Craig Babcock

Fred Lyon

Rose Pipia



"...my favorite part was when I threw all my pain in the lake."

Detroit Free Press matches our clubs \$2,000 enabling a total of 8 children to attend camp this year!

Inspiring HOPE through love, encouragement and first time, life-changing experiences to the neglected, abused and abandoned children of our local communities. - Vision Hope

Fashion Show Success Helps Send Kids

President Elaine noted that a check for \$2,000 was sent to Vision Hope from money made on the Texas Hold 'Em and the Fashion Show to send several children to the "Champions for Life Kids' Camp."

She was delighted that because Vision Hope was chosen by the *Free Press* as one of their charities of the year and provided an additional \$2,000 match from the *Free Press*.

An additional \$500 was donated by McKesson (Dot Hardy's employer) for the camps "Grand Birthday Party" to celebrate all the children's birthdays. This too will be matched for a total of \$1,000!

President Elaine "thanked all members for making a wonderful difference in the lives of so many kids! In the most challenging of times, you have always shown everyone what optimism and hope truly are!"

Braggs and Fines

Donna: Won again... spa package at fashion show & \$1,400 at MGM Casino.

Barry: Paul was elected president of social business network group - Rainmakers.

Richard: Son's team won competition for forensics duo & daughter did great on MEAP.

Rose: Son graduated from college.

Elaine: (for Pat) Happy Nurses Week.

Elaine: (for Keith) The Silver Ladle!

Paul: He must have a Ladle website!

50/50's Karen Tucker \$31

June Birthday...

Kelley Scalici - 6th



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

June 3rd - Regular Meeting @ 7 pm
at Hamlin Pub

June 17th - Regular Meeting @ 7 pm (bring a friend)
at CUPCAKE KITCHEN (Partridge Creek)

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

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Fashion Show Results - Fun, Money & Kids



Rose Pipia, fashion show organizer thanked members that helped in organizing this event. Proceeds from sales were \$2,617.05 leaving a net gain of about \$1,900 to help send kids to "Champions for Life Kids' Camp."

Club Membership



- Craig Babcock**
- Toni Beecherl**
- 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 - NEW**
- Rose Pipia**
- Keith Rengert ***
- Kelley Scalici**
- Kim Steffen ***
- Cindie Szarek ***
- Karen Tucker**
- Kathy Vatalaro**
- Joe Wietecha**
- David Wallis - NEW**

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.



Respect For Law 2009



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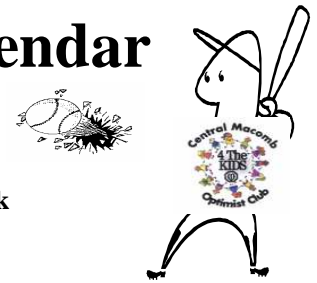
MAY GUESTS WELCOMED: Steve Hockey & Jeff Sprys



33 Total Members
* Charter Members (9)

Central Macomb Optimist Activity Calendar

- **June 3** Regular Meeting - 7 pm Hamlin Pub (Guest Speaker Sue Vergilio)
- **June 17 (note location)** Regular Meeting Note Location - 7 pm Cupcake Kitchen
- **July/Aug TBA** Boys & Girls Club BBQ (Barry) @ Partridge Creek
- **July 1st** NO MEETING (next will be July 15th)
- **September 12** Tiger Game: Tigers vs. Blue Jays (Pizza Deck)
- **Fall** OptiRead Program (Pat R-M)
- **Fall/Winter** Bowling (Richard P) and/or Euchre (Kathy V)



Boys & Girls Club Visit - Hockey & Pool Sticks

On May 6th the club met at the Shelby Boys and Girls Club. The club was greeted by Club Director Katie. She spoke on behalf of the club and provided a tour of the facility.

The club has 1,500 members, and averages about 350 children per week during the summer. "It's a great place for children to do homework, get homework help, interact with other children and be active... all under adult supervision.

During the visit our club donated 28 balls: soccer, footballs, kick balls, etc. and the air hockey table which is a big hit with all the children.

Katie provided a wish list of arts and crafts supplies, Rose P donated a box of books and it was noted that the Club Gold Outing takes place on June 26th.

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

The following is an April 2009 email from our club President Lyon.

Dear Members,

As you know, the Boys & Girls Club of Shelby Township recently gave us their wish list and the board approved \$500 to spend to help fulfill some of their needs. This club has approximately 1300 kids using their facilities per month.

I have a friend, Deb Huffman, that is a "Craigslis" master. She got online and asked if anyone had an air hockey table they would like to donate to our club so that we could give it to the B&G club. And, sure enough, we got the B&G club an incredible air hockey table (and absolutely free)! Thank you, Deb!

Also, special thanks to Fred Lyon, Martin Hardy and George Rassey who spent tonight driving out to Waterford in Martin's truck to pick up this incredible full-size air hockey table with an electronic scoreboard from a family that had barely used it and just wanted it out of their basement.

It is 7 1/2 feet long x 4 1/2 feet wide (it was very heavy). It is beautiful and in incredible shape! The staff and kids were there when we delivered it and they were so excited. They said they have never had such a nice table.

Also, by getting this table donated we can still fulfill some of their needs with the \$500 we allocated as they are in desperate need of pool sticks.

Thanks to everyone that helped with this! Elaine

Respect for Law - Ice Cream & Awards at JJC

The third annual Respect for Law event was topped off with an ice cream social (complements of our club) and award presentation on May 27th at the County Juvenile Justice Center.



Pat Rabaut-Miller gave an overview of the Optimist Club and the Respect for Law Program, "We believe it is important for children to grow up with a strong belief in abiding by the law, respecting law enforcement and doing what they can to maintain peace."

She thanked L'Anse Creuse Public Schools and the County JJC for hosting this event and working with the students on panel questions and posters.

The children were appreciative of the learning experience provided through the Respect for Law Program (and also the ice cream social)!





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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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June

June 3rd Meeting @ 7 pm (at Hamlin)

June 17 - Meeting @ 7 (at Cupcake Kitchen)
Hamlin Pub (Hayes & 22 Mile)



**Next meeting at
Cupcake Kitchen
@ Partridge Creek**

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