



# Central Macomb Optimist Club



NO LIMITS

BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS

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## Soup & Chili Challenge

First Annual Event Draws Crowd - No Limit on Fun!

Central Macomb Optimist Club

President  
Elaine Lyon

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Directors (08-09)  
Julie Gola  
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Craig Babcock  
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Rose Pipia



Host Pat Rabaut Miller and President Elaine Lyon congratulate Pat Dinko - 1st Place Cream Soup; Mike Tucker - 1st Place Clear Soup and Keith Rengert - 1st Place (Muttonville) Chili.

## 1st Annual Soup & Chili Challenge

The first annual Central Macomb soup and chili challenge at Pat Rabaut Miller's home drew a full house.

Members and guests (potential members we hope) enjoyed an evening of tasting and fellowship.

Club President Elaine Lyon and Pat presented the 18 contestants with certificates of appreciation as well as awards for the winners of the two soup and chili categories.

The winner in the clear soup category was Mike Tucker; cream soup category was Pat Dinko and in the Chili category was Keith Rengert. Keith also received recognition (the Silver Ladle) for the best overall event entry.

All applauded Pat Rabaut Miller for organizing and hosting this first annual Central Macomb Soup & Chili Challenge.

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## Shower Success



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### March Birthdays...

President Elaine Lyon - 1st  
Sarah Lee-Ellena - 14th  
Richard Paul - 27th



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

**March 4th** - Regular Meeting @ 7 pm  
at Hamlin Pub

**March 18th** - Regular Meeting @ 7 pm  
at Hamlin Pub

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

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# “Pantry Shower Helps Connect The DOT’s For Kids” - Lyon



President Elaine Lyon & Shelly Penzien of Macomb Charitable Foundation

Dear Members,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the overwhelming generosity you demonstrated last months pantry shower. Even during this difficult economic times you opened your hearts and wallets to help those less fortunate.

It is that selfless thinking that has made the Central Macomb club the success it is today. I loved Donna Onifer’s explanation of her acronym for “DOT” - “Do One Thing to make a difference.”

Our club has shown that we can make differences (connect the DOT’s) in the lives of families and children, just as we did at this event to assist Director Shelly Penzien of the Macomb Charitable Foundation with their mission.

President Elaine Lyon *Elaine*

## Club Membership



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

# M'm! M'm! Good!

## Soup & Chili Challenge 2009



Jay & Janet Dunn  
Pat Kerich judging items

Cindie & Julie

## Brian and Isabel Eady

Charter members Brian and Isabel Eady noted that they will not be renewing their membership this upcoming year. With Isabel now working in Auburn Hills and Brian traveling so much to Lansing and Mansfield, Ohio membership at this time is just too much.

They noted that they will miss everyone.

President Elaine noted that they be missed and thanked them for their hard work and support. She noted that they will always be welcome at meetings or events... we all hope for their future return and wish them well.



**Optimists Care**



Our club shows of support for Bonnie Locke’s daughter Alissa to assist with medical expenses

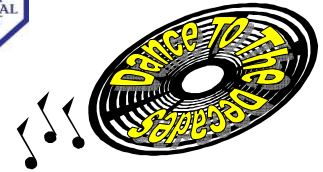
31 Total Members  
\* Charter Members (10)

**Oratorical Contest on March 4th at Juvenile Justice Center @ 1pm**



# Central Macomb Optimist Club Activity Calendar

- February 28th District Meeting - Clinton Twp (must RSVP to Elaine)
- March 4th Oratorical Contest at Juvenile Justice Center - 1 pm
- March 4th Regular Meeting - 7 pm Hamlin Pub
- March 14th Dinner / Dance at Cracklewood Golf Club
- March 18th Regular Meeting - 7 pm Hamlin Pub
- April 1-4 Texas Hold 'em at Snookers Pool & Pub



## Dancing to the Decades



*Event to Assist Underprivileged Kids*



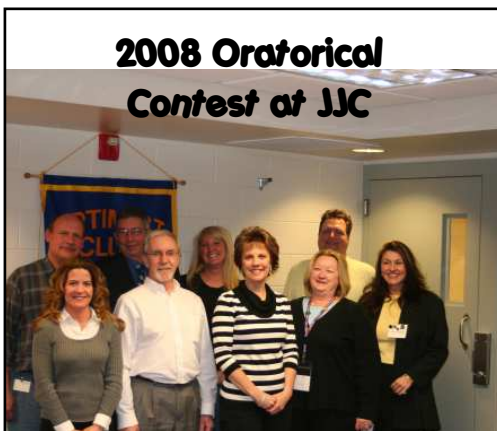
The Dancing to the Decades / Dinner Dance Committee is asking members to seek out donations of items for raffle prizes and/or cash donations. The profits from this event will go to the Macomb Charitable Foundation, a local charity that have been meeting the needs of underprivileged children in and around our county for 18 years. This last Christmas alone over 250 children (from 75 different families) were provided with assistance with basic needs.

The event will take place on March 14, 2009 at Cracklewood Golf Course (18215 24 Mile Road, Macomb Twp). Tickets are \$40 each (per person) which qualifies you for the large flat screen TV raffle.



## Texas Hold 'Em

*Begins April 1st*



Our club has committed to a 4-Day Texas Hold 'Em event from April 1st through April 4th at Snookers Pool and Pub (near Hall Road and Schoenherr) based on it's close location to our club membership.

Our club will need two people on duty at all times. (2 shifts of two Wednesday through Friday and 4 shifts of Saturday).

President Lyon noted that the money raised from this event will go toward Vision Hope's foster child camp, Kids of the County program and the other charitable needs in our community.





# 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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# March

March 4 - Meeting @ 7 PM (at Hamlin)

March 18 - Meeting @ 6 (at Hamlin)  
Hamlin Pub (Hayes & 22 Mile)