

Central Macomb Optimist Club



BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS

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Kathy Vatalaro

Directors (08-09)

Julie Gola
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Directors (09-10)

Craig Babcock
Fred Lyon
Rose Pipia

Texas Hold 'Em Jackpot

Event Nets \$6,943.50 For Upcoming Projects for Kids

Braggs and Fines

Craig: Loves Grand Traverse Pies.

Barb Lyon: Her son Eric married Sarah on March 14th.

Elaine: Please vote for Grandson Liam in cutest baby contest.

Bonnie: Has new job doing occupational therapy.

Kathy: Loved Kids Kicking Cancer event at Wahby Cancer Center.

Keith: Silver ladle photo again!

Pat: Appointed Shelby DDA Baord

Julie: Ken has job interview tomorrow

50/50's Bonnie \$24 / Kathy V. \$23



April Grows Clubs May Membership



New Members Welcomed by Club

President Elaine installed two new members this last month. The club welcomed both David Wallis and Shelly Penzien as new members.

Club members lined up to congratulate the new club members.



Texas Hold Em

The four day Texas Hold Em event at Snookers proved to be a winner for our club announced President Elaine.

She was very thankful for those that worked the during the grueling four day event. (April 1st - 4th).

Special thanks was given to Toni Beecherl for bringing this fundraising idea forward.

This was by far the clubs most successful four day event! **THANKS!**

May Birthdays...

Lou Moss - 5 th
Fred Lyon - 10th
Mark Hackel - 15 th
Keith Rengert - 30 th



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

May 6th - BOYS & GIRLS CLUB - SHELBY (21 Mile Road) - 7-8:30. Tour and Meeting. Pizza & Salad Provided

May 20th - Regular Meeting @ 7 pm at Hamlin Pub ELECTIONS

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

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Cindie Szarek Honored - Again & Again



Honor's President Recognition

Past President Cindie Szarek was presented with a tribute for her Honor's President achievement in 2007-08 by President Elaine Lyon in April.

Macomb County recognizes Cindie Szarek



"Some for their braun, others for their brains. But the trait connecting more than 40 people who will be recognized by Macomb County next month is their continued service to make the community they live and work in a better place." ... *Voice* Editor Jeff Payne. (April 15, 2009).

Cindie Szarek of Macomb Township, nominated by the Central Macomb Optimist Club. Members of the optimist club noted that during her time as president, members accomplished many projects aimed at helping disadvantaged children around the county. "Cindie's work and devotion to help need children is tireless," club president Elaine Lyon wrote in her nomination letter.



Can it be? Club Treasurer Kathy Vatalaro and Disk Jockey Jim Harper?

Election of Officers On May 20th - Candidate List

- Elaine Lyon - President*
- Barry Burnham - Vice President*
- Donna Onifer - Vice President*
- Julie Gola - Board*
- Dot Hardy - Board*
- Rose Merecki - Board*
- Joe Wietecha - Board*

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**

33 Total Members
* Charter Members (9)

OptiRead Program Coming this Fall



Pat Rabaut Miller is working on the coordination of the OptiRead Program for this fall. This project involves two 4th or 5th grade classrooms from two different school districts. Both classrooms read the same book and write a letter to their 'pen pal' on their thoughts about the book. At the end of the school year the children meet for a pizza party or social event. Pat has already made

contact with Fraser and Richmond Schools in planning this project. Pat will have more details about the project in the near future.

APRIL GUEST WELCOMED: Bill Merecki



Central Macomb Optimist Club Activity Calendar

- May 1 Fashion Show - Flirty Fashions - Rochester from 6:30 - 9:30 Tickets \$25
- May 6 Respect for Law - 1 - 2:30 Macomb Juvenile Justice Center
- **May 6** **TOUR & MEETING AT SHELBY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB @ 7 - 8:30 pm**
14975 21 Mile Road, Shelby Twp - PIZZA & SALAD WILL BE AVAILABLE
- May 15 FYI: Sled Dogs Hockey Bowling Fundraiser— 7:30 Sterling Lanes
- May 16 Optimist District Meeting / Port Huron- must have RSVP's to attend
- May 20 Regular Meeting - 7 pm Hamlin Pub - Elections
- September 12 Tiger Game: Tigers vs. Blue Jays (Pizza Deck)



Fashion Show May 1st

Optimists Flirt with Fashion



The first annual Fashion Show will take place at FLIRTY FASHIONS, 314 S. Main Street, Rochester on May 1, 2009. The event will take place from 6:30 until 9:30 pm (fashion show ends at 7:15). Tickets are available from Rose Pipia or Elaine Lyon.

Tickets are only \$25 and our goal is to sell 200 tickets. The event will have discounts available that evening and there will be a strolling appetizers, refreshments, in-store shopping discounts, prizes and raffles. (appetizers will be provided by the Vintage house, sushi smoothies will be donated and homemade cookies)

We need our member to help pass the word along to family and friends. Rose noted that it would be great to have at least 200 ticket sold. **FOR TICKETS CONTACT:** Rose Pipia at 586 465-2127 or email Rose at rmp9044@yahoo.com **JOIN US FOR A GIRL'S NIGHT OUT!**

Respect For Law At Juvenile Center



The third annual Respect for Law event will again take place at the Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center.

The club coordinates this activity with L'Anse Creuse Public Schools. The event includes both a poster contest and panel discussions. The children direct questions regarding law enforcement, the legal process, correctional education to a panel of law enforcement and corrections experts.

"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." Our club has found this to have been very effective in emphasizing this message to the 'at risk' students at the JJC noted President Lyon.



Central Macomb Optimists Receive International Award

Optimist International informed the Central Macomb Optimist Club that their "Wigs 4 Kids Fundraiser" CPA book was selected as the Best Overall Fundraising Project in 2007-2008 Community Projects Awards competition.

This project raised \$3000 through a raffle and taste-fest that was donated to Wigs 4 Kids. Enough pony tails were also donated that night to make 10 wigs for children with cancer.

The Central Macomb Club will be honored at the Optimist International convention during one of the business sessions and their award winning CPA book will be bound and presented to them in a leather portfolio. The club will receive this award at the Optimist International convention in Kissimmee, Florida in July.



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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.

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May



May 6 - Boys & Girls Club - 21 Mile (Shelby)
 May 20 - Meeting @ 7 (at Hamlin)
 Hamlin Pub (Hayes & 22 Mile)