



NO SNOOZE NEWS

BREAKFAST OPTIMIST CLUB OF KALAMAZOO

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President's Corner

As we move into the 4th of July weekend, we celebrate our country's independence and freedom with family, friends, fireworks, and fun. So, at BOCK we'd like to celebrate and give a salute to some of our MVP's this year:

- Lynn Heckler:** going above and beyond for club's printing needs
- Helen Horn:** leading the pet food drive for cats at KAR
- Karen Monville:** getting elected to OI Foundation Board of Directors
- Nicole Ingersoll:** chairing another successful golf outing
- Nancy Flipse:** helping tear down after weekly meetings
- Angela Telfer:** bringing in 2 new members
- Jeff Daane:** digging in the dirt with the kids at Pretty Lake
- Chris Shults:** creating & compiling BOCK directory information pages
- Jo Avriett:** selling tons of raffle tickets
- Jeanette Meyer:** getting greeters for weekly meetings
- Bruce Billedeaux and his wife:** designing and creating a new sign for weekly meetings
- Julie Howes:** bargaining for good deals for the golf outing and garden supplies
- Jan Oord:** providing leadership training for next year's Michigan District Officers
- Linda Ingersoll:** working on building a Paw Paw Optimist Club
- Kate Holaday:** perfect attendance for the year
- Wilma VanLoo:** identifying a need for toothpaste/toothbrushes for families visiting loved ones at Bronson Hospital
- Elaine Catlin:** generating speaker ideas
- Dee Ann Dopp:** inviting a guest for breakfast
- Lyn Lenox:** generating & maintaining excitement for the PGI program
- Val Lippincott:** helping with the Right Start Party
- Dave McKee:** coordinating a successful Dime-a-Day campaign
- Ralph Meyer:** being Super again at Super book sales
- Pat Weber:** faithful reading all book club books
- Nancy Baker:** volunteering to help with the Edison Elementary kids

All of our members are MVP's, and I thank you for all you do for BOCK to make it the best club in the Michigan District.

Yours in Optimism,
Terri Norman-BOCK President



JULY SPEAKERS AND GREETERS

- July 1 Fellowship
Greeter: Angela Telfer
- July 8 Kris Deryder—Susan G Komen 3 Day Event
Greeter: Michelle Gulbis
- July 15 Ed Roth, Music Therapy
Greeter: Jeanette Meyer
- July 22 Matthew Johnson—Edison Elementary Garden Club
Greeter: Paul Weber
- July 29 Picture Day for BOCK Directory
Greeter: Kristi Carambula



2009-2010 Board of Directors

- President** Terri Norman
- President-Elect** Jeanette Meyer
- Vice President** Kristi Carambula
- Secretary-Treasurer** Linda Ingersoll
- Past President** Chris Shults
- Finance** Wilma VanLoo
- Membership** Lyn Lenox
- Youth Activities** Elaine Catlin
- Fellowship** Lynn Heckler
- Community Service** Helen Horn
- Programs & Publicity** Ruth Rowe



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Cindy Courtade
- 8 Pat Weber
- 11 Nicole Ingersoll
- 15 Veola McFerrin
- 24 Karen Monville
- 29 Nancy Marks



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IN JULY
SEE EVERYONE AUGUST 12

JULY BOOK CLUB

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AUGUST BOOK CLUB

The book is The Ultimate Gift
by Jim Stovall.
Panera Bread, West Main
5:30 PM

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Thursdays @ 7:30 A.M.
Colonial Kitchen
7617 S Westnedge, Portage



CCC GOLF OUTING RECAP



BOCK once again hosted a very successful golf outing that raised more than \$5000. We had 22 hole sponsors and 49 golfers support the event. The winners of this year's event were "Them" in the Men's Division, Mini Spriggles in the Women's Division, and Nappier and Friends in the Co-Ed Division. BOCK will use proceeds to make a donation to Camp Catch-a-Rainbow and Johns Hopkins University for childhood cancer research. A huge thank you to all who supported the event and our golf committee: **Nicole Ingersoll, Linda Ingersoll, Julie Howes, and Jan Oord**. Also thank you to our volunteers: **Lyn Lenox, Carmen Jonaitis, Meg Ingersoll, Krissy Ingersoll, and Jen Peterson**.



The Right Start Raffle & Auction Party

Tuesday, July 20th @ 6:00 PM

The Fountains in Parchment

BOCK's signature program, Back-to-School, is fast approaching in August, and thus, our fundraiser for the event is already here. On **Tuesday, July 20 at 6 PM at The Fountains**, BOCK will be celebrating with **The Right Start Party**. For \$20 you get admission to the party and a chance to win 3 great prizes: \$1000 cash, \$250 gift card to bedandbreakfast.com, and \$100 gift card to Target. There will also be student entertainment this year, live auction of great packages, and a table for bidding on items. All proceeds from the event support the Back-to-School program which provides a shopping trip before school starts to some of our less fortunate children in Kalamazoo. BOCK works with Family and Children Services who selects children for the shopping trip.

Please contact **Jeanette Meyer** at jamjar20@aol.com if you need further information, would like to purchase tickets, or would like to sell them for the event. Items for the three raffle packages: Made in Michigan, Chocolate Lovers, and Picnic/Tailgate must be turned in by July 15th.



Internet : PRESENTATION Safety JULY 27 @ YMCA

Optimist International has rolled out a new internet safety program this year. The program targets parents of children and focuses on how to keep your children safe while they are using the Internet. **Jan Oord** has been leading the committee on this project and BOCK will be making its first presentation to the YMCA (Maple Street Location) on **Tuesday, July 27 at 6 PM**. The committee will update the club about the program at our August 5th weekly meeting.

Save the Date: BOCK Picnic Saturday, August 7th @ 2 PM



This year BOCK will be having a summer picnic for BOCK members and their families at **Lyn Lenox's** house in Allegan on **Saturday, August 7th starting at 2 PM**. This will be a pot luck and we will be circulating a sign-up sheet at our weekly meetings in July. In conjunction with the picnic, BOCK member **Bruce Billedeaux**, is offering plane rides for BOCK members who want the thrill of going up in the air. A sign-up sheet for these rides will also be passed around at the weekly meetings in July.

OI Foundation

Blind Auction

August 12 Weekly Meeting



BOCK will be holding its annual OI Foundation Blind Auction at our weekly Thursday meeting on August 12. It's earlier than usual but it's the same event. This is a fundraiser for the OI Foundation and it is tons of fun.

Members are asked to bring a gift wrapped up and then we will auction off the items to the highest bidder. There are no limits on what type of gift you donate or win. It could be used items, new items, regifted items, we are not picky. We will even offer to wrap them for you. Last year, we raised \$1900 in under 1 hour. Fastest fundraiser we have. The OI Foundation provides scholarships to youth through programs such as the Oratorical and Essay Contests. It also supports the Childhood Cancer Campaign and provides marketing materials to promote Optimism in our community. So start collecting your items now.

Fourth Quarter Zone Meeting

Tuesday, August 17th

McCamey Plaza in Battle Creek

(more details to follow)

Welcome 2 New Members



The Board of Directors approved two new members at our June meeting. We would like to welcome **Frances Vega**, sponsored by **Elaine Catlin**, and **Jennifer "JP" Peterson**, sponsored by **Nicole Ingersoll**. The date to induct our new members has yet to be determined. At that time we will provide more information about the two ladies. We welcome you both to BOCK.

Congratulations!!



Michigan District Convention August 20-22, 2010 McCamley Plaza, Battle Creek

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, August 21st for the Fourth Quarter Michigan District Convention in Battle Creek at McCamley Plaza. Events run all weekend but Saturday evening BOCK's very own, Jan Oord, will be sworn in as Governor of the Michigan District for the 2010-2011 Optimist year. We encourage everyone to attend to learn of new ideas and/or programs to bring back to the club, network with fellow Michigan Optimists and to show our club support for Jan. BOCK pays for basic meeting registration for club members. We hope to have a large turnout in support of Jan during the evening festivities.

Friday night is the Executive Board Meeting and Hospitality Room. Saturday is breakout sessions and Evening of Entertainment. Sunday wraps up the weekend with the Michigan District Optimist Family Breakfast. If you cannot make the Saturday morning meeting, please plan to attend the evening dinner. More details will be provided at the July and August weekly meetings and in the Optiviews newsletter.



It's Picture Time! July 29th

You've been warned and now it's time! We need your picture to put in our club directory to go along with the information you have provided about yourself (years of involvement in the club, club committees, interests/hobbies, etc.) so we can get a little more familiar with each other.

The picture date is set for Thursday, July 29th at the weekly meeting. If you are unable to attend or have a photo you prefer to use, please send it to Chris Shults at clshults@sbcglobal.net. Remember we would like a current photo not one you used in high school. Also, if you are still one of the several that have not returned the personal bio to Chris Shults please do so ASAP. It's not very long and not very time consuming so please help us out.



July is National Ice Cream Month

Ronald Reagan designated July as National Ice Cream Month in 1984. He also appointed the third Sunday in July as National Ice Cream Day. Reagan recognized the popularity of ice cream in the United States (90% of the nation's population consumes ice cream) and stated that these two events should be observed with "appropriate ceremonies and activities". So eat up! *This is your random piece of news for the month. Enjoy!*

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 your 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 to 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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*By providing hope and positive vision,
Optimists bring out the best in kids.*

-Optimist Mission Statement