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BREAKFAST OPTIMIST CLUB OF KALAMAZOO

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President's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Here's wishing 2010 is the best year yet for you and your family.

For 2010, BOCK hopes to serve as many children as possible in the Kalamazoo area. In the next few months we will be working on the following projects: Essay Contest, an Optimist International sponsored event for aspiring youth writers; Youth Appreciation to honor youth and their accomplishments; Childhood Cancer Campaign to provide support for children with cancer; and helping with the Croyden School Carnival.

In the fall of 2010 we will also get to see our very own Jan Oord installed as the Governor of the Michigan District Optimists. Jan has given a lot to our club through the years, and as a club, it is our goal this upcoming year to help Jan in any way we can and be supportive of her as she becomes Governor of Michigan. This is truly an honor not only for Jan but also for our club.

2010 holds many exciting things for BOCK so resolve to make this year your best year ever as a BOCK member. Thank you for all you do for the club, as everything you do for BOCK touches the life of a child.

Yours in Optimism,
Terri Norman, BOCK President



JANUARY SPEAKERS AND GREETERS

- January 7 Don Wiersma—Superbooks
Greeter: Val Lippincott
- January 14 Polly Kragt—Chocolatea
Greeter: DeeAnn Dopp
- January 21 Adam Weiner—Farmers Alley Theatre
Greeter: Jo Avriett
- January 28 Kerry Brigham—Alpacas of Augusta Creek Farms
Greeter: Nancy Baker

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 12 Jim Murphy
- 18 Laurie Jefsen
- 19 Marry Memmott
- 20 Pat Haley
- 20 Jeanette Meyer
- 30 Ruth Rowe



Second Quarter Michigan District Optimists Meeting

Save the date for **Saturday, February 20, 2010**. It is the Second Quarter Michigan District Meeting at Wayne County Community College-Western Campus in Belleville, MI. The highlight of this meeting will be a presentation of awards to clubs and members for achievements during the 2008-2009 Optimist year presented by Immediate Past Governor Mike Seltzer. Registration deadline is February 5th. BOCK will pay for your basic registration fee. Registration forms are available online at www.michiganoptimists.org or at the weekly meetings. Please submit completed forms to club Secretary-Treasurer **Linda Ingersoll**. For those that would like to stay overnight on Friday, February 19th there is a limited block of rooms available at the Airport Marriott. Deadline to reserve a room is February 5th. Cost is \$79 per room + state and local taxes. The club does not cover this charge. Members of Zone 10 will be hosting a Hospitality Suite at the hotel for all out-of-town guests. Come and join us for a great learning experience. All members welcome!

WEEKLY MEETINGS

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

BOCK WEBSITE

www.bockzoo.org



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 11TH
5:30 PM
CHRIS SHULTS' HOUSE

BOOK CLUB NO JANUARY BOOK CLUB

FEBRUARY BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND
Panera Bread, West Main
5:30 PM

The book is Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson. This is the 2010 Community Read book for Kalamazoo.



**SAVE THE DATE—FEBRUARY 9TH
SECOND QUARTER ZONE MEETING
5:30 PM AT BREWSTER'S ON PORTAGE RD.**



Essay Contest "The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?"

BOCK will again be sponsoring a local Essay Contest for area high school students using the Optimist International topic—"The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?" The deadline for participants to submit an essay is February 5, 2010. **Laurie Jefsen** is organizing this activity for our club. Please contact her if you would like to help judge the essays. Last year, we had over 70 entries. Awards and prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The 1st place winning essay from our local contest will be sent to the Michigan District level for a chance to win an additional award and possible scholarship.



CCC Magic Hug Squares

Do you knit? Do you know someone who knits? As part of our ongoing efforts with the Childhood Cancer Campaign, BOCK needs "magic squares" for Beanie Babies. These 12" magic squares serve as a blanket for the Beanie Baby and are provided as a source of comfort to children with cancer as they go through their treatments. BOCK has a big supply of Beanie Babies that need magic squares knitted for them. Can you help out? We will have Beanie Babies at all January meetings looking for an owner. We will also have the patterns for the squares at the meetings. For more information on this project you can contact **Elaine Catlin** at catlin@kcms.msu.edu

Superbooks—Sell Some Today!

As one of the club fundraisers we are selling Superbooks. The cost is \$39.00 but the savings are worth over \$900. Our goal is to sell at least 100 books. If we reach this goal we will profit \$9.00 from each book. We had a good start in December and sold 13 books. Every book sold benefits our Youth Fund. If you would like to sell the books or purchase one for yourself, please contact **Ralph Meyer** at mrgrumpypants29@aol.com



Happy New Year



Annual Chili Cook-Off Saturday, January 30th 4:00 PM

What better way to warm up during the winter months than to participate in a chili cook-off? This year **Bob and Cathy Balik** will be our hosts. Their house is located at 5428 Antiqua Circle, Kalamazoo (Oshtemo Township). To make this event a success we are looking for 3-4 (or more) volunteers to make their favorite batch of chili for the group to enjoy and then vote on. Fabulous prizes will be given based on the following categories: Most Original, Spiciest, Best Presentation and People's Choice.

If you aren't a chili maker, you may also sign up to bring a dessert, crackers or bread, or something else to enhance the menu. Even if you aren't able to bring something, we still want you to enjoy the fun and fellowship. It is BYOB. Please **RSVP to Lynn Heckler** at lheckler@kresa.org by Monday, January 25th so she may let our hosts know how many people to expect. The sign-up sheet is available at the weekly meetings and was also sent as an attachment via email.



Holiday Adopt-a-Family "Wrap"-Up

A big thank you to everyone who purchased gifts and food items for the three families we adopted for Christmas. It's always a joy to put a smile on someone's face. Your efforts were well appreciated.

Thank you to all the "elves" who helped **Helen Horn** organize and wrap all the items for the families: **Cathy Balik, Bruce Billedeaux, DeeAnn Dopp, Linda Ingersoll, Lyn Lenox, Jeanette Meyer, and Wilma VanLoo.**

Ongoing Membership Contest

Don't forget that the Membership Committee (**Lyn Lenox, DeeAnn Dopp, and Bruce Billedeaux**) have come up with some incentives for recruiting new members and retaining our current members and put the ideas into a contest format. The contest will continue through the 2009-2010 Optimist year.

Each quarter there will be a drawing from the container of tickets earned for a chance to win \$25.00. Our first quarter winner was **Kate Holaday**. For a list of rules and points/tickets possible please contact **Lyn Lenox**, Membership Director, at wolfpawss54@hotmail.com



**A few laughs to
brighten your day!**

What do you call a fish with no eyes?

A fsh

What did the first snowman said to the second snowman?

Do you smell carrots

Two peanuts walk into a bar. *One was a salted.*

What's the difference between chopped beef and pea soup?

Everyone can chop beef, but not everyone can pea soup

Three men walk into a bar. The fourth one ducks.



A man walks into the bar with a giraffe. He orders a drink for him and a drink for the giraffe. He orders another drink for him and another for the giraffe. The giraffe falls over and passes out. The man pays his tab and begins to walk out. The bartender stops the man and says, "Hey, you can't leave that lyin' there". *The man looks at the bartender and says, "That's not a lion, that's a giraffe".*

What do you call a sheep with no legs?

A cloud



Knock, Knock.

Who's there?

Dwayne.

Dwayne who?

Drain the tub, I'm drowning

What kind of money do cows make?

Moo-la

A mushroom walks into a bar and says to the bartender, "Hey, can I order a beer please?" The bartender looks at him shaking his head and says, "No, we don't serve food here." *The mushroom says, "Why not, I'm a fungi."*

A guy phones the local gym and asks if they could teach him how to do the splits. The trainer asks, "How flexible are you?" *The man says, "I can't make Tuesdays or Thursdays".*



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