



# NO SNOOZE NEWS

**BREAKFAST OPTIMIST CLUB OF KALAMAZOO**

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## President's Corner

May, June, and July mark three very important months in the BOCK Optimist year. These three months hold the key to two very important programs for our club: the Back-to-School program and the Childhood Cancer Campaign (CCC). These two programs have far reaching and lasting effects on the children they serve.

In June we will hold the Sixth Annual CCC Golf Outing. While the majority of our members are not golfers, they continue to provide the necessary support to make the event a success. From hole sponsorships to finding golfers to volunteering at the event. BOCK members helped raise more than \$4,900 last year. Our goal is to surpass that amount this year so we can help serve more kids with cancer. BOCK supports the Childhood Cancer Campaign primarily from this event to fund cancer research at Johns Hopkins University and uses other Youth Fund fundraisers to send young cancer survivors to Camp Catch-a-Rainbow in Michigan, and support the Bronson Pediatric Oncology Unit.

In July we will have the Right Start Auction Party and Raffle. This has become our major fundraiser for the Back-to-School Program--a program many members feel is the most important thing we do all year. The Back-to-School program gives less fortunate children a shopping trip for clothes in August—right before school starts. We have sent hundreds of children back-to-school shopping though the years because of the generosity of our members. This year is no different. We want to send at least 40 children back-to-school shopping in August, and we hope you consider this as you buy or sell a raffle ticket for the program. Every raffle ticket sold will make the difference in the life of a child in Kalamazoo.

Thank you for everything you do to make these two programs successful.

Yours in Optimism,  
Terri Norman  
BOCK President



## MAY AND JUNE SPEAKERS AND GREETERS

- May 6 Jeff Harkins—Education for the Arts  
*Greeter: Helen Horn*
  - May 13 Youth Appreciation  
*Greeter: Laurie Jepsen*
  - May 20 Fellowship  
*Greeter: Pat Weber*
  - May 27 Ethan Alexander—Open Bike Project  
*Greeter: Julie Howes*
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- June 3 Respect for Law—Josh Breese, Community Policing Officer with Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety  
*Greeter: Nancy Baker*
  - June 10 TBD  
*Greeter: Kate Holaday*
  - June 17 TBD  
*Greeter: Nancy Marks*
  - June 24 TBD  
*Greeter: Lyn Lenox*

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Bruce Billedeaux
- 22 Wilma VanLoo
- 23 Alice Nash



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 20 Cathy Balik



**DON'T FORGET:  
FATHER'S DAY IS  
SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH**

### WEEKLY MEETINGS

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

### BOCK WEBSITE

[www.bockzoo.org](http://www.bockzoo.org)



## 2009-2010 Board of Directors

- President Terri Norman
- President-Elect Jeanette Meyer
- Vice President Kristi Carambula
- Secretary- Linda Ingersoll
- Treasurer
- 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

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 17TH  
5:15 PM  
CHRIS SHULTS' HOUSE

### MAY BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, MAY 11TH  
Panera Bread, West Main  
5:30 PM

The book is Travels with Charley  
by John Steinbeck.

### JUNE BOOK CLUB

The book is Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford.

**JULY BOOK CLUB  
NO BOOK CLUB**



## CONGRATULATIONS TO KAREN MONVILLE

A big congratulations to BOCK member, **Karen Monville**, for being elected to the Optimist International Foundation Board of Directors for the 2010-2011 Optimist year. Karen is the first person from the Michigan District to be elected to serve on the Board. Karen is also a member of the OI Foundation's Women's Philanthropy Council and an ardent supporter of the OI Foundation and it's goals.



## The Right Start Raffle & Auction Party Tuesday, July 20th @ 6:00 PM The Fountains in Parchment



## Sixth Annual CCC Golf Outing Sunday, June 13th @ 9:00 A.M. Olde Mill Golf Club

On June 13th, BOCK will be hosting the Sixth Annual CCC Golf Outing at Old Mill Golf Club in Schoolcraft, MI. It's an 18-hole four person scramble with a 9 AM shot-gun start. The cost is very reasonable at \$75 per golfer or \$300 for a foursome. Hole sponsorships are also available at \$50 per hole and are acknowledged at the event. The deadline to register is June 6th. We currently have 14 teams registered and 19 hole sponsors. Thank you everyone for your support. Proceeds from this event go to the OI Foundation Childhood Cancer Campaign earmarked for cancer research at Johns Hopkins University. Partial proceeds will benefit Camp Catch-a-Rainbow in Michigan, which hosts cancer patients and their families.

If you golf or know someone who likes to golf, please let them know about this fun event. Snacks, lunch, prizes, give-a-ways, 50/50 raffle and much more will be available at the event.

For further information, please contact **Nicole Ingersoll** at (269) 217-0513 or [ingers007@yahoo.com](mailto:ingers007@yahoo.com). *Due to the delay of the newsletter, registration for the outing will be extended until Wednesday, June 9th!*



## Internet : A NEW PROGRAM Safety FOR B.O.C.K.

Optimist International has rolled out a new internet safety program this year. The program has two components: educating children on how to safely navigate the internet, and working with adults to increase their awareness on what they can do to protect the children around them. BOCK has gotten involved in this program. We began by raising community awareness of this important issue through Optimist Internet Safety Proclamations presented at both Portage City Council and Kalamazoo City Council. The Internet Safety Committee (**Jan Oord (chair), Elaine Catlin, Laurie Jepsen, Laurie Montgomery, and Bruce Billedeaux**) has plans to present a session with the *Parent to Parent* group in Kalamazoo. Long range, the plan is to offer the presentation to other interested parent groups in our area.

BOCK's biggest fundraiser is for the Back-to-School program. BOCK is selling 500 raffle tickets at \$20 per ticket to raise money for the event. For \$20, you get admission to the Auction Party on Tuesday, July 20th at 6 PM at The Fountains. The raffle ticket also gives you a 1 in 500 chance of winning \$1000 cash, a \$250 gift card to [bedand-breakfast.com](http://bedand-breakfast.com), and a \$100 gift card to Target. At the party, there will be live entertainment, food, drinks, live auction packages, and the drawing of the winners of the raffle. Proceeds from the raffle and the auction party are used to take less fortunate children, selected by Family and Children Services, on a back-to-school shopping trip for clothes and more. These children will also receive a backpack filled with school supplies so their first day at school starts off on the right foot. The more raffle tickets that are sold, the more kids we can take shopping.

Please contact **Jeanette Meyer** at [jamjar20@aol.com](mailto:jamjar20@aol.com) if you need further information, would like to purchase tickets, or would like to sell them for the event.

The committee is also asking club members to sign up to donate items for the three raffle packages: Made in Michigan, Chocolate Lovers, and Picnic/Tailgate. If you would like to contribute, please turn in

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

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. 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 on the Convention will be available in July and August.



## Save the Date: BOCK Picnic Saturday, August 7th @ noon

This year BOCK will be having a summer picnic at Lyn Lenox's house in Allegan on Saturday, August 7th starting at 12 noon. In conjunction with the picnic, BOCK member **Bruce Billedeaux**, is offering plane rides for BOCK members who want the thrill of going up in a plane. More details to come!



## Dime-a-Day Update: \$36.50 Helps the OI Foundation

The OI Foundation Dime-a-Day program (\$36.50) is just one of many ways that you can help support funding for Optimist programs such as the Oratorical Contest, Essay Contest, Junior Golf, and Childhood Cancer Campaign. BOCK has just over 24 members that have already participated for the 2009-2010 Optimist year. If you would like a form or need further information, please contact our OI Foundation Club representative **Dave McKee** at [dave.mckee@wmich.edu](mailto:dave.mckee@wmich.edu). Your contribution is tax deductible and the OI Foundation will send you a receipt for proof. Every little bit helps. More ways to support the OI Foundation can be found at [www.oifoundation.org](http://www.oifoundation.org).



## THE LATEST IN BOCK MEMBERSHIP

BOCK is rising to the top when it comes to membership. We are on our way to achieving Honor Club status for the 2009-2010 Optimist year. One of the criteria to achieve that status is being net +5 in membership by September 30, 2010. We have added 7 new members and have 1 membership application pending. We've accepted the resignation of 2 members (Jennifer Stever and Devrim Yaman) this year but we are looking to increase our membership the rest of the year. Thanks to **DeeAnn Dopp** and **Lyn Lenox** for organizing an excellent New Member Orientation in April. New members were able to gain a better understanding of what being an Optimist member is all about on the local, district, and international level. Way to go BOCK, we ROCK!

## BOCK CLUB DIRECTORY

BOCK is creating a club directory that will contain members information including years of involvement in the club, club committees, interests/hobbies, etc. so we can get a little more familiar with each other. We would like to also include a member photo. Please help us out and fill in the form that Chris Shults sent via email. Then FORWARD the information to [clshults@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clshults@sbcglobal.net) by June 17th. Be sure to use the correct email address. Thanks for your help!

## 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*