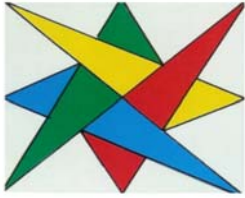




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BREAKFAST OPTIMIST CLUB OF KALAMAZOO

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President's Corner

By the time you read this, the Waterford Crystal ball in Time Square has fallen, the fireworks over Kalamazoo have quieted down and 2008 is history. It is now time to move forward into 2009 to see what changes the New Year will bring us.

One change will be in the location of our weekly meeting. Beginning January 8th we will be at the Colonial Kitchen on Westnedge (7616 S. Westnedge - south of the Crossroads Mall between Schuring Road and Centre on the west side of the road). This change came about as a result of the reduced space at the new Colonial Kitchen on Drake. There was little room to move about and we knew it would not accommodate growth or our Youth Appreciation program.

A list of all the restaurants serving breakfast in the area was compiled and were contacted or visited over several months. We narrowed the list down to the Blue Dolphin, Perkins and Colonial Kitchen. It was not an easy decision to make however it was the only place we could find that would accommodate the attendance we have weekly and keep the price down.

We hope that you will find this change in location to be an improvement.

Yours in Optimism,
Chris Shults
BOCK President



JANUARY SPEAKERS AND GREETERS

- January 8 New Location, New Year's Resolutions
Greeter: Wilma VanLoo
- January 15 Marcy Peake, Juvenile Home School—At Risk Kids
Greeter: Kate Holaday
- January 22 Bill Eichstaedt, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage—Reverse Mortgages
Greeter: Laurie Jefsen
- January 29 Cupids and Leprechauns Decorating (an upcoming contest is in the works, watch for more details)
Greeter: Lyn Lenox

Last Chance: Optimist Car Magnets



To help fund the Michigan District Hospitality Room at the 2008-2009 Optimist International Convention in Kissimmee, FL we will be selling car magnets. The price is \$5.00. If you are interested, please let **Chris Shults** know. The order will be placed by **January 16th** and will be picked up at the Second Quarter Regional Meeting in Mt. Pleasant on February 14th.

Super Books are BBAACCKK!

We're at it again folks! The 2009 Super Books are ready to sell. Just show your friends and family the book and it sells itself. The cost of the book is the same as last year, \$39.00. **Ralph Meyer** is your contact person to place orders. Books will be available at the weekly meetings or email Ralph at mrgrumpypants29@aol.com to place orders or ask questions.



"Mr. Super Books" (Ralph Meyer) had not even picked up the books when he started getting inquiries on when they would be available. There was a flurry of activity as books were being handed out and checks turned back in during the December meetings. Our club has made over \$18,000 since we began this fund raiser in 1993. Last year we sold 121 books. This year we need to sell 140 in order to receive a \$100 bonus. The funds we raise goes towards our youth activities such as Essay Contest, Youth Appreciation and Girls on The Run. Your help and support is greatly appreciated!



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- Community Service *Norma Simmons*
- Programs & Publicity *Cindy Courtade*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21
5:30 PM
CHRIS SHULTS' HOUSE

BOOK CLUB

NO JANUARY MEETING
Next Meeting: February 3rd
Panera Bread, West Main
5:30 PM

2009 Community Read:
choice of 3 books by Rick Bragg—
All Over But the Shoutin', Ava's Man, or The Prince of Frogtown



B.O.C.K. STARS ORIENTATION

You are invited to a New Member Orientation Meeting on **Thursday, January 22nd** at the home of **Jan Oord** (10547 Woodlawn Dr, Portage) starting at 5:30 p.m. The meeting promises to be filled with fun, food, fellowship and sharing information about Optimism! While the purpose of the meeting is to orient new members to learning about the workings of our Club, District and Optimist International, all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Our club PGI (Personal Growth & Involvement) chairperson **Lyn Lenox** will be presenting the PGI Module: Orientation To Optimism for New Members. You can earn credit in your passport so come join us!

Please RSVP to Jan Oord by Monday, January 19:
(269) 324-5975 or j.oord@live.com

Membership Update

The Board of Directors regretfully accepted the resignations from membership of Diane Bussema, Emily Harrison and Kim Jasiak. We wish them the best and we will miss them.

However, we have also added a new member. Our warmest welcome goes to **Laura Livingstone-McNelis**. She was a guest speaker to our club and found us to be a fun group to join. Laura and her husband own Henderson Castle Bed & Breakfast. Stay tuned for her induction date and to learn more about her.

Candle Sales Results!

Thanks to all of you who sold or bought candles during November and December 2008. The final number is still being calculated but we profited around \$1100. If you have any money or candles still outstanding please contact **Lyn Lenox** ASAP.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Dan Finstrom
- 18 Laurie Jefsen
- 19 Mary Memmott
- 20 Pat Haley
- 20 Jeanette Meyer
- 23 Ruth Rowe

CAN YOU HELP FIND GUEST SPEAKERS?

Our Programs & Publicity Director **Cindy Courtade** needs our help. She has been fighting the winter bug since Thanksgiving and hasn't been able to line up speakers for the upcoming months. We have a list of speakers, phone numbers, and possible topics. We just need people to make the initial contact. If you are willing to line up speakers for a few meetings or take a month it would be greatly appreciated. You could make the calls all in one day and be done. Please contact President **Chris Shults** (clshults@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to help.

Holiday Basket Raffle Winner: Nancy Flipse

Nancy was the lucky winner of the Christmas basket. We raised \$125 in ticket sales for the Administrative Fund. The basket contained gourmet cheeses, wine, chocolates, and holiday goodies. Watch for details about the next basket raffle. You could be the winner too!



Second Quarter Regional Meeting: February 14

Mark your calendar because we are heading to the Soaring Eagle Conference Center (formerly Holiday Inn) in Mt. Pleasant, MI for the Second Quarter Michigan District Regional Meeting. We will be receiving awards for the 2007-2008 Optimist Year and participating in group discussions, breakout sessions, fun and fellowship. The club pays for your registration to attend. If you are interested please fill out the registration form from your Optiviews newsletter and turn it in to **Julie Howes**, BOCK Secretary-Treasury by January 22nd.

BOCK Bike Helmets



A box of slightly used bike helmets was found in our storage shed. These helmets were used when our club held annual Safety on Wheels events. There is a variety of sizes (3 small, 6 small/medium, and 3 large/XL.). If you know of a group or individuals who might use them please contact President **Chris Shults**. (Note: actual helmet not shown)

SAVE THE DATE

- May 18, 2009 Optimist Junior Golf, local tournament at Heritage Glen Golf Course
- June 14, 2009 CCC Golf Outing, Olde Mill Golf Club
- July 14, 2009 Back-to-School Party, location TBD



Pat Weber, Helen Horn, Cathy Balik, and Linda Ingersoll organizing presents

Adopt-A-Family

Overwhelmed, is what I expect the Loistine family felt when the packages & food were delivered by Family & Children Services. It took several hours at Helen Horn's house for eight of us to wrap all the presents that you all so generously donated. We estimated that each family member received 8-10 packages. Most, if not all, of the family's wish list was fulfilled. You are all truly the best Santa's in the world!! Thank you to all who donated. And thank you to Helen and David Horn, Ralph and Jeanette Meyer, Dan and Wilma VanLoo, Norma Simmons, Glenn Loughridge, Pat Weber, Cathy Balik, Chris Shults, and Linda Ingersoll for helping with the wrapping and delivery.

Food Drive with Portage Central H.S.

The food drive held by the Portage Central High School Honor Society may not have been as successful as they had hoped but regardless of the weather and economy (and many other food drives), they were able to collect about 10 boxes of food. Jan Oord, Lynn and Glenn Heckler loaded up the van loaned by KRESA and took the donations to Loaves and Fishes. The students were excited and are planning on another food drive in the spring.

Community Crop for Kids Scrap Booking Party: Saturday, January 24, 2009

Come for the whole day or part and participate in scrapbooking with Karla Dennis from Creative Memories. Whether you are a beginner or have done this for years, everyone is welcome. It is \$25 per person (before January 17) and goes from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All proceeds to benefit BOCK. Bring your supplies, find new supplies, get ideas from fellow guests or friends. Continental breakfast and sloppy joe lunch provided. To keep costs down, please bring your own beverage.

There will also be goodie bags and a prize raffle for a family album 8x8 picfolio with paper kit. A free raffle ticket will be awarded to anyone who brings a dish to pass.

If you have questions or need a registration form please contact club member Laurie Andrus at landrus@charter.net

Please send newsletter articles to No Snooze News Editor, Nicole Ingersoll, at ingers007@yahoo.com

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