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BREAKFAST OPTIMIST CLUB OF KALAMAZOO

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President's Corner

March marks the halfway point of the Optimist year, and that being said it's a good time to review the club's goals for the year. The club has one goal for the year, and that is to be an Honor Club. If we are Honor Club, we will be doing programs and activities that serve youth in our community and meet our obligations to Optimist International.

There are six requirements to be an Honor Club for 2009-2010 and here is where we stand as a club:

1. Be Net +5 in members for the year. We started the year with 57 members and currently have 62 on the roster. This means we have met this requirement, but we anticipate that a few members will drop in the next 6 months for various reasons. So, if we can bring a new member for every one dropped in the next 6 months, we can maintain our current Net Plus 5 in Membership.
2. Pay Optimist International Dues by September 30, 2010. We have already paid our dues for the year, so this goal has also been met.
3. Complete three service projects and submit one CPA entry. We have already done Park Clean-Up, Adopt-a-Family for the Holidays, and the Essay Contest. We have three members who have already agreed to work on a CPA entry for this year. We are halfway there on this requirement.
4. Submit Officer-Elect Form by May 20, 2010. This form will be submitted in April.
5. Submit President's Pride Report by September 30, 2010. This form will be submitted in September.
6. Club President or Board Members attend 50% of District Meetings. We have had at least one board member at the first two District Meetings. We have met this requirement.

So, as you can see we are on the road to being Honor Club thanks to all that our club members do to serve youth in the Kalamazoo community. Keep up the good work and continue to bring out the best in kids.

Yours in Optimism, Terri Norman



MARCH SPEAKERS AND GREETERS

- March 4 Essay Contest Winners
Greeter: Linda Ingersoll
- March 11 Frances Vega-Costas: Autism 101
Greeter: Lynn Heckler
- March 18 Larry Schlack: Careers without College
Greeter: Chris Shults
- March 25 Pete Stobe: Get Outside
Greeter: Nancy Flipse

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Chris Shults
- 4 Linda Ingersoll
- 11 Dave McKee
- 13 Sherry Firestone
- 24 Devrim Yaman
- 27 Jane Bilicki

Cast Your Vote for OI Foundation Board of Directors

BOCK's very own **Karen Monville** is running for the Board of Directors for the Optimist International Foundation for the 2010-2011 Optimist Year. If you contributed at least \$36.50 to the OI Foundation this past Optimist Year (2008-2009), you are eligible to vote. We encourage all BOCK members who are eligible to cast your vote for Karen. Karen is a past Michigan District Governor and an ardent supporter of the OI Foundation and its goals. Voting begins March 1st and runs through May 1st.

To vote: go to www.oifoundation.org, click on the link "vote for next board member", scroll down to end of bios and click on "vote now", fill in member information, click on drop down menu and select "Karen Monville", then submit your vote. It's that easy! Karen thanks you for your support.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

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

BOCK WEBSITE

www.bockzoo.org



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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH
5:30 PM
CHRIS SHULTS' HOUSE

MARCH BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, MARCH 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.

APRIL BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH
The book is Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout



Essay Contest Winners visit BOCK on March 4th

On Thursday, March 4th we had the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners from our local Essay Contest come and read their essays at the morning meeting. This year's Optimist International topic was "The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?" We had 47 entries from Portage Central High School participate thanks to Ms. Mills who is a teacher at the school and made it a class assignment. The winners are:

- 1st Place—Leah Peirce
- 2nd Place—Jocelyn Bertolini
- 3rd Place—Carly Siko

Congratulations!

The winners received a medal and a \$200 award. Thank you to **Laurie Jefsen** and her committee for organizing the event, reading all the essays, making sure each participant followed the rules (correct word count, spacing, use of topic, etc.) It's not as easy as you may think.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND GREEN ICE GAME

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday, March 13th at 11:00 AM. The parade route is the Kalamazoo Mall. If you are planning on participating, please meet between 10:30—10:45 AM in the lot to the south of Radisson Hotel. Remember parking can be limited because so many people come to the parade. Please do not park in a tow away zone. BOCK has green beads, hats, and white sweatshirts with mini shamrocks if you need something festive. There are at least 10 members signed up to walk and pass out candy. If you would like to attend, please meet us in the parking lot.

Sixteen club members and guests will be attending the K-Wings Green Ice Game on March 17th to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Game time is 7:00 PM. We will gather at 5:00 PM at Brewster's for adult beverages and dinner before the game. If you did not purchase a ticket for the game but would like to join the group for dinner please contact **Terri Norman** so she can adjust the reservation number.



OI SAYS: RECRUIT 4 MEMBERS AND YOU'RE FREE

As a membership incentive, Optimist International is offering to waive International dues (not club dues) during the 2010-2011 for anyone who sponsors 4 new members from February 22—September 30, 2010. You will also receive a 1-member and 3-member sponsor pin.

Nominations for 2010-2011 Board of directors

The election for the 2010-2011 Board of Directors will be held at our Thursday, April 29 morning meeting. The list of nominees are:

- President—Jeanette Meyer
- President-Elect—Wilma VanLoo
- Past President—Terri Norman
- Vice President—Lynn Heckler
- Director (1 year) - Elaine Catlin (returning)
- Director (1 year) - Ruth Rowe (returning)
- Director (1 year) - Lyn Lenox-Bosma (returning)
- Director (2 years) - Kristi Carambula
- Director (2 years) - Laurie Jefsen
- Director (2 years) - Val Lippincott

Second Quarter District Meeting Recap

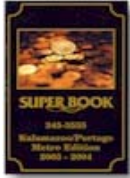
We walked away with some awards at the District Meeting on February 20th because BOCK rocks! **Chris Shults** earned her 10-member sponsor pin. This is an accumulative award from OI. **Jan Oord** received a District member sponsor pin and an OI certificate for attending training at the 2009 International Convention. **Kristi Carambula, Jo Avriett, Pat Weber, and Jeanette Meyer** also received their District member sponsor pin. The club earned a OI Foundation banner patch for \$80/member for unrestricted funds donated during the 2008-2009 Optimist year. This is in addition to the funds we raised from the CCC Golf Outing.



Quarterly Raffle: Pasta Dinner

In March we will be selling raffle tickets for a pasta dinner/Italian themed basket. The drawing will be held on March 25th. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. See **Jeanette Meyer** at the weekly meetings in March to purchase your tickets. Proceeds go to the Administrative Fund.





Super Book Update

We have sold 81 Super Books so far. Our goal is to sell 100 books so we will make \$9.00 from each book. The 2009 Super Books have now expired so it is a perfect time to promote the new ones. If you need a supply of books to sell or just need to purchase one for yourself, please contact **Ralph Meyer** at mrgumpypants29@aol.com. Every little bit helps. Thanks for supporting our club!



We will be recognizing 3 youth from the Juvenile Home School on April 1st for Youth Appreciation.

Zone and District Meeting Dates

Zone Meetings:

May 4—Hunt Club, Battle Creek

August 10—McCamley Plaza, Battle Creek

District Meetings:

May 14-16—Third Quarter District Meeting

Shoreline Inn, Muskegon

August 20-22—Fourth Quarter District Convention

McCamley Plaza, Battle Creek



Our 6th Annual CCC Golf Outing is June 13th. Start telling fellow golfers NOW. It will be at Olde Mill Golf Club. We will be looking for hole sponsors and donations. Monies raised go to cancer research at Johns Hopkins University.



The Right Start Party is July 20th. We will start selling raffle tickets for the Back-

to-School program in March. Tickets are \$20 and include the cost of attending the event. The grand prize will be \$1000. Second place winner receives a \$250 gift card and third place receives a \$100 gift card.

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