
★ **Bringing Out the Best in Kids Through Chess** ★
★ By Verna Brocks, Hartford Club President ★
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What's Inside



Hartford Community Optimist Club chartered a new JOOI Club this year. The Metro Detroit Chess JOOI Club has over 100 members and going strong! Seated: (L to R) Bria Green and Marquis Edmonson; Front Row Standing: (L to R) Duffield Chess Parents, Sherman Redden Sr. and Syleia Brocks; Michigan District JOOI Co-Chair Rocco Romano; Duffield Chess Team Member Brajae Redden; Hartford Community Optimist President Verna Brocks; Michigan District Optimist Governor Lou Moss and First Gentleman Dan Moss; Back Row Standing: Friend of Optimist, Courtney L. Stanley Jr.

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The Hartford Community Optimist Club began their crusade to incorporate the Duffield Chess Team into our Optimist Leadership Track by expanding the Optimist Theme to "Bringing Out The Best In Kids Through Chess".

How? By first contacting our Lieutenant Governor Harriett Cosby, who was so excited about the idea that she knew we must call our Governor Lou Moss. Well, as you might guess she too shared in the excitement and insisted we make this call immediately to our Youth Director Rocco Romano.

Rocco Romano was equally as excited to make this happen; he didn't hesitate to work with us and come whenever we needed him.

That was the day the Duffield Chess Team won the Metro Detroit Chess Scholastic League Championship that was held at Central High School in Detroit. We thought we were only appealing to the Duffield Chess Team but the interest and demand to be a part of the Metro Detroit Chess JOOI Club just kept growing and growing.

Kevin Fite of Southfield began a lunchtime chess program when he began teaching at Duffield Elementary School in 2002. Beginning with just two students, "chess fever" soon spread through the school and grew into an after school program. The Duffield Chess Team has amassed numerous awards including four City Chess Championships, three State Championships, and two National Championships. Two of his students have earned the title of #1 in the U.S. and more than 20 of his students have earned top national rankings. His students have traveled to competitions in California, Colorado, Kentucky, and Illinois and in 2007 will be traveling to Tennessee to defend their national title. Kevin's philosophy of tough love and encouragement has garnered the respect and financial support of the community. "You can't help but come to his aid," says one financial supporter. "All you have to do is watch those kids and you're hooked." Kevin also spends his Saturday's teaching chess to the children of metro Detroit. He organized the Detroit City Chess Club to reach children outside of Duffield Elementary. His success has prompted a proposal to Detroit Public Schools for a K-12 Curriculum for Critical and Creative Thinking using chess as its foundation.



Healthy Optimist Clubs Can Expect Success!

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Michigan District 2006-2007 Governor

One of our local hospitals has a motto: "Nothing is more important than your health". I have always believed this to be true. If you have good health, you have everything! The same is true with our Optimist Clubs. If the club is in good health, it is serving the community.

So what makes a club healthy? It's a balance of doing meaningful projects for kids and community, retaining members by keeping them involved, inviting new people to join the club, good communication to members about meetings, promoting the club through media, keeping finances current (i.e. District dues and Optimist International dues), and having fun at meetings. More than likely, if a club is doing all of those things, at the end of the Optimist year the club will have attained an Honor or Distinguished status! I hope your club is healthy and will be an Honor or Distinguished Club for the 2006-2007 Optimist year!

There are so many wonderful events and activities happening in our clubs: Contests, Youth Appreciation, fishing derbies, safety fairs, and SO MUCH more! Each issue of OptiViews this year has featured a club or two from each Region (1st Quarter – Region 2; 2nd Quarter – Region 3; 3rd Quarter – Region 1; 4th Quarter – Region 4 – please see cover story). I'm thankful to the clubs asked to write about their special events and I thank **Julie Howes**, Optimists in Action editor for reading all of the club bulletins and newsletters sent to her so she can highlight clubs in her article each issue. **Nicole Ingersoll**, *OptiViews* Editor, continues to do a great job in coordinating articles, gathering information and designing the layout of our district newsletter. This year she is also serving as the President of the **Breakfast Optimist Club of Kalamazoo** and is preparing to be the 2007-2008 Meetings and Convention Chair. My deep appreciation goes to our dedicated Optimists!

Keeping members involved is important in any club. **Dorothy Tyler**, Michigan District Membership Chair encourages clubs to retain, recruit and renew members. You can learn more about it on page 13. Thank you, Dorothy, for your dedication!

Just as the last few months have been extremely productive for clubs, there have been tremendous accomplishments in the Michigan District. On April 20-21, the JOOI (Junior Optimists Octagon International) Conference was held at Clawson High School. **JOOI Governor Tessa Hartley** has an article on page 5 to summarize the wonderful conference. A big thanks to **Rocco Romano** and **Kathy Gaita**, JOOI Co-Chairs, JOOI Governor Tessa and her board along with the many adult and youth volunteers. My husband, Dan, and I enjoyed the interaction and enthusiasm of so many young leaders.

The following weekend, Saturday, April 28th, a **Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth** was hosted by the

Auburn Hills Noon Optimist Club and was open to anyone who wanted to enter from the Michigan District. **Kathy Gaita** chaired the committee and did a fantastic job in contacting many schools to participate. This is the first time in the past few years the contest was held. A big "thank you" to Kathy! She is optimistic the response will be even greater next year. Please see page 7 for more about the contest.

Our first new club of the year was chartered on May 3rd, in Richmond. It was thrilling to participate in the "birthing" of the club as Field Representative **Rich Bloom**, with the assistance of his wife, **Connie**, made it official. **Dennis Rouse**, Charter President, along with the 26 club members, have some outstanding goals for their club to make a difference in the city of Richmond. A special thank you to **Dwayne Baxa** for his energy, enthusiasm and guidance to help make this club a reality. Please see page 9 for details from New Club Building Chair **Jan Oord**.

On May 4 – 6, Michigan Optimists gathered for a "Cinco de Mayo Celebration" in Midland for the **Third Quarter Optimist Family Reunion**. A big thank you to the **Midland-Sunrise Optimist Club** for helping with registration. After lunch we heard the Michigan District Essay Contest winner, **Stephanie Wither** (sponsored by the **Clarkston Optimist Club**), read her winning essay on "I Want To Make a Difference Because..." Thank you, **Linda Simmons**, Essay Contest Chair and **Sherry Regiani**, At-Large Essay Committee, for assisting clubs and finding judges. Another highlight of the weekend was the **Michigan District Oratorical Contest Finals**, chaired by **Terry Carlson**. Congratulations to Michigan District Winners: **Aditya Rengaswamy** sponsored by the **Auburn Hills Morning Optimist Club** and **Taylor Fowlkes**, sponsored by the **Pontiac Optimist Club**. Many thanks to Terry and the Regional Chairs: **Bob Mirdock**, Region 1; **Tina Atkins**, Region 2; **Cas Swastek** Region 3; **Toni Hill**, Region 4 and **Deborah Jones**, Region 5 for their energy and enthusiasm to inspire our young orators.

After the Oratorical Contest, 40+ Optimists changed into walking gear for a "**Childhood Cancer Campaign Walk**" headed by Zone 9 Lieutenant Governor **Jeanna Clifford** with the assistance of **Terry Sabo**, Childhood Cancer Chair. Much appreciation to Jeanna and Terry for raising over \$2,300 for the Childhood Cancer Campaign through club and individual donations. The Fall issue of *Optimist Magazine* will include the group photo.

On Saturday, May 12th, **Tri-Star Basketball District Finals** were held at Clarkston Junior High, led by **Mike Blicher**, Michigan District Tri-Star Sports Chair, with the help of several Optimists. There were miles of smiles as young athletes left the school with trophies, their fill of pizza and the memories of a fun competition. Kudos to Mike and his assistants for their help.

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Welcome Optimist International President Ronnie Dunn and Teammate Wayne Dunn

It is a great pleasure to welcome our Optimist International President **Ronnie Dunn** and Teammate, **Wayne Dunn**, to our Michigan District "Optimist Family Reunion" Convention on August 24 – 25.

We are celebrating the 20th year anniversary since women were first invited to become Optimist members. It is appropriate we have our first female International President in Optimist history!

Ronnie and Wayne are a "dynamic duo" who have incredible energy and enthusiasm to spread Optimism throughout the world. They have dedicated this year to visiting hundreds of clubs and districts spreading their theme of LOVE to so many communities. How do they accomplish that? By keeping their focus on their goals: Membership, New Club Building and JOOI – Junior Optimist Octagon International.

Ronnie and Wayne are members of the Frankfort Optimist Club and the Capital City Optimist Club. Ronnie is a Past Distinguished President, Past Distinguished Lieutenant Governor and Past Distinguished Governor (1993-1994). She is a Certified Optimist Trainer, Certified New Club Builder, and New Club Building Field Representative. President Ronnie has chaired and/or been a member of a variety of Optimist International Committees such as JOOI, Activities, Leadership Development, and New Club Building.

Our Optimist International leader sends a message of love to our Michigan District:

"Hello, Optimists! Wayne and I are looking forward to visiting with you at your District Convention in Grand Rapids. We always enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones. Learning about how you are providing hope and positive vision to the children in your communities is a top priority for us! See you in August!"

-Ronnie Dunn, President



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♥ Optimist International ♥
♥ President Ronnie Dunn ♥
♥ and Teammate Wayne ♥
♥ Dunn, will be our guests ♥
♥ at the Michigan District ♥
♥ Optimist Convention in ♥
♥ Grand Rapids, August ♥
♥ 24-26. ♥
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Please come to the Michigan Optimist Convention in Grand Rapids, August 24 – 26, to share the "Love" with Ronnie and Wayne Dunn.



Michael Angelo Caruso keeps his ear to the media

About Michael Caruso...

Michael Angelo Caruso has delivered over 1,500 presentations and keynote speeches on the subjects of conflict resolution, team leading and pro-active communication. He has spoken in Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean and 49 of the 50 states.

He is founder and President of The Edison House LLC, an international consulting firm specializing in corporate and personal improvement. Edison House, LLC clients include Bank of America, Citgo, Rayovac, Hallmark, The National Institutes of Health, Verizon Wireless and the United States Navy.

Michael has educated and entertained audiences all over the world, drawing on a previous career in the telecommunications industry and a decade as a professional musician.

Michael Caruso Keynote Speaker at the Michigan Optimist Convention

Topic: Getting More From Your Optimist Speakers at Meetings—
The Secret of Awesome Presentations

Many Optimist Clubs offer average presentations because we don't insist on high-content, quality programs from our guest speakers. Optimists clubs don't pay for guest speakers. We tend to feel "lucky" to have someone speak to our club, so we don't demand much content or pizzazz. This, in turn, disappoints membership, resulting in ho-hum events and boring Optimist meetings.

presentations at work and at conferences like this one.

It is our privilege to feature Michael Angelo Caruso as our Saturday afternoon keynote speaker at the Michigan Optimist Convention. View video clips of Michael at:

Professional speaker (and twelve-year Optimist) Michael Angelo Caruso will show you how to get speakers that put more life into your club meetings and will also divulge his personal secrets on how *you* can give killer

<http://www.edisonhouse.com/VideoClips.html> or visit his website at www.edisonhouse.com.



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114 talented young golfers converged at the **Davison Country Club** for the **Junior Golf Championship** on June 18-19. **Sherry Regiani**, Junior Golf Chair, husband **Dave**, son **Joe** and daughter **Angie** are commended for their tireless work of making the competition a success. Please see page 12 for photos.

All of the district competitions would not happen if it was not for the time, talents and dedication of contest chairs and club members who hold the club level contests. There are countless lives touched by the competitions and I thank each and every one of the Optimist members who have been involved in making these contests successful! They are some of the great ways Optimists are "Bringing Out the Best in Kids".

The Long Range Planning Committee is doing some wonderful creative work thanks to committee chair, **Mike Seltzer**. We are fortunate to have the expertise of **Prafulla Pande**, Business Coach and Advisor, to guide us through a planning structure in order to set our focus for the next three years and beyond. We are making great progress! An update of the committee will be presented at the Michigan Optimist Convention.

Our Assistant Governors and Lieutenant Governors have really worked with the clubs in their regions and zones. I feel I have the "best of the best" leaders along with all of the committee chairs and committee members. Past Governors have been very supportive and I appreciate their expertise and knowledge of the district. Special thanks to the last three Past Governors **Don Brose**, **Karen Monville** and **Marc Katz** as they continued important duties of our district: Don – Hall of Fame, Candidate Qualifications; Karen – Optimist International Ambassador and Meetings and Convention Committee; and Marc – Foundation Chair, Finance Chair, Leadership Development Committee, and Long Range Planning Committee.

A BIG WOW for our district leaders who serve as International Committee members and leaders: **Michel Listenberger**, Immediate Past International President and Chairman of the Optimist International Board of Directors; **Herb Strather** elected 2007-2008 Optimist International Board of Directors; **Rich Bloom**, Certified New Club Builder and Vice-President Elect for the 2007-2008 Optimist year; **Barb Scirto**, International Credentials Chair; **Harry Margo** and **Don Brose**, International Credentials Committee; **Fatima Plater**, International JOOI Committee; **Marc Katz**, 2007-2008 International Leadership Development Committee.

The second quarter Honor Roll is listed on page 5. Praise goes to all of the "healthy clubs" who continue as honor roll clubs.

The Michigan District "Optimist Family Reunion" Convention, August 24 – 26, Crowne Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, will be the best of this Optimist year! We are very privileged to have our International President **Ronnie Dunn** and her Teammate **Wayne Dunn** at our convention. This is the "Love" year and to honor Ronnie, please wear RED

during the day on Saturday, August 25, at the convention. Also, register early and allow extra time if you are driving in on Saturday. There will be an eight-mile Classic Car Show in front of the Crowne Plaza that weekend. Complete details about the convention are found on page 14. Our "over the top" Convention Chair **Barry Burnham** and "woman of inspiration" **Cherryl Thames**, Leadership Development Chair, promise it will be a spectacular weekend! Thank you, Barry, Cherryl and their committees for making our "Optimist Family Reunions" memorable!

This is the last publication we will have for this Optimist year, but that does not mean we are relaxing our goals. We will continue to work to encourage healthy clubs right up to September 30th at midnight when **Governor-Elect Bob Schiller** will take the reigns as we transition from the "Expect Success" year to the "Dare 2 Dream" Optimist year. The kids we serve really do not know the difference and that's just fine. Most important we have Optimists in every community serving those kids!

I truly appreciate all of our club members and district leaders. We have an incredible amount of talented and dedicated people. A very special thank-you to our Michigan District **Secretary-Treasurer Doris Modrak**. Most people have no idea how many hours during the week she has devoted to Optimist work. I truly appreciate all Doris has done!

I want to give special recognition to my home Optimist Clubs, **Clinton Township Area** and **Shelby Township Area**, that have been so supportive, both financially and physically. Finally, a HUGE thank you to my husband, **Dan**, who is always at my side, helping in every way he can. He has also served as the President of the Shelby Township Area Optimist Club this year in addition to his "Teammate" duties. We will always remember the wonderful Optimists we have met throughout the year!

Continue to keep yourself and your Optimist club healthy and happy and in all you do "Expect Success".

Get Ready for the Michigan District EXPO!

Let's do a great job at displaying our District and Club Activities for Optimist International President Ronnie Dunn during the District Convention August 24-26, 2007.

- ♥ If you are a District Chairperson and have updates to share during the Saturday business session please call or email Director of Committees **Mary Lowery** at (989) 345-3980 or govben@voyager.com with your information.
- ♥ If you are bringing a display or have handouts, please contact **Mary Lowery** to reserve table space at the EXPO!



“Are We There Yet”

Bob Schiller

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Michigan District 2006-2007 Governor-Elect

When my children were little, Jane and I took them to the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes. While we were traveling, we told our stories about playing on the dunes and walking to the other side to play in Lake Michigan. So, when we arrived, they couldn't wait to get out of the car and "climb the dunes". They were sure they could run to the other side...to Lake Michigan, so off they went. As they forged ahead, Jane and I would merely walk and talk with others along the way. My kids would yell, "Hurry up, quit walking so slow"! As the temperature rose, and Lake Michigan hadn't appeared in all its majesty, the proverbial question soon emerged, "Are we there yet?" So, I gave them an encouraging answer.

Our "Expect Success" year is exactly like climbing the Sleeping Bear Dunes. We begin with great enthusiasm, marching straight up the "Dunes of Optimism", charging towards our first club events. We sprint past other clubs gathering Achievement and Award points so that we can say that we have the most points in our region. But every year, the clubs that we "sprinted by" in the first quarter seem to be right at our side in the third quarter. The biggest difference is that they seem to still be full of energy, still having fun, still looking forward to the next quarterly meeting. Why? Because the successful clubs have climbed the "Dunes of Optimism" before and taken their time to speak with others along the way, shared ideas, and learned how to be more successful in their efforts. They continue to build on the knowledge and experience to find the best way to service our youth and our communities in the dynamic world we live in...the every changing sand of "The Dunes", by taking advantage of the training and experiences that are gained at our "family reunions". Their contagious enthusiasm and great representation at the reunions is nurtured by the friendships they have made over the years, and the anticipation of the new friendships that lay ahead.

Now, here we are at the fourth quarter, the **2006 -2007 Michigan District Convention**, in beautiful Grand Rapids, Michigan. This is the time when, as a club, we should ask ourselves, "Are we there yet?" Have we serviced our youth and our communities to the best of our abilities? Have we fully shared the "optimist experience" with our own members? Have we grown as a club so that we can increase our effectiveness in "bringing out the best in kids"? The fourth quarter is the best of times. It is the time to re-energize through growth, to learn from other clubs' experiences by visiting other clubs and sharing your year, and to become more active in the optimist experience by taking advantage of the training that is offered at your "family reunions". Take advantage of the President and Secretary/Treasurer training for your incoming officers, being held in Auburn Hills on Saturday, September 15 and in Lansing on Sunday, September 16. Make plans for your club (yes, lots of you) to attend the 1st Quarter "Motown Madness" conference at the Hotel St. Regis, in Detroit, November 9 – 11th, 2007.

I would be remiss not to encourage you to join us at this exciting time of year because when you have taken your time to talk with fellow Optimists during each year, and paced yourself to the other side of "The Dunes", the view is magnificent!

Oh yes, the answer that I gave to my children that kept them going, and is now their favorite phrase when facing a challenge..."**It's okay. It's just over the next hill!**" When they saw Lake Michigan, for the first time from the top of "The Dunes", it was magnificent!



2007-2008 Governor-Elect Candidate Mike Seltzer

Vision according to the Random House Dictionary definition 2 is: "the act or power of anticipating that which will or may come to be."

Imagine a day when anytime a school principal, a city administrator or a community group anywhere in the world needs something done for the kids they call an Optimist Club first. Imagine sitting in a restaurant, another diner sees your pin and asks for a minute of your time as an Optimist. Now imagine that Michigan shows the rest of OI how to do this.

We held an informational meeting last night to build a new club. I think we overwhelmed those attending with our enthusiasm. They did not expect to hear a group of people talk with passion about helping kids in their community. But the question I ask is "Do we talk about Optimism with the same passion in other settings?" I do, do you?

To make us the number 1 service club in Michigan all of us have to talk of what we do and how we do it with passion and conviction. Once we are all doing this it becomes infectious to those around us.

I have one vision as Governor of the Michigan District – make Optimists the most talked about, revered and sought after service organization in Michigan. Join me and we will make it happen.



Optimist International Foundation

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Michigan District Optimist International Foundation Representative

As we approach the Fourth Quarter of the 2006-2007 Optimist year. Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the Optimist International Foundation. To date over 130 members have contributed to the Dime a Day program and we have three new President Club Members; Linda Donley, Jim Donley and Kathi Margo. Many current President Club Members have either renewed or are in the process of renewing their memberships.

Knobby Walsh	Herb Strather	Michel Listenberger	Fatima Plater
Harry Margo	Frank Kapp	Ardath Regan	Robert Schiller
Benjamin Lowery	Jerry Tolbert	Marc Stolaruk	Marc Katz
Margaret Rollinger	Karen Monville	Janet Oord	Jim Donley
Michael Seltzer	Lou Moss	Juanita Bryant	Linda Donley
Dana Monville	Linda Ingersoll	Geru McCormick	Kathi Margo
Jerry Kelley	Bert Quinn	Myra Lapouttre	

A special thanks to Jeanna Clifford and her work in putting together the Childhood Cancer Campaign walk at the 3rd quarter meeting in Midland. Over 50 Optimist Member walked for Childhood Cancer and over \$2,300 was raised that was sent to the Foundation.

At the District Convention there will be a silent auction to raise additional funds for the Foundation. Any items that clubs or individual members would like to contribute will be appreciated.



Scholarships Presented to Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth Winners

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Michigan District CCDHHY Chairperson

The Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth was held at Oakland Community College of Auburn Hills on April 28th. Governor Lou Moss (left) and CCDHHY Chair Kathy Gaita congratulated Kayla Knitter, second place winner and Joey Caverly, first place winner. Winners were sponsored by the Auburn Hills Breakfast Club

Joey Caverly won the \$1,500 post-secondary scholarship award. Joey, a senior at Lahser High School will be attending Gallaudett University

America, is Clinical Professor of Family Medicine at U of M. He is also Associate Director of U of M Health System's Health Centers. Dr. Brenda Dodson is currently Assistant Professor in the School of Education, Special Education Department at Eastern Michigan University. Twyla Niefelt is a Hard of hearing Specialist at the Michigan Government Department of Disability Concerns, Lansing.

this fall. Gallaudett in Washington, D.C., is a premier university for deaf students. Kayla Knitter, a student at Lake Orion High School won 2nd place, \$350 scholarship. Both students live in Oakland County.

Special thanks to Steve Sucher, guest photographer for the event. Steve is on the Board of Directors for Auburn Hills Morning Optimists. We also express appreciation to Sherri Ann Garland of Deaf Can! Advocacy for serving as our Mistress of Ceremonies and Tom LaPerna, volunteer Sign Language interpreter.

Auburn Hills Morning Optimists hosted the event at Oakland Community College, with the Student Services offices and Deaf Friends Club.

The parents of our winners have offered to assist us in visiting schools next year to get the word out about this great opportunity for their children. Thanks, Michigan District Optimists for funding this scholarship!

Three experts in the field of deaf culture and accessibility served as judges. Philip Zazove, M.D., one of four deaf physicians in



RIGHT PEOPLE, RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME



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In the world of personal development training a key phrase has always been "JUST IN TIME TRAINING" which simply means that adults want/ need training that is provided for the right people, at a convenient location, when it is needed. We also know that adults want training that is designed in such a way that it supports the Smart Pupil/Smart People design:

☺ **S**timulating ☺ **M**otivating ☺ Immediate **A**pplication ☺ **R**epetitive ☺ **T**ransferable

☺ **P**ertinent ☺ **E**ngaging ☺ Goal **O**riented ☺ **P**articipation ☺ **L**ogical ☺ Meets **E**xpectation

Throughout the 2006-2007 Optimist Year, the extended Leadership Development Committee (LDC) has sought to lead with greatness by providing Just In Time – Smart People training all year long. From President/Asst. Governor/Lt. Governor - Elect training that began in August to breakout sessions on Oratorical, New Club Building, JOOI, Membership, PGI and Catch A Rising Star, just to name a few, we have aimed to provide no less than extraordinary leadership training for you -- the right people, at the right place and time.

"Leadership comes not only from growing up in a place called home, but from growing out into unfamiliar places." – Johnnetta B. Cole



PASSPORT TO SUCCESS



A is for **Always**, **B** is for **Be** and **C** is for **Creative**. That is exactly what Barry Burnham and the District Conferences and Convention Committee has done all year long. As a part of the extended LDC they have made sure that attendees received a two-fold Passport at each Family Reunion. Congratulations to all of the Passport Drawing Winners!

And, believe us, **D** really is for **Degree**! There are already 150+ members in this year's Graduating Class and their degree accomplishments range from Associates to up and coming PhD's. The academic success of each grad has been tracked by the Passport Codes at each Family Reunion (surprise!). It is not too late to join the Class -- we look forward to seeing you in August at the Michigan District Convention.

Michigan District Optimist - Leadership Development Team

"Leading With Our Best Selves"

Achievements and Awards

Sandy Diederich

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August 10th, 2007 is the deadline for the Third Quarter A&A Report. The report can be found in Section 8 of your District Directory or it can be downloaded from the Michigan District website (www.michiganoptimists.org). If you have not turned in the First and Second Quarter reports, you can submit those reports with your Third Quarter Report. Please call me if you have any questions.

Please mail to: **Sandy Diederich, 8151 Sleepy Time Court, Clarkston MI, 48348.** Once again the deadline is **August 10th.**

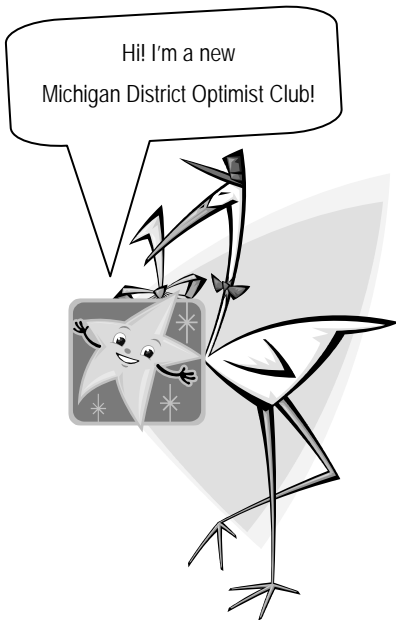


WELCOME RICHMOND AREA OPTIMIST CLUB!

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Michigan District New Club Building Chairperson



On Thursday evening, May 3, 2007 the Richmond Area Optimist Club was born. That very weekend the Charter President, Dennis Rouse attended the 3rd quarter Michigan District Family Reunion. Michigan District Optimists enthusiastically welcomed the Richmond Area Club. Congratulations to the Builders of Excellence Dwayne Baxa and Governor Lou Moss and to the sponsoring clubs Clinton Township Area and Central Macomb. Thanks to all of you for helping another community *provide hope and positive vision to bring out the best in kids!*

Welcome the 26 Charter members of the Richmond Area Optimist Club!

Dwayne Baxa, Thomas Hebel, Ashley Lynch, Chris May, Kathy Osebold, Dennis W. Rouse, Jerry Sebastian, Dennis Tanona, Laura Varga, Cindy Brickel, Eric Lundquist, David Lynch, Bernard Osebold III, Lisa Robertson, Penny Stamp, Linda Simko, Kevin Uber, Mira Varga, Susan Gainer, Patricia Lundquist, Monique Lynch, Bernard Osebold Jr., Denise L. Rouse, Katie Schafer, Kristina Smith and David Varga.

Following are Clubs that are under construction. There are members and clubs working hard on getting these new additions to our Optimist family ready to be born. If you can help in any way, please contact one of the key builders or myself. We have two months left to our Optimist year, plenty of time to reach our goal of building 10 new clubs in the Michigan District! Did you realize that every new club will serve approximately 900 children in their community, so let's get busy and build new clubs and spread Optimism in Michigan! Please contact me if I can be of assistance. **Jan Oord**, joord@kresanet.org, H (269) 324-5975, W (269) 553-9326, C (269) 873-1954

Zone	New Club	Sponsor Club	Key Builders
2	St. Charles	Bay City Noon	Karen & Dana Monville
2	Holland	Grand Rapids-Kent & Kalamazoo Breakfast	Harry Margo, Jan Oord, & Don Brose
4	Brandywine	Niles	Michel Listenberger & Tom Majerek
6	Western Michigan University	Kalamazoo Breakfast	Ana Owczarzak & Nicole Ingersoll
7	Michigan State University	Lansing & Southfield Lathrup	Randall Denison, Max and Deb Pierce, & Rich Bloom
9	University of Michigan- Flint	Grand Blanc	Jeanna Clifford & Don Brose
12	Troy	Birmingham & Shelby Township Area	Doris Modrak, Ray Finocchio, & Pat Miller
12	Novi	West Bloomfield	Bob Schiller & Marc Katz
14	Wayne State	Detroit Northwest	Chui Karega, Charles Green & Fatima Plater
15	Warren	Clinton Township Area & Shelby Township Area	Lou & Dan Moss
19	Oak Park	Central Detroit & Southfield Lathrup	Jim Huston & Rich Bloom
19	Delta-Cha	Central Detroit	Fatima Plater



Michigan District Moved into the Fast Lane During Third Quarter

Welcome Our Newest Optimist Members Who Joined During 03/01/07—05/31/07

Traverse City

Dye Daylen
Shannon Cantrell
Albert Sickinger

Frankenmuth

Trisha Fulmer

Saginaw

Jeanne Durand

Grand Rapids

Sherry Agostinelli

Bay City

Warren Abbs

Rob Short

Audrey Brewster

John Webb

Cathy Short

West Branch

Linda Groth

Barbara Watson

Tom Damoth

Dwight Mcintyer

Berrien Springs

Emma Peacock

James Peacock

Decatur

Martin Super

Cassopolis

Judy Listenberger

Dowagiac

Andrea Weller

Muskegon-Greater

Crystal Cook

Keith Hannah

Clinton Township Area

Shaun Hampton

Theresa Jarratt

Ludington

Bill Hogenson

Harry Laude

Len Lorentson

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Dewan Mitchell

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Detroit Western Int'l

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Shawan Dortch

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Royal Oak

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John Hannon

Auburn Hills

Nick Shone

Michael Brown

Bloomfield Hills

Judy Vindici

Linda Garrisi

Rogers City-Luncheon

Allen Stone

Mt Pleasant-Sunrise

David Moscardelli

Michelle Szymczak

Jackson

Matthew Steinhauer

James Carey

Flint Breakfast

Carole Gray

Jeanna Clifford

Hartland

Cindy Sinelli

Jo DelVero

Scott VanEpps

Michelle Otis

Huron Valley

Michael Kowall

Pontiac

Vanessa Moorehead

Lakes Area

Naomi Frenkel

Detroit-Greater Grace

Cheryl Evans

JOOI Counselors-Metro Detroit

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Ivie Shelton

Central Macomb

Pamela Champine

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It is important to honor those Michigan Optimists who have "brought out the best in kids" by serving as leaders of our state organization. If you or any members of your club qualify for the Michigan District Optimist Hall of Fame, please forward your information to me by **August 1, 2007**. Qualifications and forms are available at our website, and feel free to forward the information to me in any way you wish.

Don Brose

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Michigan District Memorial Service

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It has been a tradition of the Michigan Optimists to honor Optimist members who have passed away during the year at our annual memorial service on the last Sunday of the Michigan District Convention. We would like to offer you this opportunity to include any member of your club, past or present, who have reached this final stage of optimism during the 2006-07 year at our Convention in Grand Rapids on Sunday morning. Opportunities will be provided at the service for friends to say a few words about the member.

Please forward information regarding your Optimist friend to me as soon as you can. Please include the club name and the number of years of service so we can include it in the program. Forward the information to me however you wish:

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Michigan District Junior Golf Winners



Lower Division:
(Ages 10-13)



Upper Division:
(Ages 14-18)



Front row L-R: Seth Studer, Bailey Truesdell, Hunter Billeter, Sarah White, Amanda Gardiner. Back row L-R: Kyle Cooper, Evette Booker, Kenzie Brockie, Morgan Smith, Sherry Regiani (Chair)

Front row L-R: Kristan Langton, Nick Shermataro, Brandi Studer, Matt Felsenfeld. Middle row L-R: Samantha Troyanovich, Wade McDermaid, Devon Compton, Melissa Beurmann, Nicholas Dennis. Back row L-R:(Random order) Sherry Regiani (Chair), Jordan Wenger, Luke Yiannatji, Chris Hamilton, B. Addison Mon-fils, Curtis Hanba, Brett White, Tommy Pendency, Ian Ellis, Andrew Ellis

The Sweet Smell and Taste of Chocolate

Spouses Activities

First Teammate Dan Moss

Perhaps you haven't had a chance to come to one of the District Meetings this year, or maybe you have been saving yourself for the biggest and best meeting of the year. Well, have we got something for you! It was well worth the wait.

Grand Rapids is home to the famous *Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park*, and we have been able to negotiate special rates for our spouses group. If you have never been there you are going to be blown away. It is 30 acres of beautiful, serene countryside, and full of some of the best sculptures and floral displays in North America.



For example, this summer, *Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park* is home to the world famous "Thinker" sculpture. You've seen it on the "Dobie Gillis" TV show (now I'm showing my age!), and now you can see it up close and personal.

For some of you, an even more tantalizing event is taking place while we are there. That would be **The Amazing Chocolate Tree!** What? Does chocolate grow on trees? The answer to that is YES! But you will have to come along to see it for yourself. We will take a journey with the chocolate all the way from the chocolate tree to the chocolate factory. You'll be able to grind, winnow, roast, mix,

and mold chocolate. Most importantly, you will be able to taste it. Experience everything chocolate.

Additionally, the park area boasts the world's largest equine sculpture, "The American Horse", (i.e. Leonardo DaVinci's Horse). This bronze sculpture is magnificent, as are all the sculptures in the park and there are about 30 artists on display in the park.

In the Garden area, you will be privileged to see the "Dahlia Show", the Carnivorous Plant House, The Tropical Conservatory, and a special Children's Garden.

We will also try to work in a visit to the "Optimist Camp". We are hoping there will be some children's group using the camp that weekend and we may be able to interact with them in some activity.

As you can see, you will not be bored. So, be sure and **REGISTER!** We need a head count (IN ADVANCE) for these activities. If you don't normally register, but just show up, we are asking you to take the time and fill out a registration form for this district convention activity. I am looking forward to seeing everybody's spouse at this event.



Optimists In Action

Julie Howes
Editor

The Third Quarter of this Optimist Year continues to be a busy one for many of our Michigan District Clubs. Many of the clubs have focused on Respect for Law programs and numerous golf outing fundraisers. Below is a summary of some of the many activities within our District. . .

The Optimist Club of Dearborn has been busy with announcing their Police Officer of the Year Award, Optimist in Art Award, holding their annual golf outing as well as making its first ever donation of \$2,000 to Henry Ford Community College for an endowment scholarship.

The Optimist Club of Grand Rapids held a Fund Raiser Golf Outing, worked every Saturday in June at Camp Optimist, and also held a KeyCard Fundraiser.

The Northwest Detroit Optimist Club held a very successful Respect for Law Day program. They also worked in conjunction with the Loyola JOO! Club in the clean-up of vacant lots in Detroit for "Trash Bash 2007."

The Optimist Club of Saginaw held their annual 'Catch Me if You Can' fishing derby as well as their annual Safety Patrol Picnic.

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe combined their 25th annual Respect for Law Program with a membership drive encouraging guests to come to hear remarks from police chiefs in five Grosse Pointe communities and many other surrounding areas.

The Optimist Clubs of Macomb County and Gross Pointe pooled their efforts to hold a combined Optimist Jr. Golf Tournament with a fundraiser for the Childhood Cancer Campaign.

The Western International Optimist Club held its first annual Herbert J. Strather Scholarship Fundraiser. The funds raised will benefit students in the community.

Reminder—please forward your club bulletins and special club announcements to: **Julie Howes, 50 Grant Street, Galesburg, MI 49053-9621** or email: JLHOWES217@aol.com



Membership: You are Appreciated

Dorothy Tyler

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Michigan District Membership Chairperson



So, we've tried JUST ASK, NOW, Friend of Optimists, Membership for Spouses, Round 'em Up Membership Incentives, Member Mentoring, Road Signs, and others. We've not been selfish! We've shared our Optimism! We've shared love – amor-amour! We've worn our pins and other Optimist paraphernalia. We've Expected Success! We've gotten in the Fast Lane! Yet, we've still lost 468 members and only gained 350 since October, 2006. We, the Michigan District, currently have negative 112 members with 112 clubs.

We've only added one new club this Optimist year. Thank you is extended to The Richmond Area – 17516 – with 26 members that charted in May, 2007! We've also added two new Friends of Optimist. Welcome to them for extending themselves to us in our endeavor – "Bringing out the Best in Kids."

My Fellow Optimists, don't be discouraged about the above statistics. That's exactly what they are, statistics! They speak nothing

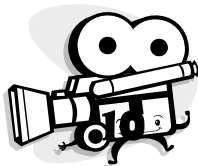
of the wonderful work you do, the time you give, the money you invest, the Love you Share, the Success you Expect, the funds you raise, the hope you offer, and the void you fill. **YOU ARE APPRECIATED!**

The song CENTERFIELD expresses, I think, what we need to do: Oh, put me in, Coach – I'm ready to play (ask a new member) today; Put me in Coach – I'm ready to play today (retain those members we have); look at me, I can be Centerfield. Michigan has and optimistically will always be CENTERFIELD! We know what we need to do in the Fourth Quarter and we will.

We need to at least maintain our 112 clubs, add more clubs if possible (I know, the economy is real bad, volunteerism is down, giving is down, etc.), bring back the 112 members we lost, and add more new members. Optimists, **YOU ARE APPRECIATED!** In the last stretch, the 4th Quarter, let's truly do all we can to make these our biggest growth months because we are and can be Centerfield – of service to more youth!



FOURTH QUARTER "OPTIMIST FAMILY REUNION" CONVENTION



LIGHTS, ACTION, THE CAMERA IS ON YOU! STARRING: The Optimist "Oscars"

Barry Burnham

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Michigan District Conferences and Convention Chairperson

You're invited to the Fourth Quarter Opulent Optimist "Oscars" Family Reunion. Yes, you are the STARS of the Fourth Quarter Optimist Family Reunion set to take place in beautiful Grand Rapids. As a pre-convention extra, you can golf with your Optimist friends on Friday morning, August 24, by contacting **Harry Margo**, ceioffice3268@sbcglobal.net or phone: (616) 361-1167. Golfing will be at Quail Ridge Golf Club. Meet in front of the hotel at 8:00 A.M. Please call to reserve your spot or several spots. Give Harry your full name(s) and correct spelling.

Your trip to stardom begins Friday evening, **August 24, 2007**, at the award winning jewel of Grand Rapids, Michigan, the **Crowne Plaza Hotel**. You will step into the spotlight for a weekend extravaganza filled with many special highlights culminating in a spectacular Saturday evening gala event (black tie optional) hosting **Optimist International President Ronnie Dunn and her first teammate, Wayne**. Then we will end the weekend with a Sunday morning memorial service remembering our fallen Optimist Stars, followed by a gourmet fellowship breakfast.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel, located just minutes from the Gerald R. Ford International Airport and the DeVos Convention Center is the sophisticated choice of Grand Rapids with several exceptional dining and recreation options with easy access to downtown. You will want to bring the kids, the grandkids, the whole family to this all inclusive property. The Crowne Plaza is located at 5700 28th Street S.E. Grand Rapids, 49546, phone: (616) 957-1770.

Youth Activities Co-Chairs Dwayne and Julie Baxa will have plenty of kid pleasing things to do!

Spouse Activities Chair Dan Moss has an exciting fun filled Saturday for the "big kids" too, including the spectacular Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park along with a tour of the newly renovated Camp Optimist, sponsored by the Grand Rapids Optimist Club for the past 51 years.

The Leadership Team has planned several exciting training and breakout sessions to help you finish this Optimist year as a "Star Achiever" and jump start the 2007-2008 upcoming Optimist year. Remember, your passport is your ticket to the drawing Saturday afternoon for a super spectacular prize!

Registration is a snap for your Oscar Winning 4th Quarter Family Reunion. You can complete and send (or fax) the registration form in this issue to **Secretary/Treasurer Doris Modrak**. A registration form is also found on the Michigan District website: www.michiganoptimists.org

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PLEASE REMEMBER:

- ♥ BRING YOUR CLUB BANNER TO DISPLAY
 - ♥ CLUB/COMMITTEE DISPLAYS FOR EXPO!
 - ♥ WEAR RED DURING THE DAY ON SATURDAY
 - ♥ BLACK TIE (OPTIONAL) SATURDAY EVENING
 - ♥ WEAR MICHIGAN DISTRICT SHIRTS SUNDAY MORNING
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Let's Go to the Zoo. . .The John Ball Zoo!

Dwayne and Julie Baxa

Michigan District Youth Activities Co-Chairs

Are you attending the Fourth Quarter Michigan District Convention? Are you looking for something fun for your children to do while you are at the convention? The Optimist children will visit the **John Ball Zoo** in Grand Rapids with Youth Activities Co-Chairs Dwayne and Julie Baxa.

The zoo is home to over 1100 animals representing the worlds of Africa, Asia, South America, Australia, and the United States. The zoo includes a Living Shores Aquarium and Stingray Lagoon! In the evening, the fun continues with a pizza/pool party at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.



Register Today For The Michigan Optimists 2006 - 2007 District Convention Crowne Plaza, 5700 28th Street, S.E. Grand Rapids, Michigan



Friday, August 24, 2007:
Saturday, August 25, 2007:

Hospitality Room, Executive Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
General Business Meeting begins at 8:45 a.m.; Workshop
Sessions (see list below), 2008-2009 Governor Election
Memorial Service and Breakfast with the Michigan District Optimist Family

Sunday, August 26, 2007:

Please Use **One** Form Per Optimist Member!

Name: _____

Name for Badge: _____

Phone: () _____

Zone: _____

Club Name: _____

2006-2007 Office: _____

First Timer? _____ Yes _____ No

Any Special Meal Needs: _____

If attending, Spouse/Guest Name: _____

If attending, child's name(s) and age(s): _____

****First Timer's Get-Together: Saturday, 8:00 a.m.****

****General Session Starts @ 8:45 a.m. ****

Please check the Workshops and Round Tables you plan to attend:

- ___ 2006-2007 Assistant and Lieutenant Governors Wrap Up with Presidents and Secretary-Treasurers
- ___ 2007-2008 Assistant Governors, Lieutenant Governors, and Presidents Training
- ___ 2007-2008 Secretary-Treasurers Training
- ___ New Club Building
- ___ Membership
- ___ JOOI Youth Clubs
- ___ Essay Contest
- ___ Oratorical Contest
- ___ Developing Optimism as a Philosophy of Life
- ___ Optimism 101- Back to Basics (Double Session)

Please wear RED during the day on Saturday in honor of Optimist International President Ronnie Dunn

Make Your Hotel Reservations Today!!
(Please mention that you are with the MI District Optimists)
Convention Code: MDO

Crowne Plaza – Grand Rapids
Standard Room rate \$79.00 + 13% tax

Phone: 1-888-957-9575 or 616-957-1770
(Must call hotels directly for group discount)

Make Reservations by Thursday, August 13th

Please Check Which Activities You will Attend:

- Early Registration:** _____ @ \$30 = _____
Must be faxed or postmarked before August 17, 2007.
Registration includes coffee, lunch and meeting room charges.
 - Late Registration:** _____ @ \$40 = _____
Faxed or postmarked after August 17, 2007.
Lunch **NOT** guaranteed.
 - Spouse's Activity:** _____ @ \$25 = _____
Late registration (after August 17) _____ @ \$35 = _____
All day tours at Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park;
Camp Optimist. Leave hotel lobby at 9:00 a.m. *Late registration - Lunch NOT guaranteed.*
 - Children's Activities:** _____ @ 20 = _____
Late registration (after August 17) _____ @ 25 = _____
A day at the zoo and evening with a pool/pizza party
 - Past Governors' Breakfast:** _____ @ Free = _____
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
 - 2006-2007 Assistant Governors' and Lieutenant Governors' Breakfast:** _____ @ Free = _____
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
 - First Timer's and Spouse's Continental Breakfast** (8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.) _____ @ Free = _____
 - Saturday Evening Installation Dinner and Entertainment (Black Tie Optional)** _____ @ \$35 = _____
Reception for Optimist International President Ronnie Dunn and Teammate Wayne Dunn at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:00 p.m.;
Installation of 2007-2008 Governor and Leadership Team
 - Michigan District Optimists Family Breakfast:** _____ @ \$15 = _____
Memorial Service and Breakfast with the Michigan District Optimist Family and Entertainment (9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)
- Total: _____

Please Make Checks Payable To: **Michigan District Optimists**

Send or Fax Registration to:
Doris Modrak, Secretary-Treasurer
17177 Kingsbrooke Drive
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Home Phone: (586) 286-6377 Fax Number: (248) 822-9350

Please note Policy #C7: All requests for refunds of prepaid registrations must be made in writing by the pre-registered individual. Such requests must be received by the Convention Chair or Secretary-Treasurer before the last day of the convention.



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August 31, 2007**

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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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