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GOT DIAPERS?

As many of you know, our club received a letter from the Department of Human Services (DHS) asking for diaper donations for the needy families in our community. Even though many of the families get Bridge Cards, they cannot use them for diapers. The Central Macomb Optimist Club board approved to purchase diapers for this diaper drive.

Fred and Elaine Lyon went comparison shopping at Target and Costco. Thank you to whoever suggested Target as we got a far better deal there with their sales and their gift cards. And so (drum roll) we have purchased



2,124 DIAPERS AND 1,224 BABY WIPES!!!!!!

2015 POKER RUN



The 2nd Annual Dinghy Poker Run was held on Saturday, July 18 at Belle Maer Harbor Marina. Karen Shaw put together an amazing event with all proceeds going to Shop with the Sheriff. This year we had several shifts of Optimist members donating their time to help Karen the day of the event. It was a sunny & hot day which meant lots of boaters, lots of poker hands & a BIG donation helping lots of kids. A GIAGANTIC THANK YOU to Karen Shaw for all you do to help the kids!

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2015 CONVENTION IN NEW ORLEANS

Optimist International held its 97th Convention in New Orleans July 9th-11th. The meeting was held at the beautiful Hilton New Orleans Riverside and was attended by several members of the Central Macomb Optimist Club. The convention provided training throughout the week for President-elects and Secretary/



Treasurer-elects. There were also many workshops that provided ideas and information on a variety of topics.

The Michigan District partnered with four other Districts to host a hospitality room two of the evenings. This room was a great success due to the hard work and efforts of CMOC member, Barry Burnham.



Two of the Central Macomb Optimist Club members also received special awards from Optimist International President, Ken Garner. Dave Fries, Past Governor of the Michigan District, received an award for building the most clubs during the 2013-2014 Optimist year. Elaine Lyon received the first-ever Distinguished Leadership Development award.



Congratulations to Dave and Elaine!

Next year's convention will be held in Quebec. Hope to see everyone there!



The Michigan District Optimists at the Optimist International Convention 7-11-15

Barry Burnham
Janet Burrows
Joan Chura
Dolores Darios
Debbie Doran
Teresa Edwards
Steve Fox
David Fries
Lisa Gasiewicz
Mike Gasiewicz
Karen George
Gerri Geromette
Julie Gola (c)
Tanya Grillo
Mark Hackel
Dorothy (Dot) Hardy
Martin Hardy
Samantha Henderson
Marge Howard
Dan Kardasz
Sue Kardasz
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Carolyn Leahy
Pat Losinski
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Rose Merecki
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Brad Newsome
Kathleen Nowicke
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Donna Onifer
Richard Paul (c)
Shelly Penzien
Pat Rabaut Miller
Scott Rabaut
Keith Rengert (c)
Elaine Robb
Debbie Selkey
Gil Searle
Kathe Searle
Leslie Schaefer
Dianne Sinning
David Stevens
Kathy Vatalaro
Sally Vaughan
Al Vergilio
Sue Vergilio
Vito Wasniewski
Tony Wickersham
Joe Wietecha
Nancy Wojtowicz
Jan Zambelli
Mary Zambelli

56 Total Members
(c) Charter Members* (4)

The BEST Birthday Party EVER!

Champions for Life Kids' Camp is a summer camp program designed with the foster child in mind. The camp experience is geared for success in building self-esteem and recognizing the special needs of abused, abandoned and neglected children ages 7-11 in our local communities. CMOC was honored to help throw a birthday party for the kids which includes more crepe paper than you will ever see, balloons, themed plates/napkins/blowers, individual cakes & lots of love!



The Optimist Group & Olaf waiting for the kids

We began the day hiding out in the back room where we cut the strips of crepe paper, fluffed up the giant tissue flowers and blew up tons of balloons. After the kids ate dinner, we had a short amount of time to decorate before the kids return. Working in teams, we taped and twisted like mad until there was not a spot left without a decoration. This year's crew became great problem solvers, working fast with an action plan when the balloon tank ran out of helium and the streamers ran short. Everything came together nicely for the FROZEN theme.



As the kids returned, we all stood in a circle around the room clapping and singing Happy Birthday to YOU over and over and over again. It's hard to imagine some of these kids have never had someone celebrate their birthday & to see their faces light up as they walk in gets me every time.

The camper buddies then go to the back room where we have all the individual cakes personalized with each child's name ready to be lit. More singing, blowers squealing and smiles everywhere. The event then turned into a princess party for the girls while the boys headed out to the obstacle course to show off their skills.



It takes a lot of hands to hang this much crepe paper in a short time

Central Macomb Optimist - Event Calendar

August 19	Pot Luck & NOW Meeting @ Kathy Vatalaro's House
August 21-23	4th Quarter District Meeting @ Great Wolf Lodge/Traverse City
August 29	Shop with the Sheriff @ Meijer 26 Mile & Van Dyke
September 9	Swaddle Party @ the Kardasz House
October 7	Officer Installation Dinner
October 23	Halloween at the Y @ Mt Clemens Y

INVITE A FRIEND OR
FAMILY MEMBER TO
ATTEND AN UPCOMING
MEETING



Birthday Wishes

8/15	Gerri Geromette
8/15	Nancy Wojtowicz
8/16	Mike Gasiewicz
8/18	Kathy Nowicki
8/20	Bill Merecki
8/31	Martin Hardy



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Shopping with the Sheriff Saturday, August 29, 2015

Sponsored by Central Macomb Optimist Club



9:45-12:30 PM- Meijer's, 26 Mile and Van Dyke

(Please wear your **CMOC shirt** (if you have one)/nametags and gather at the Service Desk at the front of the store at 9:45 AM)

Optional breakfast but a great way to start the day:

8:15 Breakfast (optional at The Pancake Factory)

The Pancake Factory

13693 23 Mile Rd

(in a strip mall NE corner of Schoenherr and 23 Mile Rd-there is a Dollar Store there too)

Shelby Township, MI 48315

586-566-0022

The reservation is under the name of **Central Macomb Optimist Club**. We will be sitting in the "Back room". Separate checks will be provided to all unless otherwise indicated to your server.

Directions to Meijers (about 4 miles from Pancake Factory)

- Schoenherr north to 26 Mile Rd
- Turn left onto 26 Mile.
- Proceed west to M-53 (2 roundabouts)
- Meijers will be on your right side just before VanDyke)
- Meets at the service desk at front of Meijers store at 9:45



Central Macomb Optimist Club

Bringing Out The Best In Kids



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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Upcoming Meetings

9/2/15 Regular Meeting 7 pm

9/16/15 Regular Meeting 7 pm

Board of Directors Meeting follows

All the above events are located at:
Hamlin Pub (Hayes & 22 Mile)

Meeting & Dues Information

Dues: \$10 per month (\$40 new member fee)

**Meeting dates: 1st and 3rd Wednesday
of each month**

**All regular meetings at Hamlin Pub
(22 Mile & Hayes)**

See Page 4 for monthly calendar of events

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