

Central Macomb Optimist Club

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From Pat's Desk . . .

As we enter April our club springs into action to continue our quest to support the kids in our communities. On April 14th we have an exciting new fundraiser at Alex and Ani's at Partridge Creek.

There are also Optimist International (or OI) training seminars, which I encourage you to consider including the NE Great Lakes Region Regional Summit on April 30th in Niagara Falls and a Zone 15 meeting on June 5th in Chesterfield Township. OI provides these opportunities to learn about Optimists as well as leadership. They also provide an opportunity to share and exchange ideas.

More information for these activities can be found in this Newsletter

As always, our Club goals are to:

- 1) Grow Membership (who wouldn't want to join our club!),
- 2) Ensure every member participates on a committee during the year and
- 3) HAVE FUN

... All while we're helping others in our communities.

Give me a call if you have any ideas, questions or concerns.

Pat RM at (586) 731-1831



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Welcome Our New Members

Please help me welcome Lynnette Sutman, sponsored by Leslie Shaefer and Lynn Artes, sponsored by Debbie Doran. Welcome to our club



What a meeting!

It started with award winning international speaker, Richard Paul. We learned a lot about the power of positive thinking through his humorous stories. Thanks Richard!



And then Sue & Dan Kardasz and Samantha Henderson presented our club with the Social Responsibility Award from the Metropolitan Detroit YMCA. What an honor!

Alex & Ani Fundraiser (THURSDAY, April 14)

Please join in on the fun and shopping at the Alex & Ani on April 14th. Our club will receive a percentage of the proceeds for all sales from 6-9 PM. Please broadcast this out to your family and friends – it would be great to FILL THE STORE with shoppers! Funds raised will be for the benefit of the kids in our communities. (See flyer attached to this email for more information or contact Sue Kardasz with any questions.



New Optimist Welcome (NOW) Meeting!

Membership is critical to our continued success as a Club so we will be having a NOW meeting (or New Optimist Welcome) on Wednesday, May 4th, during our normal meeting times. Rose Merecki has agreed to chair this committee, so let her know if you want to help out. Think about your friends and family members who you want to 'hang' with and who are as passionate as we are about kids. Of course you don't have to wait until May 4th to invite folks to join on the fun.

NE Great Lakes Regional Summit (April 30)



The Northeast Great Lakes Regional Summit will be held on April 30th in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Governor Steve Sucher has challenged us to increase the number of members attending the seminar, so he is offering the following incentive: 1 night lodging up to \$150 US. We will have this drawing at the Summit so you must be present to win. There are several interesting topics including NOW; Optimist Foundation; Marketing your Optimist Club; How to Improve Your Optimist

Club, etc., etc. Remember, our Club will pay your Registration Fee AND it's in Niagara Falls! If you have an interest in going, here is the link:

<http://www.optimist.org/summit/summit.cfm>

Michigan District Optimist - Zone 15 Meeting (June 6)

Lt Governor, Richard Paul is conducting a Zone Meeting on Monday, June 6 at 7 PM at Rosie O'Gradys on 23 Mile Road (east of I-94) in Chesterfield Township. All members are welcome to join the meeting which promises to be informative and fun. Please RSVP to Pat RM

Mark Your Ballots!

During our meeting on May 18, we will be having Club Elections. Our Chair for this activity is Barry Burnham. If you would like to participate on the committee, just give him a call (586) 703-4435. The positions we will be filling this year include:

- President
- Internal Vice President
- External Vice President
- & 3 Director positions

Send your nominations to BARRY.BURNHAM@Dignitymemorial.com, who will coordinate our Club's elections efforts. These positions will provide any candidate with the opportunity to provide leadership and direction to our club. Feel free to nominate others or yourself. The nominating committee will confirm with those nominated to ensure they are willing to accept the position.

Volunteers needed - -

We are looking for volunteers for the following committees or activities:

- Newsletter Editor –See Pat RM
- CMOC Elections committee – Barry Burnham is our Chair.

Upcoming Speaker Schedule

We have some exciting speakers scheduled to come to our meeting during the this quarter including:

- **April 6:** Nine-year old, Brianna Steffen (Keith Rengert's granddaughter), will share information about Omphalcele, a birth defect. Brianna and mom, Kim, recently spearheaded the effort to make Michigan the 3rd state to declare January 31 as Omphalocoele Awareness Day along with the support of Michigan Representative, Andrea LaFontaine. Additionally Kim created a book, 'A Very Special Me' to help all Omphalocoele children realize that they are special children. Here is a link if you would like to learn more before our meeting: <http://kas-publishing.com/Home.html>
- **April 20:** Representative from the new Jimmy John's Stadium in Utica
- **June 1:** Sue Pace with Vision Hope
- **June 15:** Theresa Toia, founder of Friends of Foster Kids in Macomb County

Mark Your Calendars!

We hope that all of our members can participate in at least one of our events including:

- **April 14 (Thursday):** Get ready to shop for yourself or for Mother's Day or just for fun at our upcoming fundraiser at Alex and Ani at Partridge Creek (6-9PM)
- **April 30 (Saturday):** OI Summit in Niagara Falls. For more information talk to Pat RM or to register go to: http://optimist.org/summit/SummitOverview.cfm?e=SUMT&m=NEGL_16
- **May 4:** Club New Optimist Welcome (NOW) meeting. Chair: Rose Merecki
- **May 7:** Michigan District 3Q Conference at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Detroit/Dearborn
- **May 14:** Macomb County Optimist Club Junior Golf Tournament at Cracklewood, Regional Chair, Dan Kardasz
- **May 18:** Respect the Law event at the Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center. Co-Chairs: Tanya Grillo and Pat Rabaut Miller
- **May 18:** Annual CMOC elections – Chair: Barry Burnham
- **June 6:** Zone 15 Meeting, Rosie O'Grady's, Chesterfield Township – See Pat Rabaut Miller for more information.
- **June 30:** Optimist International Convention in Quebec City – See Dave Fries for more information.