

Central Macomb Optimist Club

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From Pat's Desk . . .

July marks the start of the fourth quarter for the Optimist year (which ends in September). It is truly shocking how fast this year has progressed.

We have stayed focused on our goals to:

- 1) Grow Membership (who wouldn't want to join our club!)
- 2) Ensure every member participates on a committee during the year (We're working on this) and
- 3) HAVEFUN ... All while we're helping others in our communities.

To date, our club is up 14 members. I'm hoping we end the year up 15 members to cement the future of our club as I pass the gavel on to our next President, Sue Kardasz. Many members have stepped up to join a committee during this past year. If you haven't done this yet, please ask about what committees are in need of volunteers. Always remember, we only ask that everyone give a little bit of our time to ensure we are successful in Bringing out the Best in Kids!

As always, feel free to contact me for any questions, etc.

Pat RM at (586) 731-1831

Play Ball!

Richard Paul, Michigan District Optimist Zone 15 Lt Governor and CMOC member has made arrangements for an Optimist Group outing at the new Jimmy John's Stadium in downtown Utica on June 26. Ticket prices range from \$10 - \$13 with free parking. Come join in on the family fun and fellowship while watching a ball game. (See flyer included with this email for more information on securing your tickets.)



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Immediate Past President
Dan Kardasz



PJ Party for Vision Hope Champions For Life Kids Camp

The room was filled with PJs and soccer balls as we collected donations from our members for the benefit of Vision Hope's Champion For Life Kids Camp. In all, we collected 75+ PJs and bags of soccer balls. Once again, the CMOC membership is over the top generous. Thanks to everyone who contributed. **Special thanks to Ginger Anderson who took the challenge and work PJs!**

Special recognition to Sue Pace and the folks at Vision Hope for all of their efforts to support the children in need in our communities.



Childhood Cancer Walk (June 25)

Join Team Central Macomb as we raise money to support the Michigan District Optimists Cancer Campaign Walk again this year! Donations to this cause are split between a donation to Optimist International's John Hopkins Childhood Cancer research effort and childhood cancer programs in the Michigan District.



The walk will take place on Saturday, **June 25th at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor**. If you are unable to walk but would still like to donate, the easy instructions to donate on the Optimist website are below.

Team Central Macomb, chaired by Elaine Lyon, raised more money last year than any other team in our District

and we hope to exceed last year's donations. Your contribution is tax deductible.

Donating instructions:

1. Go to: <http://www.michdistoptimist.org>
2. Scroll down the page to the flyer for the Ann Arbor walk (there is also a walk in Muskegon but our team is signed up for Ann Arbor)
3. Click on the "register online" link
4. Click on "donate"
5. Click on "donate to a team"
6. Scroll through teams until you see Team Central Macomb

If you have any problems, please let me know. If you prefer to send a check to me for the walk, please make it out to the "Optimist International Foundation". Make a notation on the check "MI District CCC Walk". My address is 16515 Festian, Clinton Twp., MI 48035.

Online Tupperware Party! (Fundraiser)

For over 60 years Tupperware has been designing products that help simplify people's lives. Today Tupperware offers products for storing food, food preparation, cookware, storage, and serving items.

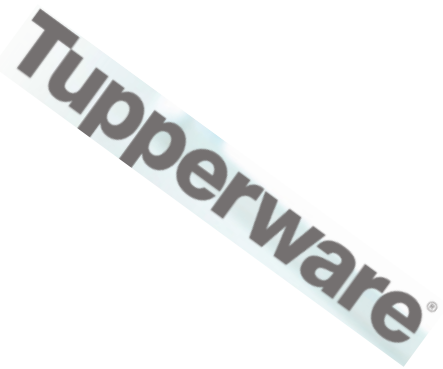
Sooooooooo we're having an 'online' Tupperware Party! Kathy Kirby is chairing this fundraiser for us. Here is the link to shop for the benefit of the kids:

- Tupperware.com
- Click on "Find A Fundraiser"
- Click on drop-down "Select a State" in the middle of the screen – select Michigan
- Scroll down to Central Macomb Optimist Club, click on the "Support" button
- Click on "Shop" (upper left corner)

For each product you buy on this list, the Central Macomb Optimist Club will receive 40%. President Pat explained that she's going to get rid of her old orange, yellow, green and brown Tupperware and give her kitchen an uplift!

Macomb Charitable Foundation's Women's Golf Outing (Aug 8)

The CMOC will have two teams participating in the Macomb Charitable Foundation's (MCF) Women's Golf Outing on August 8th. Team leads is Julie Gola. We have two teams playing this year led by Julie and Kathy Kirby.



Boy Scout Troop # 209

Member, Trish Sellers, is our liaison between the Central Macomb Optimist Club, the 'Charter Organization' and Boy Scout Troop # 209.

In the upcoming months this troop will be involved in a Canoeing Family Campout in July; Pioneering Weekend in August and Caving/Hiking/Zip-lining at Hocking Hills in Ohio in September.

Additionally, they will be starting their annual Popcorn Sales fundraiser. This troop offers a vast variety of activities and opportunities for the Scouts and their families. Thanks Trish for acting as our liaison.

Michigan District Optimist - Zone 15 Meeting

Lt Governor, Richard Paul conducted a Zone 15 Meeting at Rosie O'Grady's on June 6th. It's always fun to spend time with fellow Optimists. This time, Ross Champion AKA, Rosco the Clown entertained us with stories about community which was not only funny but also very heart warming. It was an evening filled with fun and fellowship.



In all the five clubs in our zone were represented by about 20 people. Guests included immediate past Governor, Cherryl Thames and Governor Elect Moneta Foster who provided a lot of information about the Michigan District. Our continued goal as a District is to stay focused on membership because through our membership we are able to support more kids in our communities.

Volunteers needed - -

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

- Childhood Cancer walk – sign up and walk on the CMOC team.
- Jimmy John's – invite your friends and family to join in on the fun and fellowship at the new stadium
- The Champion for Life Kids Camp is on July 21st. Fill out the 'Background Check' form and come join in on the fun! See Sue Kardasz for more information
- See Sue Kardasz to see how you can help on the Shop with the Sheriff committee
- Appetizers and Desserts will be welcome to our Fieldstone Winery event. See Elaine Lyon for more information
- Newsletter Editor – See Pat RM

Mark Your Calendars!

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

- **June 15:** Guest speaker, Theresa Toia, Friends of Foster Kids (Regular meeting date / time)
- **June 25:** Michigan District Childhood Cancer Walk. Chair: Elaine Lyon
- **June 30-July 2:** Optimist International Convention in Quebec City – See Dave Fries for more information.
- **July 6 – NO MEETING**
- **August 8:** Macomb Charitable Foundation Women's Golf Scramble - Julie Gola chair
- **Sept 7:** Wine Tasting Fellowship Event at Fieldstone Winery in Rochester.