



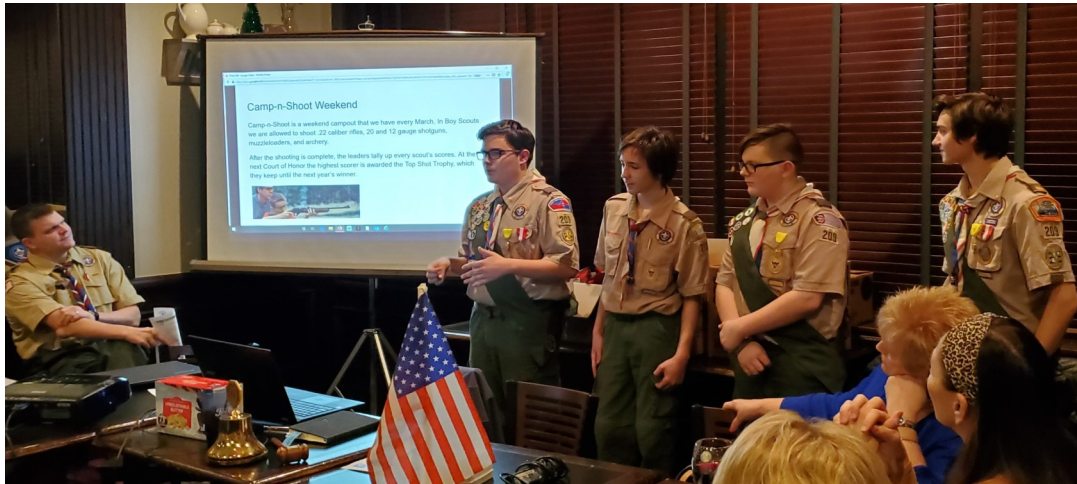
THE CENTRAL MACOMB OPTIMIST



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The Newsletter of the Central Macomb Optimist Club

Boy Scout Troop 209 Pays a Visit



Central Macomb Optimist Club is the chartered organization for Boy Scout Troop 209. The troop meets at Selfridge Air Force Base. On January 15, several scouts and adult leaders of Troop 209 paid us a visit.

The scouts put together a very nice presentation about all the great things that the troop is doing. Helping the scouts become tomorrow's leaders is a high priority for the adult leaders in Troop 209. Towards that end, Troop 209 sends three to four scouts every year to National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). Following their January visit, the CMOC Board granted a \$500 contribution to the troop to help offset the cost of sending the scouts to attend NYLT. At the troop's January 28 Court of Honor, club president Dave Putt presented the check and letter to the acting Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 209 (photo at right). CMOC members also helped the troop with their two major fundraising activities—selling popcorn and mulch.

A big thank you to all of our members that purchased popcorn and mulch from the scouts to cover troop program costs.



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12th Annual Soup and Chili Cookoff



The club held its 12th Annual Soup and Chili Cookoff on February 19th. We would like to thank Debbie Doran for co-hosting the event at her house once again and to Cindy Krzezewski for doing such a great job as co-host for the evening. Pictured at left with Cin-

dy are this year's soup and chili winners, Kim Brophy, Elaine Lyon and Kathy Vatalaro. Kim Brophy was the overall highest vote-getter and she went home with the coveted Silver Ladle award. We would like to thank everyone that submitted a soup or chili entrée and making this such a fun event again this year.

Oratorical Contest March 18 at JJC



Once again, CMOC will sponsor an Oratorical Contest with students at the Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center. The event will be held on March 18 at 1 PM. We have our judges, timekeeper and scorekeeper in place, however, all club members are welcome to attend the event.

We ask that you arrive no later than 12:30 PM to ensure enough time to go through the security check.

Medals and certificates will be awarded to all student participants. A big thank you to Keith Rengert for supplying the medals and certificates for the contest (see photo at left).



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CMOC Meeting Schedule

March 18 7 PM Hamlin Pub
April 1 7 PM Hamlin Pub
April 15 7 PM Hamlin Pub
May 6 7 PM Hamlin Pub
Club Elections

Guest Speaker News

Molly Lemaster, RN Organ Transplant Coordinator for Beaumont Health Center, will be giving a presentation on the importance of organ donation at our March 18 meeting.

We will have two guest speakers from the Samaritan House in Washington attend our April 1 Meeting. See flyer on next page for more information about our Easter Food Basket Drive to support the Samaritan House.

Macomb Feeding the Need

After a strong showing of interest in a return trip to Macomb Feeding the Need, efforts are under way to coordinate a date for this. If you missed the chance to join us on our last visit, this is a great opportunity to have a personal impact on the lives of the homeless. We'll be offering help with food prep, cooking, serving meals and planning mats for the homeless. If you have a strong preference for a particular day, please share that information with either Nancy Morello or Donna Onifer so a day that works well for the majority can be arranged.

MFN SUMMER HOURS:

April 1st - October 31st

M - W - F: 8:30 AM- 1 PM

Nancy: cell/text or call: (248) 808-8111 / nancymorello@gmail.com

Donna: cell/text or call: (586) 453-4447 / dmonifer@yahoo.com



CMOC to Help Samaritan House with their Annual Easter Food Drive

For more information contact Dave Putt (dputt5@yahoo.com)



Central Macomb Optimist Club

Easter Food Drive

To Benefit the Samaritan House



The Samaritan House is preparing 250 Easter Food Baskets for their Easter Food Drive. We have offered to collect the following food items for them:

Needed Items

Brownie Mix
Applesauce
No Bake Jello Cheesecake
Mayonnaise (15 oz)
Brown Sugar (1 lb)

Please bring your donated food items to the March 4, 18 or April 1 CMOC Meetings.

We will present the food donations to the Samaritan House at our April 1 Meeting



ALWAYS use your card or phone number when you shop at Krogers for the benefit of the kids in our communities! See details on back of flyer. Thanks!!



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Come join your fellow Optimists at our next Social / NOW Activity

Sambrosa Sangria Tasting Event —April 29

Bring a Friend!

CENTRAL MACOMB OPTIMIST CLUB

Pre-Cinco De Mayo Sangria Tasting Event

Wednesday, April 29th, 2020

6:00pm – 9:00pm

****Please note that you can arrive anytime between 6-9pm to do the tastings****



Sambrosa Sangria

52888 Van Dyke

Shelby Township



Voted Best Michigan Winery

Best of Detroit - Metro Times 2018 & 2019



Cost \$20 Per Person Includes

Light Snacks

A flight of Premium Sangria including their seasonal Peach Sangria

*A **BOTTLE** of your favorite Sangria!*

Guests Always Welcome!

Contact Elaine Lyon for tickets

586-791-8006 or elainelyon1@yahoo.com



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**Win Great Prizes while benefiting
Childhood Cancer Programs
Tickets On Sale Now!**

THE CENTRAL MACOMB OPTIMIST CLUB



**YETI Cooler Raffle -
\$10 Per Ticket
Drawing - May 20th,
2020**

Funds raised will be used to support
Local Children's Cancer Charities

Contact Elaine Lyon at 586-791-8006,
elainelyon1@yahoo.com or any member of the
Central Macomb Optimist Club

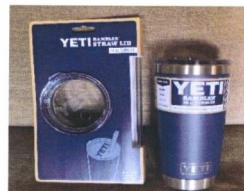
**1ST Prize – YETI Wheelie Cooler filled with cheer, snacks &
\$25 Nino Salvaggio Gift Card (\$700 value)**

*Crown Royal Whiskey, Captain Morgan's Spiced Rum, Tito's Vodka, 12 Pack of Coors Light,
Rum Chata, Jim Beam Bourbon, Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey, Red Wine, White Wine, Snacks*



**2nd Prize – YETI Thermal Lunch Daytrip
Lunch Bag (\$79.99 value)**

**3RD Prize – YETI 20 oz.
Tumbler with Rambler Straw Lid (\$39.98
value)**



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**Central Macomb Optimist Club
Raffle to Support Local
Children's Cancer Charities**

**1st Prize – YETI Wheelie Cooler of
Cheer & Snacks – Over \$600 Value**

2nd Prize – YETI Thermal Lunch Bag – \$80 Value

3rd Prize – YETI 20 oz. Tumbler with Rambler Straw Lid

Drawing May 20, 2020

Cost \$10 per ticket

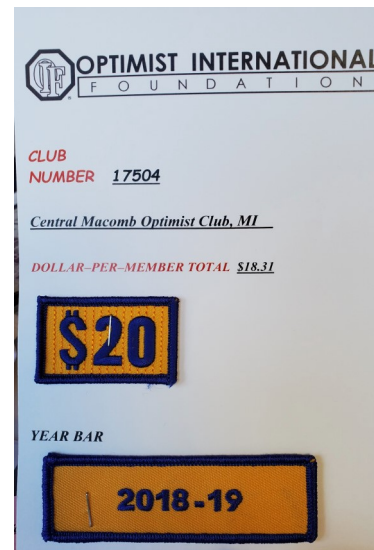
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2nd Quarter District Meeting

Teresa Edwards and Dave Putt (below) attended the 2nd Q District Meeting in Frankenmuth on February 29. Optimist International President Adrian Elcock was the keynote speaker. Our club received a Club Fitness award (upper right) and the \$20 per member patch (lower right)



New CMOC Member Installation

The Club installed two new members at our January 15 Meeting. Please welcome Mary Bischoff-Greer to our club. (2nd from left). We first met Mary at the October Happy Healthy Halloween Event. Teresa Edwards is her sponsor.

Also, please welcome back Leslie Mansoor.(2nd from right) to our club. Leslie is a charter member of Central Macomb Optimist Club. Her sponsor is Kathy Vatalaro.



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Central Macomb Optimist Club & Kroger Partnership

The Central Macomb Optimist Club Foundation has partnered with Kroger to make fund-raising easy based on our everyday shopping. Once you link your Kroger Plus Card / account to the Central Macomb Optimist Club Foundation, all you have to do is shop!

[Our Community Awards Non-Profit number is: WU637](#)

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2. Click on the 'Edit Kroger Community Rewards' link and input your Kroger Plus card number.
3. Update or confirm your information.
4. Enter NPO number ([WY637](#)) or name of organization ([Central Macomb Optimist Club](#)), click on the club's from list and click on confirm.
5. To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
6. REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card(s).
7. if you use your phone number at the register, call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.



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3-Digit Lotto

Congratulations to all of our 3-Digit Lotto Winners during the month of January and thank you to all of our club members that sold tickets. The proceeds from the lottery support the Right Step Foundation. A big thank you goes out to Kathy Vatalaro for handling the ticket sales and to Elaine Lyon for announcing the winner on each morning.



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Blast From the Past!

The Central Macomb Optimist Club celebrated its 15th anniversary in October 2019. Here is a look back at the front page of the very first newsletter edited by Keith Rengert in October 2004.

Announcing the newly formed

Central Macomb Optimist Club

BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS

Volume 1, No 1

OPTIMIST CLUB 17-504

October 2004



CHARTER MEMBERS

1. Paul Gayan
2. Celeste Beaver
3. JoAnn Wiegand
4. Richard Paul
5. Karen Hooper
6. Karen St.Clair
7. Cindie Szarek
8. Corinne Buchbinder
9. Keith Rengert
10. Doug King
11. Nicki Brandenburg
12. Michael Koehs
13. Linda Gough
14. Janet Dunn
15. Bill Donovan
16. Cheryl Koehs
17. Kim Steffen
18. Ray Ahonen
19. Sarah Lee-Ellena
20. Roger Krzeminski
21. Marge Badowski
22. Laura King
23. Brian Eady
24. Isabel Eady
25. Daniel Webster
26. Scott Blanchard
27. Sandy Kovaeh
28. Vicki Selva
29. Leslie Mansoor

October 20, 2004 - CLUB FORMED !



Photo (l-r). Dan Moss (New Club Building Co-Chair & Regional New Club Building Chair); Ben Lowery (Field Representative); Lou Moss (New Club Building Co-Chair & Region 4 Assistant Governor); Marge Badowski-Director; Doug King-Director; Karen Stapleton-Hooper-Vice President; Sara Lee-Ellena-Director; Michael Koehs-Charter President; Paul Gayan-Director; Janet Dunn-Secretary/Treasurer; Isabel Eady-Director; Jim Kaza-Zone 15 Lieutenant Governor. (Not shown: Richard Paul-President Elect; Cindie Szarek-Vice President; Bill Donovan-Director).

OFFICERS & BOARD ELECTED

Field Representative Ben Lowery was pleased that his third trip from West Branch was well worth his effort.

Mr. Lowery commended the 29 members on the forming of the new club in Macomb Township.

He formally inducted officers and charter members into the Central Macomb Optimist Club #17-504.

Michael Koehs graciously accepted the position of Charter President and got right to work with the Executive Board following the meeting.

CHARTER CLUB NAME

One of the first challenges of the club was to select a name. Several names were recommended and discussed, however the name 'Central Macomb Optimist Club' (suggested by Cheryl Koehs) was selected by the membership.

The name, 'Central Macomb' both identifies the township as well as the central location in the county.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Lou and Dan Moss, New Club Building Co-Chairs assisted the newly formed club in addressing the issues of dues, meeting dates, meeting time and place.

During an optimistic discussion the following membership decisions were agreed upon.

Dues: \$10 per month (\$40 new member fee)
Meeting dates: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
Meeting place:
 Clinton-Macomb Library
 16800 24 Mile Road
 Macomb Township, MI
Meeting time: 7:00 p.m.

It was noted by Field Representative Ben Lowery that any additional members joining prior to November 1, 2004 would also gain 'charter member' status.

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Club Calendar

Mar-20							MARCH EVENTS	Jun-20							JUNE EVENTS
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	3 CMOC Meeting
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	4 CMOC Meeting		1	2	3	4	5	6	3 CMOC Board Meeting
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	4 CMOC Board Meeting	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	17 CMOC Meeting
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	7 St. Patricks Day Party	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	18 CMOC Meeting	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
29	30	31					18 Oratorical Contest	28	29	30					
April-20							APRIL EVENTS	July-20							JULY EVENTS
			1	2	3	4	1 CMOC Meeting	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	1 CMOC Board Meeting
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	15 CMOC Meeting				1	2	3	4	1 CMOC Meeting
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	29 Sambrosa Sangria Wine Event	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	25 Dinghy Regatta
19	20	21	22	23	24	25		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	? Clinton River Boat Cruise
26	27	28	29	30				19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
								26	27	28	29	30	31		
May-20							MAY EVENTS	August-20							AUGUST EVENTS
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	6 CMOC Meeting & Elections	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
					1	2	6 CMOC Board Meeting							1	2 CMOC Picnic
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	9 3rd Q District Meeting --Lansing	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	5 CMOC Meeting
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	20 CMOC Meeting	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	5 CMOC Board Meeting
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	20 Yeti Cooler Raffle	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	19 CMOC Meeting
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	? Respect for Law	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
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