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President's Corner

Hi Everybody,

As I write this it is the first day of the Fourth Quarter of our Optimist year. However, as I said at the meeting on Thursday, June 30, it is definitely not time to slow down. There are a lot of good things coming up.

Here's a brief rundown of the things that should be on your calendar:

July 19—The Right Start Auction party. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it funds our signature event – Back to School Shopping. I am hopeful that most BOCK members will be there for this fun-filled event, but even if you can't attend make sure you have a ticket for the raffle drawing. You could be \$1,000 richer at the end of the evening.

August 7—Childhood Cancer Campaign outing to the Air Zoo. We have a line item in our budget for Childhood Cancer and over the years have sponsored a dance, provided them with a toy box and also a TV. This year we are sponsoring a trip for the kids and their families to the Air Zoo. With the help of Wilma we obtained a very good price and anticipate a good turnout. The kids will be with their families and the staff that Elaine works with will be there, but if you would like to go, at your own expense, you would be welcome to attend and be part of this outstanding event. (Article with more details later in the newsletter.)

August 11—Optimist International Foundation Blind Auction. This annual event raises funds for the OI Foundation so that they can continue to do their good works including providing scholarship and grants for Optimist clubs and functions. Our club has always been a great supporter of the OI Foundation and this event is a big part of that. (Article with more details later in the newsletter.)

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August 13—Progressive Dinner. This promises to be a fun filled evening of food and fellowship – two things BOCK does very, very well. We'll progress from house to house to house eating, partaking sensibly of adult beverages and if I know this crowd, having a lot of laughs. (Article with more details later in the newsletter.)

I'm looking forward to seeing you all as we continue to have a great BOCK year.

Remember....BOCK ROCKS--because of you

Yours in Optimism,

Jeanette Meyer

BOCK President



JULY SPEAKERS AND GREETERS

- July 7 Darlen Clifford—Women's Lifestyle Magazine
Greeter: Helen Horn
- July 14 Patrick Burnham—Respect for Law
Greeter: Julie Howes
- July 21 Fellowship Event—It's a Surprise
Greeter: Nancy Flipse
- July 28 Darlene Pontello—KIA
Greeter: Nancy Baker

JULY BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Nancy Kovach
- 8 Pat Weber
- 11 Nicole Ingersoll
- 24 Marc Katz
- 25 Karen Monville
- 29 Nancy Marks

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Thursdays @ 7:30 A.M.
Colonial Kitchen
7617 S Westnedge, Portage

BOCK WEBSITE

www.bockzoo.org



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Fellowship	Val Lippincott
Community Service	Kristi Carambula
Programs & Publicity	TBD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NO JULY BOARD MEETING

JULY BOOK CLUB

NO BOOK CLUB
SEE YOU IN AUGUST

AUGUST BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND
Panera Bread, West Main
5:30 PM
The book is Room by Emma Donoghue



IT'S ALMOST HERE!

12th Annual Back to School Party July 19, 2011 ~ 6:00 PM The Fountains, Parchment MI

By the time you receive this it will be less than 1 week until The Right Start Auction Party—the fundraiser for our Back-to-School Shopping Trip that does so much to help disadvantaged youth in Kalamazoo. Do you have your ticket yet? For only \$20 you get admission to this fun event, heavy appetizers, the opportunity to bid on some great items and as if that weren't enough, you also have the opportunity to win \$1000 cash or a \$250 www.bedandbreakfast.com gift card or a \$100 Target gift card. There are some new twists this year including a professional photographer, balloon prizes and excellent entertainment. We have sold over 300 tickets and expect over 125 attendees on Tuesday, July 19th, 6:00 PM at The Fountains. It promises to be a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship.



Food Drive for Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly

Ah, summer – childhood memories of playing outside with friends until dark, curling up with a good book during a quiet time under a tree, listening for the voice that calls you in for lunch and snacks, sprinklers and wading pools and....That's the summers that many of us remember.

But, just yesterday I received an update on the state of young children in Kalamazoo County with the startling statistic that 29% of them live at or below the poverty level. The concentration of children at that level in the City of Kalamazoo and a couple of outlying towns is closer to 70%. The summer for these children is likely to be quite different than the ones many of us remember.

BOCK is joining forces with Loaves & Fishes this summer to provide Kalamazoo County children with macaroni & cheese and peanut butter & jelly – and preschool level books – so maybe some of the children will have a summer memory of full tummies and stories that take them to different places or to think about new things. Please bring in boxes of mac & cheese and jars (preferably plastic) of PB&J – and gently used or new books appropriate for the 0-5 year-old set, and be part of creating a better summer for the children who live among us. Thank you all for your continuing generosity!

Progressive Dinner Saturday, August 13



We will be having a Progressive Dinner on Saturday, August 13th. Our first stop will be at the home of **DeeAnn Dopp** for appetizers at 6 PM. We plan to spend 45–50 minutes at her place and then move on to **Chris Shults'** house where the main course of lasagna, salad, and garlic bread will be piping hot and ready to eat. We will then finish our evening at **Ralph and Jeanette Meyer's** where there will be lots of delicious desserts.

A sign-up sheet will start circulating at the July 14th meeting. You can sign up to bring your choice of Appetizers, Main Course, Desserts or Drinks.

Please contact **DeeAnn Dopp** at ddopp@aol.com if you have any questions.

BOCK Childhood Cancer Campaign Helps Sponsor a Trip to...



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, August 7th from 2–5 PM!** Please join the patients and families of the MSU-KCMS Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic (which treats children, teens, and young adults with cancer and blood disorders) for an afternoon at the **Kalamazoo Air Zoo Main Campus** in Portage. The Air Zoo features amusement park-style rides, full-motion flight simulators, a RealD 3D Missions Theater, more than 30 rare aircraft, and other fun and educational exhibits and activities.

Through the generosity of the Air Zoo, who provided a significantly reduced price on the entry fee and price of attractions, and BOCK, patients and their families are able to enjoy this event free of charge. Please come join us!

If you need further information, please contact **Elaine Catlin** at catlin@kcms.msu.edu or **Jeanette Meyer** at jamjar20@aol.com



OI Foundation Blind Auction—August 11th

One man's trash is another man's treasure. Save the date for our Annual OI Foundation Blind Auction on August 11th. Start collecting new, gently used, or old items that you don't like or want and bring them to the Blind Auction. Wrap them in pretty paper or put in a paper bag. This is our fastest money maker for the OI Foundation. Contact **Linda Ingersoll** for more information at lingersoll@comcast.net.



Congrats to Our Perfect Attendance Members (through Third Quarter)



Below is the list of those BOCK members who have attained perfect attendance through the first three quarters of this Optimist year. It's great to see so many of us are well on our way to achieving this goal, which is one of the indicators of a healthy club.

If you were close (within 5 attendances of being "perfect") you received an email making you aware of the situation. If you have any questions about what you have or haven't reported please contact **Mary Ann Ampersee** or **Jeanette Meyer**. BOCK attendance slips are kept until the end of the Optimist year and you can always get credit for something you did/attended until September 30.

Mary Ann Ampersee	Laurie Jefsen
Jo Avriett	Lyn Lenox
Nancy Baker	Val Lippincott
Elaine Catlin	Mary Memmott
Jeff Daane	Jeanette Meyer
DeeAnn Dopp	Ralph Meyer
Lynn Heckler	Terri Norman
Kate Holaday	Jan Oord
Helen Horn	Chris Shults
Julie Howes	Wilma VanLoo
Linda Ingersoll	Pat Weber
Nicole Ingersoll	



Fourth Quarter District Convention August 26—28, 2011 Amway Grand Plaza

Save the weekend of August 26-28 for the Fourth Quarter District Convention at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids. Registration forms are available at the weekly meetings and included in the OptiViews newsletter. BOCK pays for you basic registration. This is a great time to meet and network with fellow Optimists from around the state. Hotel reservation **deadline is August 12th**. It is recommended that you get a room early since there are several activities going on in the area at the same time. OI President Danny Rodgers and First Lady Jill will be our special guests. We hope you all join us!

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.



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

*By providing hope and positive vision,
Optimists bring out the best in kids.*

-Optimist Mission Statement