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BREAKFAST OPTIMIST CLUB OF KALAMAZOO

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BOCK—Promising to Make a Difference



President's Corner

An old man walked up a shore littered with thousands of starfish, beached and dying after a storm. A young man was picking them up and flinging them back into the ocean. "Why do you bother?" the old man scoffed. "You're not saving enough to make a difference." The young man picked up another starfish and sent it spinning back to the water. "Made a difference to that one," he said.

Hello Everyone,

Have you made a difference in someone's life this past month? Remember the small cards we gave to you at the beginning of the year – the one with the above story on it? One of our members said he used the card as a postcard, wrote a note on it and sent it to a friend. Thank you, **Rick Wild**, for a great idea! There are extras on the back table at our meeting place.

This past month I had the opportunity to visit the Jackson Optimist Club with Terry Eisen, Lt. Governor for our Zone. They asked me to share with them some of BOCK's activities that involve the children of our area. They meet in their very own ice arena – Optimist Ice Arena of Jackson! A great club!

For those who have not attended BOCK recently, I would encourage you to come and be a part of the fun and energy that is truly part of our morning meetings. And, of course, hear what we are doing in the Kalamazoo area with and for the children. We miss you! At one of our meetings in October, we welcomed our newest BOCK member, **Cris Lytle**. And for those of you who attend regularly, how about inviting a friend, co-worker or family member to come with you? Let's "make all our friends feel that there is something in them!"

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The holiday season is approaching and I'm sure you are starting to think about being home with your family for Thanksgiving. At this holiday season, thank someone special. How about starting with your Optimist mentor (sponsor)? **Linda Ingersoll** was my sponsor and I'm not sure if I ever thanked her for inviting me to come to BOCK over 11 years ago. Thank you, Linda! Also, I would like to thank all of you for being part of our BOCK family! Happy Thanksgiving!

BOCK – Promising to Make a Difference!

Yours in Optimism,
Wilma VanLoo, BOCK Club President



NOVEMBER SPEAKERS AND GREETERS

- November 3 Lyn Lenox—Membership Challenge
Greeter: Carmen Jonaitis
- November 10 Jim Hess—Breakfast of Champions
Greeter: Chris Shults
- November 17 Anne Wend Lipsey—Loaves & Fishes
Greeter: Elaine Catlin
- November 24 Thanksgiving—No Meeting

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Elaine Catlin
- 14 Deb Miller
- 15 Polly Thomas
- 15 Deb Wild
- 17 Jeff Daane
- 19 Krissy Ingersoll
- 21 Lynn Heckler
- 28 Tina Atkins-Dean
- 29 Mindy Miller



WEEKLY MEETINGS

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

BOCK WEBSITE

www.bockzoo.org



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

5:30 PM

WILMA VANLOO'S HOUSE

NOVEMBER BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

Panera Bread, West Main

5:30 PM

The book is Sugar Queen by Sarah Addison Allen

DECEMBER BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

No Book—Happy Hour Time

Location TBD

6 PM



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Michigan District First Quarter Meeting Recap...

The First Quarter Michigan District Conference met on October 21-23 in Pontiac at Auburn Hills Marriott Pontiac at Centerpoint. **Jan Oord, Linda Ingersoll, Dave McKee, Lyn Lenox, and Wilma VanLoo** attended the conference. Friday night was the Executive Board Meeting and Hospitality Room. Saturday was a time for information Breakout Sessions and General Business Meeting. Special guests at the conference were Dwight Phillips (OI Vice President) and his wife, Marlene. Lyn and Wilma attended the dinner and Masquerade Ball on Saturday night. Elvis was there!! The Second Quarter Michigan District Conference will be February 10-11, 2012 at the Lexington Hotel in Lansing, MI. If you are interested in more information regarding the Michigan District, please visit their website, www.michiganoptimists.org.



Karen Monville, Linda Ingersoll, and Polly Thomas listen attentively during the General Session.

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Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee November 16th!

On **Wednesday, November 16th** we will once again be participating in the **Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee** at WMU's Bernhard Center starting at 6 PM with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Spelling competition starts at 7 PM.

Our spellers and cheerleaders are in place. Our theme is alphabet building blocks (from when you were a kid). We have to make a 2 minute long cheer to go with our theme. If you have any cheer ideas please email **Nicole Ingersoll** at ingers007@yahoo.com or **Julie Howes** at jhowes217@aol.com by November 8th so we can practice it.

Spectators may attend by purchasing a ticket online for \$35.00 at www.kpl.gov/spelling-bee.



Thanksgiving Outreach!

This year, working with Family and Children Services, we have adopted a family of eight to provide them with a Thanksgiving meal. I'd like to say a HUGE "thank you" to all of you who signed up to provide items for the meal; almost everything has been committed.

There is a "twist" to our efforts this time around. As Tom from FCS explained, sometimes the only thing some families have is a stove. With that in mind, the request list included dishes for the food items to be placed on, a tablecloth and napkins, and even a centerpiece.

If you wish to donate something yet, please contact **Helen Horn** at hnhorn@gmail.com. In the usual BOCK tradition, we have the opportunity to make this a very special day to give thanks! Deadline for bringing the items is **Thursday, November 17**. Any items that require refrigeration, etc., can be handled in Helen's extra refrigerator.



HOLIDAY GIFT SALES

Fundraising gets into the Holiday Spirit in November. You can expect emails this month, along with discussion at our meetings regarding the "BOCK Holiday Collection" of candles, soaps, Shea butter, and cookbooks. Great for gifts and stocking stuffers. Our elves, will even pack a holiday basket for you, upon request. Order forms will be at the weekly meetings or sent via email. **Lyn Lenox**, our Holiday Sales Chairperson, will be receiving your requests. Orders should be available the following Thursday for pick up. Other delivery options can be worked out also. We will also be working with Dutchman Tree Farms this year. BOCK will benefit from every wreath and live evergreen tree sold through this online fundraiser. You just have to hand out the postcard with the details. Check out the beautiful wreaths and trees at <http://www.dutchmantreefarms.com/organization/BOCKMI>.



Welcome Cris Lytle

WELCOME – our newest member to BOCK – **Cris Lytle**. **Dave McKee** is her sponsor and tracked her down after knowing her several years ago as an active Optimist member of the former Optimist Club of Northeast Kalamazoo where she was Secretary-Treasurer. Cris was born and raised in the Detroit area and came to Kalamazoo to attend WMU for Elementary Education. Instead of teaching in the schools, she began working as a teller and has had a successful career in banking for 35 years. Cris is the Branch Manager and Loan Officer for the Kalsee Credit Union. She has a son and two grandchildren who are big parts of her life. Cris enjoys camping and close family time. She indicates a high interest in Fellowship, Membership and Youth activities and is ready to again be an active member in the Optimists as a way of life.



Membership Dues

Thank you to those members who have already sent in their dues. We have received dues from about half of the members. We have paid the Michigan District's dues and I just received the statement from OI. Did you know that we pay the OI dues in full for the year? That means that we owe full dues for all members (currently 66 regular members) when we receive the dues' notice. That is an expenditure of over \$3,700 from our Administrative Fund.

It is very important that we receive dues' payments in a timely fashion. You can pay quarterly, semi-annually or annually. We can also work out other arrangements if paying in a timely fashion is an issue. If you have questions, please contact BOCK Secretary-Treasurer **Chris Shults** at clshults@sbcglobal.net.

Tax Exemptions on Purchases...

When purchasing items on behalf of the Breakfast Optimist Club of Kalamazoo (BOCK), the following procedures should be followed:

- Purchases must be for club use (not donations)
- Do not mix your personal purchases with the club purchases
- Request a Tax ID card from the Secretary/Treasurer
- Whenever possible, purchase at the locations listed below that have confirmed the clubs Tax Exempt Status
- Present the Tax ID card to the clerk before they start ringing up
- Retain the receipt to be attached to a Reimbursement Form
- Complete and submit a Reimbursement Form to the Secretary/Treasurer

If it is not possible to shop at locations where BOCK has been approved, the club will reimburse the tax amount. Although the tax amount may seem small, it adds up over the year for the club. Remember, those funds can be used for the kids.

Tax Exempt Locations (*Get Tax Exempt Customer Card from Secretary/Treasurer)

Office Depot* Customer ID# 56958789

Dollar General - following locations only:

- ◆ # 5869: 2810 Portage Rd., Kalamazoo MI, 49001
- ◆ # 8484: 3504 E. Main St., Kalamazoo MI, 49048
- ◆ # 10106: 1304 Lincoln Rd., Allegan MI, 49010
- ◆ # 7943 1675 Phoenix St., Suite 113, South Haven MI, 49090
- ◆ # 6414: 80 East Michigan, Galesburg MI, 49053

Wal-Mart* Customer ID#2290394

Hobby Lobby* Customer ID #853676

Menards* Customer ID #MI0128155

Gordon's Food*

Michaels *

Office Max

Meijer

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

-Optimist Mission Statement