



THE **OPTIMIST** OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS
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MEMBER NEWS NEW MEMBERS

President-elect Tazzia says "I am excited about being your president. Our club does many wonderful and positive events for the youth of our community. I believe this year can be as good and better. As we work together, in harmony, to have a "stellar" year.

BREAKFAST MEETINGS

Our weekly breakfast meetings are at the Parkway Grille inside the Centerpoint Marriott in Pontiac. It is located on the southwest corner of Opdyke Rd. and Centerpoint Parkway, and it is clearly visible from Square Lake Rd. They serve a wonderful buffet breakfast, and we have fun speakers/events & 50/50 drawings.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held monthly. Generally, on the 2nd Thursday in the month, the Board Meeting starts at 7:30 and continues through breakfast. All members are encouraged to attend.

BREAKFAST SPEAKERS

Karen Miller is the Speakers chairperson. If you know someone that would like to speak to us contact **Karen** at 248-289-1424 or kmiller@cpresearchgroup.com.

We have the following upcoming speakers:

Apr 2 – Dr Rick Persiani, DDS - "Operation Smile"

Apr 16 – Ryan Husch – Michigan Victory Games

May 7 – Rich Homberg, President & GM Detroit Public TV

May 7 – Mel Vanderbrug talks about his climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa.

MEMBERS EVENT PLANNER

Apr 9 – Board Meeting

Apr 30 – Head Start reading day

May 14 – Board Meeting

May 19 – Golf Outing

May 28 – Head Start reading day

Jun 11 – Board Meeting

Jun 25 – Jun 28 – Poker Nights

UPCOMING EVENTS

HEAD START READING DAY

On most last Thursdays of the month, we will skip breakfast at the Marriott and go to OLHSA and read books to some of the kids in their

Head Start program. The OLHSA office is at 196 Cesar E Chavez Ave in Pontiac. The program will start at 8:45 AM, so arrive a little early. For more information contact Adela Knedlik at 248-209-2621 or adelak@olhsa.org.

GOLF OUTING

This year's golf outing is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2009 at Wabeek Country Club. Registration starts at 9:00 with a shot gun start at 10:00. Dinner and Awards to follow so that we can get home early. We need golfers, hole sponsors, selected silent auction items and volunteers. Every member is strongly urged to invite guests to play. The cost to play is \$125 per person or \$500 per foursome. New hole sponsors are \$150. Returning hole sponsors are \$125. Please, we need to have as much Club participation that we can get. Contact Ted Wilson at 248-342-4838 or Featherstone_corp@yahoo.com for more information.

POKER NIGHTS

We have partnered with Herb Strather for fundraising through his Poker Nights on Thu Jun 25 – Sun Jun 28. This



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event takes place each evening at the Hotel St Regis in Detroit's New Center Area. The best part is that we don't have to play poker. All we do is count the cash that comes in. When that is done we get 50% of the money brought in. At least one BHO Optimist must be present at the hotel from 4:00 PM - 2:00 AM each day. More information can be found at the website. Contact **Brian MacKenzie** at 248-505-8400 or bjmacken@comcast.net for more information.

attendance that walked or stayed at our informational booth. All proceeds from this event go directly to families in need of heating assistance.

ESSAY CONTEST

On February 12 we held our annual Essay Contest. Local schools who participated were Cranbrook Educational Community, Detroit Country Day, International Academy, & The Academy of the Sacred Heart. This year's topic was "The Power of Youth".

their website will stop 85-90% of junk mail for \$41. Over one third of the fee goes to a charitable organization of your choice. Why mention this here? Because our club is one of the charitable organizations that you can choose to benefit. Get more info and sign up at www.41pounds.org. Some may remember when Sander DeVries spoke to the club in 2007. Sander is the brains behind the website.

**VISIT OUR
WEBSITE AT
[WWW.BLOOMFIELD
OPTIMIST.ORG](http://WWW.BLOOMFIELD
OPTIMIST.ORG)**

SUCSESSES

SUPER BOWL PARTY

On February 1, **Karen Miller** hosted a Super Bowl Party at her residence. We raised about \$375 for the Club. Thanks to all members who attended and brought guests.

WALK FOR WARMTH

On Saturday, Feb 7, OLHSA held their annual Walk for Warmth at the Palace of Auburn Hills. We had some members in

ORATORICAL CONTEST

On March 19 we held our annual Oratorical Contest. Local schools who participated were Cranbrook Educational Community, Detroit Country Day, & International Academy. The best speeches, and speakers, were honored at breakfast. This year's topic was "For Me, Optimism is...". The winner will move on to the Zone competition, which leads to the District competition.

MORE NEWS

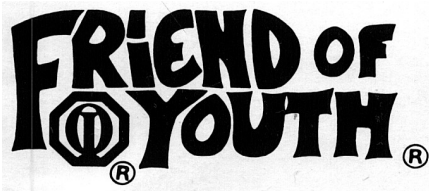
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Jay Cravens - Vice President
**Phyllis Zimmerman -
Secretary**
**Stuart McCormick -
Treasurer**

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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.