



## Optimist bulletin

Reporting Live From Gerlachs Bowling Alley In Lapeer: **Mr. Matt Lauer**. Now that I've got some free time on my hands I heard about this service club in Lapeer and thought I would check it out to see if it was something I might like to be a part of. The lunch menu is not quite up to the [cafeteria we have at 30 Rock](#) but the sloppy joes, salad, mac and cheese and cookie's for dessert were not the worst thing I've eaten in the last couple of years. The lunch program was quite impressive, lead by Ms. Jennifer Phillips and four student representatives from the YAC. *YAC stands for Youth Advisory Committee* and they are a grant making body of the Lapeer County Community Foundation consisting of students from Lapeer County in grades 7-12. Today's Program was courtesy of Mr. Louis Burrough, who was mysteriously absent and allowed Mr. Drysdale to introduce our guests. The students fundraising efforts help support over 62 different funds at the foundation and the kids get to vote and decide where their money is used to help support youth activities in the area. They are in the process of a giving Tuesday challenge and are trying to raise 20k between Nov. 28th and Dec. 15th. Anything they raise will be matched by the adult board. They currently have raised about 25% of their goal and are looking for some funds from our group. If it was up to me I'd just give them the money but I've recently lost my job and could be facing additional lawsuits, as well as my wife leaving me and potential child support issues, finding new housing etc. As a visitor from New York, one of my biggest questions is why there are so few optimist members at these lunches when they have such high quality interesting local groups come in and speak and I had heard this club had like 50-60 members but can't seem to get more than 17 members at a meeting.

- **Other optimist news:** Poker night sign up has been distributed and mostly filled up, if you have not gotten your name on the list see Mr. Vegas, dates are Jan. 31st-Feb. 3rd.
- Eric Mann won and lost the badge drawing the weekly prize is up to \$ 847 bit coin or the equivalent of 42 million if you can figure out how it works or how to cash it out.

Program chair for December is Doug Kollar so if your name is **B Warren, J. Wilmers or M. Wilmers** you should be hearing from him because you are up for the 14th, 21st and 28th of December for acquiring speakers for lunch.

- Last but certainly not least: Optimist Dues were **due in October, it is now the middle of December** and we still have over 10 members that have not paid, Being this is my first crack at writing the bulletin after my on air days I'm going to wait till next week to publish the names of the delinquent members but you have been warned.

**Board Meeting Update:** Tow Truck is working on a Stanley Cup esk trophy to present to the winner of the guns and hoses hockey benefit game every year that will bear Jack Sweeney's name. More to follow.

sunrise Kiwanis **donation of 500** to help feed lapeer elementary students on the weekend was approved.

Dryden school asking for 7k for a wheelchair lift in the school theater was denied.

LCCF YAC request was approved to **give them 1000** from the general fund

Cakes discussed a memorial plaque of some sort for Ralph June who is the last surviving charter member of the club.

Somewhere around this time president bond allowed us to start having some adult beverages, I kept wondering why I would need a lock under my desk if it was only dudes in this group and decided it would be best for me to head back to New York. its, been true I'll be turning this back over to your esteemed member and former president butterfingers for the rest of the month. Merry Christmas, Stay optimistic and it's been a pleasure, signing off MATT !!!