



The JOOI Experience

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Making A Difference JOOI Club of Southfield & Lathrup Village

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Making A Difference

JOOI Club of Southfield and Lathrup Village

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Meeting every
2nd & 4th
Tuesday at the
Field Zone - 6:00
p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Taskforce Youth Community Service Awards



Present, past and future JOOI members receive several awards and recognitions during the 2011 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration weekend. Recipients include Taylor Garland (MAD JOOI President), Sierra Witcher, Ronnae Ravenell, Sarah Harvin, Victoria Larsen, Drew Melesky, Evan Daugherty, Trey Metcalf, DaJo'n Raheem, Tanalynn Johnson (President-Elect: Do Something Wonderful JOI Club), Chatoris Jones (Nominated in 2009 - MAD JOOI Charter President), Christopher Whyte (MAD JOOI Student Advisor) and Clare Luckey (MAD JOOI Past President and MLK Essay Contest Winner).

Of the 17 community service projects performed by these youth between January and December 2010, their ongoing commitment to reach out and encourage the residents and children of the South Oakland County Homeless Shelter (SOS) each year is indeed their greatest commitment to serving the needs of humanity in our community. For this ongoing annual project a birthday type party provides gifts along with a party of cake, ice cream, balloons and positive interaction with the children and adults in the shelter.

Additional community service projects and volunteer service in Lathrup Village, Southfield and beyond included: National Kidney Foundation Zoo Walk, Ford Motor Company Test Drive at Avis Ford, Lathrup Villages' Art In The Park, Hope UMC's Back to School Missions' Project, Southfield's SumMore Fest, Burg Tree Lighting, Southfield's Santa Visit and Tree Lighting, Lathrup Village's Family Fun Fest, Optimist International Regional Oratorical Contest and numerous volunteer hours in support of the Optimists' Childhood Cancer Campaign which provides "Swaddled Beanie Babies" for children being treated for pediatric

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cancer at local hospitals and research funds for John Hopkins Hospital. This JOOI Club also received recognition from Optimist International for their JOOI Experience Leadership Conference for 9th grade students. The recognition included front page coverage in the Torch Magazine which is distributed internationally to all JOOI Clubs. The conference is designed to develop future leaders within their schools and this year's theme was on the Voices and Values of Diversity.

Within their schools, these same students are members of the National Honor Society, their school band, dance and performing arts groups, sports teams, Scholars Plus and more. Several are also working to knit "Beanie Baby - Magic Hugh Squares" and raise additional funds for the Michigan District Optimists' Childhood Cancer Campaign.

Hunger-Relief Project



Our Making A Difference JOOI Octagon Club appreciates everyone's contribution and support of their hunger-relief outreach project - Souper Bowl of Caring.

The club chose the **South Oakland Shelter (SOS)** as their local charity to benefit from this year's movement as another way to support the shelter's CHILDREN and adult residents beyond the birthday parties that they host each year.

People from all 50 states helped to transform Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and sharing and our MAD JOOI Kids were right their Making A Difference! Thanks to the Southfield Best Buy store where our canned goods were received along with the generosity of students and adults the club collected 55 canned goods and \$150 for SOS.



Damon Mosley, GM Best Buy Southfield;
Taylor Garland, President MAD JOOI;
Danielle Miller, South Oakland Shelter



Donnie Shawanibin, Best Buy's View
Point Coordinator; Taylor Garland,
Danielle Miller and other Best Buy
Team Members

JOI Club "Jumpstart" Community Service Project

MAD JOOI is hard at work helping to organizing a new Junior Optimist International (JOI) Club for students between the ages of 10-13 who live or attend school in Southfield and/or Lathrup Village.

A "jumpstart" service project and information meeting for the new **Do Something Wonderful JOI Club** will take place on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at the 'field Zone from 6:00p - 7:30p.



Giving back is what makes Junior Optimist Clubs world-wide so ideal and the upcoming "Beanie Baby Swaddling Party" provides an excellent opportunity for students who want to do something special for children throughout the state who are receiving cancer or dialysis treatments.

JOOI of Reading

Mid-Winter Break at the 'field Zone



JOOI of Reading Committee Leaders: Ronnae Ravenell, Sierra Witcher, Christopher Whyte and President Taylor Garland

Day 1: Students made their own books. Using pictures from the Internet or that they've drawn, but it must be in their own words. The students could choose from a list of topics or they made up one.

Day 2 - Students read a book of their favorite movie genre. For example, if they love comedic movies, the book they read has to be comedic. Or if they like scary movies, their book has to be scary. The purpose of this is to get the students more interested in reading because they know it's something they'll like.

Day 3 - The students made their book jackets. The cover, will hopefully encourage their peers to read the book, even though it's not really the genre of their interest. JOOI members read all of the stories and selected two winners based upon story development and creativity.

Day 4 - At the end of the week, students came together & discussed their books. They talked about the inspiration behind it. JOOI members provided motivation and support to keep reading and seek opportunities to be creative, innovative and optimistic!

Tim Horton's Gift Card for the Winners
A Place for Cold Stone Ice Cream treats!

March Madness March Madness

St. Patrick's Day Scholarship Fund Kick-Off

Sponsored by: Southfield-Lathrup Optimist Club
Thursday March 17, 2011 ♦ 6:00– 8:30 p.m.
Lathrup Village Municipal Bldg - Community Room