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OPTIMIST CLUB OF MOORE

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A Message From the President

Now that the Christmas season is past and we start into the new year, I think we as Optimists can take a few minutes to reflect on the activities and happenings of the past year before things pick up once again. Please take pride in the accomplishments of our Optimist Club.

Operation Christmas Tree was an other huge success, the icing on the cake had to be the thank you cards stating how we all made their family's Christmas's so much better. To all the volunteers that participated in this event, the Firefighters, Cons. John Vince and OPP officers at the drive through, students from the Criminal Justice

program at Lambton College, Optimist members and of course Santa Claus, thank you for your unselfish gift to the community. We also made another \$10,000 payment toward the Splash pad leaving us a final amount of \$18,000 to be paid later this year.

Plans are already underway for Easter In the Park, Respect for Law, and Youth Appreciation. Programs in jeopardy are the bike rodeo, spelling bee, oratorical, junior golf and ink cartridge collection. Some programs need a Chair person while others just need more help, so please offer to help before being asked. Bingos also need help

as members are doing double duty just to keep up with demand.

My New Years challenge to the membership; Speak openly of our Optimist Clubs events every chance you get. We need to spark some interest in others, and hope they will come out to join " The Optimist Club Of Moore "



Optimist Club of Moore President
Stan Marsh

Editorial:

Well nobody stepped up to my challenge to write an editorial for this month's Opti-Topics, so you'll have to put up with my blathering.

Second Quarter District Board Meeting February 18 at the Holiday Inn in Point Edward. If you have never been to a District Board Meeting, this is the one to attend. Awards from the 2010-2011 year will be presented at the Saturday Luncheon, and there are workshops on various interesting topics in the morning. Sign up for the meal by February 10.

Cash Calendars. Once more, the Cash Calendar sales were a success. It was a bit unnerving in November, when we were barely covering the cost of the prize board, but then a few Optimists redoubled their efforts and 970 of the 1000 calendars were

sold by Christmas. This is a major fundraiser for the Club; the profits go towards HOBY, area minor sports, Operation Christmas Tree and a host of other projects. If we decide to sell them in 2012, we are going to need a lot more help from our members.

Club Dinner Meetings. Attendance at the club's dinner meetings has dropped off significantly. The dinner meeting should be a fun affair that offers fellowship and a nice dinner, but it's not as much fun as it could be with better attendance. Your Board has decided that catered meals are just not working out. A few of the Optimists have proposed that we cook our own meals, since we have a well-equipped kitchen and some folks that are willing and able to prepare a meal or two. The Board

has set the following meal plan:

Feb. 13 will be at the Golden Palace, cost is \$20. An annual Valentines day event.

March 12 meeting will be a pot luck plus a \$5 fee will include a ticket for a door prize. It will be a St. Patrick's Day theme. Tracy will make a meal schedule.

April 9, ham & scalloped potatoes prepared by Ken and Gord. Cost TBD.

May 14, Pizza and wings at Antonio's or at the hall.

June 11 our annual chicken & rib BBQ for the Zone meeting.

Suggestions and options are welcome. If you want to prepare a meal for about 25 people, or volunteer in the kitchen, tell President Stan.

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Pig Roast and Auction in June



Canadian Children's
Optimist Foundation



There will be a benefit auction on Saturday, June 23, 2012 to support the **Conductive Education Program** and the **Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation**.

The auction is at 8774 LaSalle Line and will begin at noon with a FREE roast pig luncheon laid on by our hosts, John and Joanne Sanders. The auction will follow at 2:00 PM.

The auction is looking for donations of :

- * Gently used items
- * New items
- * Crafts and Woodwork
- * Antiques

For more information, or to donate items, please contact:

Brian Clements 631-3092
John Sanders 849-2352
Gary Grant 337-5269
Nina Strickland 862-2379
John Ewanik 631-9635

Zone and Quarter Board Meetings

Quarter Board and Zone meetings are a great place to see old friends, make new ones and enjoy the fellowship of a great bunch of Optimists.

Quarter Board and Zone meetings are important to the operation of the Optimist District. The meetings are a forum for all Optimists to learn what the District is doing, program information, news and events from the Clubs, and planning for the future of Optimism in South-Western Ontario.

The District also offers very valuable training at

the Quarter Boards—Club Marketing, Essay and Oratorical, Personal Growth and Involvement, Scrapbooks, Fund-raising, to mention a few.

On top of all that, the Quarter Board and Zone meetings are a great place to see old friends, make new ones and enjoy the fellowship of a great bunch of Optimists. Plan to attend and have fun.

Second Quarter Board

February 17/18, 2012
Holiday Inn Point Edward
1498 Venetian Blvd.
Point Edward Ontario
www.holidayinn.com
519.336.4130 -
888.212.2252

Next Zone 6 Meeting

Monday, April 6 in Port Lambton, Port Lambton Community Centre, 6:30PM

Events

Optimist Bonspiel

Optimist Lloyd MacDonald wishes to thank all the curlers that came out for a great day of curling and fellowship on Saturday, Jan. 7. Lloyd managed to fill the ice at Sarnia Golf and Curling Club with 16 teams.

Everyone enjoyed the single draw format and the meal was great.

Dave Freer's rink came in first, Optimist Larry McLaren's foursome came in second.

Many thanks to Optimist Peter Gilliland for his help managing the money and the draw, and helping Optimist Ken Abrams with draw ticket sales.

Operation Christmas Tree

Last month's Operation Christmas tree update failed to include Lorne Powell as one of the Optimists that spent a lot of time collecting donations at the church and helping with loading up the hampers for delivery. It's important for Committee Chairs to get names to the editor in a timely

fashion, so that our volunteers can be 'paid' with the recognition they deserve.

Bingo

Monday **January** 30 @ 1:30 PM
Sunday **February** 5 @ 11:20 AM
Monday **February** 20 @ 1:30 PM
Tuesday **March** 10 @ 1:30 PM
Tuesday **March** 17 @ 11:20 AM
Monday **April** 5 @ 1:30 PM
Sunday **April** 18 @ 1:30 PM

Call Optimists Larry Heath or Anne Gilliland to volunteer.

Board of Directors

Your Club's Board of Directors meet on the fourth Monday of each month at the Courtright Community Hall at 7PM. All club members are invited to attend.

January 23 Meeting Highlights

Yearly Optimist International and district dues have increased to \$76.81 per regular member (we charge \$65), life member dues are \$42.52 (we charge \$45). Our club will subsidize the difference this year. We will decide at next month's meeting on a dues adjustment. Dues have been increasing due to the loss of members but no decrease in operating expenses.

Correspondence:

Thank you notes for donations were received from:

Conductive Education Program.
The music department at S.C.I.T.S. for the Santa Claus Parade.
Kindey Foundation .
HOBY
S.C.I.T.S. Reach for the Top
Huron House Boys Home
Operation Christmas Tree recipients

Donation requests:

Rebound. It was motioned by Gord that we have them come to a meeting for a presentation and to give them \$1,000, seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Community Hall: Gord Dawson circulated a report. There is a bank balance of \$5,019.75. The hall is in good condition and was used a substantial amount in 2011. There is some interest in renting the hall for First Aid training.

Operation Christmas Tree: Gord reported that we have a balance of \$13,000 of which \$5,000 will be invested leaving \$8,000 in the bank. All went well and we gave away 132 hampers

Cash Calendars: Ken reported 970 Calendars were sold (317 Foodland, Fred, Peter & Ron 310, Lorne 30, Gord & Lloyd 121) for revenue of \$19,400. Prizes \$8400, expenses \$800, profit of approx. \$10,000. Ken stressed more members must sell the calendars.

HOBY: Steve reported that the program is almost set to go, it's the 25th anniversary of HOBY. Responses are coming in.

Convention: Ken and Mary Lou had a meeting on Jan. 22. We are host-

ing the Old Timers breakfast. There may be a change of venue. We have contributed towards the hospitality room and need volunteers to help. The convention will be in August. Items are also needed for the grab bag (130). The theme is "Rags to Riches".

Club Policies: Steve will send them out to everyone for review.

Respect for law: Lorne is in the planning stages. Lorne will approach the Police for nominations for someone to be recognized in May.

Fun Night: Steve suggested we go to Airey Lanes for bowling and back to the hall for Chili. Steve will tentatively book something for a Saturday March 24.

Easter in the Park: Sun. April 1. Jill is looking after the event.

Youth Appreciation: sometime in May, Nina is organizing

Stan reported that the following programs are in jeopardy and someone must step up to organize them:

Oratorical: Tracy will try to organize for this year. We are the only ones in our zone that are doing one

Spelling Bee: cancelled for this year due to lack of participation.

Bike Rodeo: we will support the O.P.P. if they are going to do it this year.

Ink Cartridge collection: Kevin can no longer do this so Gord will take it over.

Junior Golf: Someone is needed to approach St. Clair Golf Course and/or organize this event.

New Business:

Lorne-Children's Village is planned for Mooretown and it was suggested that we support it. Everyone agreed that we do so and Lorne will find out contact information and details.

Ken-asked about cooking our own meals in the hall. The Board has set the following meal plan: Feb. 13 will be at the Golden Palace, cost is \$20. March 12 meeting will a pot luck plus a \$5 fee will include a ticket for a door prize. It will be a St. Patrick's Day theme. Tracy will make a meal schedule. April 9, ham & scalloped potatoes prepared by Ken and Gord; May 14, Pizza and wings at Antonio's or at the hall; June 11 our annual chicken & rib BBQ. This will be announced at the next dinner meeting and other options and suggestions will be welcome.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, January 10

Happy Birthday, Susan Showers

Saturday, January 14

Happy Birthday, Jim Neal

Happy Anniversary, Peter and Willi Grunte

Monday, January 23

Club Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 1

Happy Birthday, Kevin Jung

Dinner meeting at Legion

Thursday, February 16

Happy Anniversary, Peter and Anne Gilliland

Thursday, February 23

Happy Birthday, Nina Strickland

Friday, February 17,18

2nd Quarter Board

Friday, April 27,28

3rd Quarter Board

Thursday, July 12,13,14

International Convention

Thursday, August 23,24,25

SWONT Convention

"Watch your thoughts, for they become words.
Watch your words, for they become actions.
Watch your actions, for they become habits.
Watch your habits, for they become character.
Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny."

— Napoleon Hill



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

- Optimist Mission Statement



2012 Optimist International Convention
Frontier Airlines Centre
Hilton, Hyatt, and Double Tree
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
July 12-14, 2012 (Thursday-Saturday)

[http://www.optimist.org/Form/
Registration_Milwaukee_E.pdf](http://www.optimist.org/Form/Registration_Milwaukee_E.pdf)

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 counte-
nance 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 trou-
ble.

*Written by Christian D. Lar-
son in 1912*

Premtimi veten

Për të qenë kaq e fortë saqë asgjë nuk mund të
prishin paqen e mendjes tuaj.

Për të folur shëndet, lumturi, dhe prosperitet për
çdo person ju i përbushni.

Për të bërë të gjithë miqtë tuaj mendoni se ka diçka
që vlen në to.

Për të parë në anën e diell i çdo gjëje dhe të opti-
mizmit tuaj vijnë e vërtetë.

Për të mendojnë vetëm për të mirë, për të punuar
vetëm për të mirë dhe të presin vetëm të mira.

Të jetë po aq entuziastë për suksesin e të tjerëve si
ju jeni gati tuaj.

Për të harruar gabimet e së kaluarës dhe të shtypni
në të arriturat më të madh të së ardhmes.

Të veshin një shprehje e gëzuar në të gjitha kohët
dhe të japë një buzëqeshje për çdo qenie e gjallë
që takohen.

Për të dhënë aq shumë kohë për të përmirësuar
veten se ju nuk keni kohë për të kritikuar të tjerët.

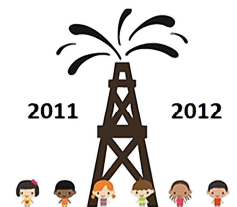
Për të qenë shumë e madhe për t'u shqetësuar,
gjithashtu fisnike për zemërim, shumë i fortë nga
frika, dhe shumë i lumtur për të lejuar praninë e
probleme.

Të mendosh mirë për veten dhe për të shpallur
këtë fakt në botë, jo në fjalë me zë të lartë, por në
vepra të mëdha.

Për të jetuar në besim që e tërë bota është në anën
tuaj, aq sa ju janë të vërteta të mirë që është në ju.



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Our Youth  Our Riches
Our Future