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# Opti Prime

Optimist Club of Aurora



June 2004

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## Words of Wisdom

When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism



## *Ken's Corner* (the President's Message)

On May 15, I attended the 3rd quarter board meeting in Burlington. The Optimist International President Dwayne Sievers was the special guest and keynote speaker. He praised the district for its commitment to keeping membership positive. This is no small achievement when dealing with the time restraints put on all of us during our very busy home, work and volunteer lives.

President Dwayne's special interest over the past few years has been "Childhood Cancer". He launched the program 3 years ago and it continues to be his pet project and it is continuing to

thrive. There was also a very moving workshop on Childhood Cancer and we were introduced to Jesse's Foundation, which deals with childhood cancer with music and dance therapy. Also, we heard about Camp Oochigeas, which is a summer camp for kids who are currently receiving radiation or chemotherapy. I believe that this is the only camp of its kind in Ontario. These are two fine examples of projects that we can get involved with. I plan on chairing this committee next year and look forward to working with anyone who would be willing to sit on this very worthwhile project.

In another workshop we were presented with a " Stop - Start - Continue " exercise. This is a method used to analyze a clubs present situation and make future plans. It's a simple procedure that identifies things that are positive and should CONTINUE, things that are not so positive and should STOP, and things that would be beneficial and should START. You'll hear more about this program in the fall.

Our guest speaker at our May dinner meeting was Bob McCulloch from the Community Alliance for York Region Education (CAYRE). Bob spoke about bullying in the schools. We learned that with the aid of posters there are "Bully free zones " being set up in the schools. CAYRE is enlisting the kids to help by identifying bullies. Also an anti bullying website is being set up on the internet. As parents we're all being encouraged to ask if there is a strategy in our schools re bullying.

We only have one month to go before our summer break and I'm hoping for a good turnout for our business meeting on June 9. We have a number of important requests and it's important to have as much participation as possible

Optimistically Yours

*Ken*



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**Zone Respect for Law  
Dinner Meeting and Presentations  
at the new  
York Community Safety Village**

**Thursday June 17, 2004**

## Committee Chairs

Bandfest -

Bingo – Bill Otton

Book Sale – Lesley Everest,  
Ken McIsaac

Bowling for Big Brothers  
- Frank Ramagnano

Bulletin – Alex Ansell

Chess – Steve Granger

COLS – John Thompson

Communications – Carol Bartlett

Dinner Meetings – Ken Malczyk  
- Carol Bartlett

Essay Contest –

Inaugural – Brian Walsh

July 1 - Terry Sherin, Greg Way,  
Brian Walsh

Membership – Steve Hinder

Members Xmas Party – Steve Hinder

Mobile Kitchen – Terry Sherin

Opti Rec Hockey – Rob Whiting

Optimist International Foundation –  
Brian Walsh

Phoning – Carol Bartlett

Progressive Dinner – Tom Litwiller

Publicity – Steve Hinder

Respect for Law – Steve Hinder

Safety on Wheels -

Santa Claus Parade – Tom McGhee

Santa Claus Parade Float – Bill Otton

Showcase Tournament – Alex Ansell

Soccerfest Skills – Alex Ansell  
Brian Marshall

Street Sale – Terry Sherin

- Greg Way

- Brian Walsh

Storage Facility – Tom McGhee

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## Reminders

- **Ask a friend out to one of our dinner meetings then ask them to join**
- **June is Childhood Cancer Month**
- **Street Sale – June 6**
- **Respect for Law Dinner – Thursday June 17 – Community Safety Village**
- **District Convention, Blue Mountain, Collingwood, August 27-29**
- **Inaugural – October 2, location – a SURPRISE**

## Newmarket Golf

What a beautiful day for a tournament. The clouds cleared away and the sun



came out to shine on the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Newmarket Golf Tournament. Our Club was represented by three awesome foursomes who did their best to beat the best. The best came in at -12, how we are not sure. Our top foursome was Brian Marshall, Paul English, John Housser and Alex Ansell who came in with a -4 score. They were followed by Steve Hinder, Tom Conner, Terry Sherin and Chris Tsang with -3 and then Bill Otton, Dana Malczyk, Ken Malczyk and Dave Greig with +5.



All in all it was a great day. The camaraderie was fantastic as old acquaintances were renewed and new ones made. Three Optimist Clubs were represented – host Newmarket, Aurora and Richmond Hill. On the 9<sup>th</sup> hole John Housser won the Air Canada closest to the hole award and qualified for a draw for two tickets to anywhere Air Canada Flies. Congratulations John.

The highlight of the day was a hole in one which just happened to be on the hole where a hole in one could win the use of a Nissan Maxima for a year. In the 11 years of the tournament, this is the first time a hole in one has occurred.

One of the best drivers on the course was Dana Malczyk. She says she never drives a cart but drive one all day. She also admitted she actually does drive carts for seniors in Florida.

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## Words of Unwisdon

If the shoe fits - buy it in every color

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand



## Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of August

<b>June 1</b>	<b>Gaby Team</b>
<b>June 15</b>	<b>Otton Team</b>
<b>June 29</b>	<b>Whiting Team</b>
<b>July 13</b>	<b>Gaby Team</b>
<b>July 27</b>	<b>Otton Team</b>
<b>August 10</b>	<b>Whiting Team</b>
<b>August 24</b>	<b>Gaby Team</b>

All of the above dates are at the new bingo hall **240 Industrial Parkway South** and all team members are requested to be at the hall no later than **4:45 pm** on those dates.

For further information, please contact **Bill Otton** at **905-727-1463**.



## Minor Hockey Showcase CPA Book Wins International

We have been advised our entry on the Minor Hockey Showcase Tr-Star in the Community Project Awards (CPA) competition has gained great success.

Our CPA book won the District competition in the Sports and Recreation category and was forwarded to Optimist International for competition against the winners of all of the other Districts in the same category.

Ours came out on top. This is the second time our book has won at the International level. The book will be on display at the International Convention in St. Louis.





## Remember June is Childhood Cancer Month

The Board of Directors of Optimist International has designated June as Childhood Cancer Month.

### This is a Test

Take your time and see if you can read each line out loud without a mistake. The average person can't

This is this cat  
This is is cat  
This is how cat  
This is to cat  
This is keep cat  
This is an cat  
This is old cat  
This is fool cat  
This is busy cat  
This is for cat  
This is forty cat  
This is seconds cat

Now go back and read the **THIRD** word in each line from the top down.



### Family Fun Christmas Vacation

**Blue Mountain Resort**  
Collingwood, August 27-29

Why not come up to our District Convention and learn about Optimism, meet new Optimists, participate in self-development seminars and have some fun in the process. Details are on the District web site



## Respect for Law Dinner

The Optimist Club of Aurora is once again proud to honour one of York Regional's Police finest. This year our Annual Respect for Law Night will be held at the Community Safety Village of York Region in Bruce's Mill on Thursday June 17th, 2004. The evening will begin at 7 pm with tours of the Safety Village followed by a formal presentation by Chief Armand LaBarge and an announcement of our Police Officer of the year. The officer we will be honouring has made a very significant difference to young people in our area. You won't want to miss this historic evening.

There will be stand up buffet type food served afterwards.

This will be the first formal event held in the almost finished Community Safety Village in respect of the first significant contribution made by the Optimist Club of Aurora.

We are also pleased to announce that this will be a Zone 5 inter club and we extend a cordial invitation to Optimist Clubs of Newmarket, Keswick, Richmond Hill and Markham This is a great opportunity to bring out guests and family to share in the celebration of this fabulous accomplishment.

Please RSVP your intention to join us by contacting Carol Bartlett at [cbartlett@levi.com](mailto:cbartlett@levi.com) or 905-841-3378 asap.



### Did You Know?

Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

In Cleveland, Ohio, it's illegal to catch mice without a hunting license.



### 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 onto 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.



### Right Here, Right Now

## June 2004

		1 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	2 Newmarket Golf Shaneeki Golf 1:00 pm shotgun	3	4	5
6 Street Sale 10:30 am -5:00 pm	7	8	9 Business Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Legion	10	11	12
13	14	15 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	16	17 Respect for Law 7:30 pm Safety Village	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Wrap Up BBQ Bartlett's Time TBA
27	28	29 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m.	30 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Aurora Library			

## July 2004

				1 Weenie Wagon Leisure Complex 10:30 – 4:00 pm	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	14	15	16	17
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For lots of interesting information about Optimist International and its programs visit the official web site at "[www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)" or the Central Ontario District at "[www.cenon.ca](http://www.cenon.ca)".

### Editor's Corner

During the months ahead we will try to keep you up-to-date on events both within and outside of the Club as they relate to optimism. Event write-ups will be a must. If you have any other items or notices you would like to have included in the bulletin, please forward them to me at **905-727-5012** or email at [ansellas@interlog.com](mailto:ansellas@interlog.com)