

The

# Opti Prime

Optimist Club of Aurora

November 2004

Celebrating 20 Years of Service in Aurora



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## **Out of the Mouths of Babes**

On the first day of school, the Kindergarten teacher said, "If anyone has to go to the bathroom, hold up two fingers.

A little voice from the back of the room asked, "How will that help?"



## **Brian's Blurb** (The President's Message)

The first month has quickly passed and we are heading into our busy season ahead.

We were pleased to have Peter Smith who attended the Central Ontario Leadership Camp speak to us at the October dinner meeting. It was interesting to hear how our participant enjoyed and benefited from the weekend experience.

The Town of Aurora is going to recognize the Club for our sponsorship of the Flipside Skateboard Park, the Youth newsletter and our Beach Volleyball courts. This will take place on November 9<sup>th</sup> before the council meeting at 7:00pm. This is certainly a job well done by all club members; again we continue to help the youth of our community.

Thanks to Grant Perry and his committee who reviewed the Club By-laws. This annual project insures that the Club keeps in good standing with Optimist International.

We'll mark your calendar in November to include:

- Bingo's
- Santa Claus Parade Float building
- Book Sale
- Santa Claus Parade Marshall

The word from the streets is that master float builder Bill Otton and his team will be traveling the complete parade circuit and should be home just in time for Christmas. Tom McGhee and his team will need help with the marshalling for the parade.

Lesley Everest and her team have been busy preparing for the book sale and we look forward to a successful event again.

Keep up the great work to all, everyone's help is important. Please feel free to contact the committee chairs if you would like to help out with an event.

Regards,

**Brian**



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## **SANTA CLAUS PARADE**

Help is needed again this year to marshal our great colourful, **nighttime SANTA CLAUS PARADE**

**Date: November 27, 2004**

Marshals are to meet at 3:00 pm at the Automotive Complex north of Orchard Heights Blvd.

Please call Tom McGhee @ 905-727-4367 or E-mail [tmagoo@look.ca](mailto:tmagoo@look.ca)

## Committee Chairs

Bingo – Bill Otton

Book Sale - Lesley Everest  
- Ken McIsaac

Bowling for Big Brothers  
- Carol Bartlett  
- Anna Kroeplin

Bulletin – Alex Ansell

Chess – Steve Granger

COLS – John Thompson

Communications – Carol Bartlett

Dinner Meetings - Robert Parypa  
- Carol Bartlett

Hartwell Run – Paul English

Inaugural – Brian Walsh, Terry Sherin

July 1 - Terry Sherin

Membership – Anna Kroeplin

Members Xmas Party – Steve Hinder

Mobile Kitchen – Terry Sherin

Opti Rec Hockey - Rob Whiting  
- Ken McIsaac

Optimist International Foundation –  
Janice Walsh

Phoning – Carol Bartlett

Progressive Dinner – Greg Way

Publicity –

Respect for Law – Steve Hinder

Santa Claus Parade – Tom McGhee

Santa Claus Parade Float – Bill Otton

Showcase Tournament – Alex Ansell

Street Sale – Terry Sherin

Storage Facility – Tom McGhee

Twin Club – Brian Walsh

Web Site – Ken Banks

Director – Youth Sports

- Bill Otton

Director – Youth Activities

- Paul English

Director – Community Service

- Paul Madden

Director – Membership

- Anna Kroeplin

Director – Fundraising

- Steve Granger

Director - Fellowship

- Steve Hinder

## Reminders

- Ask a friend out to one of our dinner meetings then ask them to join
- Dinner Meeting – November 17 - location – Wellington's



## Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of December

November 2 Whiting Team

November 16 Gaby Team

November 30 Otton Team

December 14 Whiting Team

December 28 Gaby Team

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**.

*Psssstt!!*

**Help is Needed  
To Build the  
OPTI Float for  
The Santa Claus  
Parade.**



The parade is coming up fast and your committee has been working very hard to come up with a great design for our float for the Santa Claus Parade. Now we need the help to put it together (and help dismantle it).

Rumour has it that there will be dancing hockey players on the float rather than dancing bears.

As the parade is coming up fast we need volunteers. Anyone is interested in helping, please let **Bill Otton** at **905-727-1463** as soon as possible.

## Annual Chess Tournament HELP!

We need eager assistants to rally/assist in the coordination and communications of the Aurora Optimist Area tournament and the Regional Tournament. We are also looking for a site as the Bingo Hall is not available

For more information, please call **Steve Granger** at **905-727-2035** or speak with him at the next meeting.



## Showcase Tournament

*Mark Your  
Calendar*

December 27-31

**Aurora Community Centre**

**Optimist Tri-Star Skills Competitions** will take place on **Monday December 27** starting at **7:00 am** and continuing until **9:00 pm**

The awards from the Tri-Star skills competition will be presented after the **NHL Oldtimers/Coaches game**.

[We will be calling you about both dates](#)



## 1st Quarter Board Meeting

The first Quarter Board meeting will be held at the Clubhouse of the Optimist Club of Newmarket on November 12 – 13.

Workshops include Media Relations for Community Service Organizations and Harmony from the Dark Planet – Cooperation Through Music.

The Executive Meeting will be held on Friday from 8:00 – 9:30 pm and the General Meeting on Saturday from 8:00 – 10:00 am. Community Service (TBA) will take place on Saturday from 2:30-4:00 pm.

Hospitality will be on the lower level of the Best Western Voyageur.

Don't forget your can of peas to help build Dee's Peas Pyramid.



# BOOK SALE

**YES! YES! YES!**, it's almost that time of year again

The **ENORMOUS, GIANTANTIC**

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Aurora Optimist Book Sale

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27**

**- 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**SUNDAY November 28**

**- 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

at the

### **The Aurora Library**

Your book sale committee is up and flying with members on board with Lesley Everest and Ken McIsaac co-chairing the committee.

Students are also welcome to help out, particularly with the sort which will give them hourly credits to meet their required community service.

**Please call Nora MacDonald at 905-895-5767 to let her know when you can help.**

**Volunteers are required for Friday November 26 starting at 4:00 pm for sorting and to help with setup, and for selling on Saturday and Sunday and pack up on Sunday**

**Student volunteers, and family of members will be welcome to assist on Friday night and Sunday afternoon**

**Mark the dates on your calendars**

**See you at the sale**



*You're invited to a special*

## **“Sponsorship Thank You”**

*We would like to present the Optimist Club with a recognition plaque for the contributions that have enhanced the quality of our Youth Programs.*

**Presentation will occur at 7:00pm by Town Council**

### **Meet Our Newest Life Member**



Charter Member and Past President Grant Perry was honoured at our inaugural meeting at Georgian Downs by being presented with a Life Membership in Optimist International.

**Congratulations Grant!!**



### **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**

## November 2004

	1	2 <b>Bingo</b> Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m.	3 <b>Business Mtg.</b> - 7:3 p.m. Legion	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 <b>¼ Board Meeting</b> Newmarket	13 <b>¼ Board Meeting</b> Newmarket
14	15	16 <b>Bingo</b> Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	17 <b>Dinner Mtg.</b> - 7:30 p.m. Wellington's	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 <b>Executive Mtg.</b> - 7:00 p.m. Aurora Library	25	26 <b>Book Sort</b> Aurora Library	27 <b>Book Sale</b> Aurora Library <b>Santa Claus</b> <b>Parade</b>
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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)