

The

# Opti Prime



**Optimist Club of Aurora**

September 2004



**Celebrating 20 Years of Service in Aurora**

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*Past President*

**Ken McIsaac**

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*Bulletin Editor*

**Alex Ansell**

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## **Words of Wisdom**

Eat a live toad in the morning  
and nothing worse will  
happen to you for the rest of  
the day.

Always keep your words soft  
and sweet, just in case you  
have to eat them.



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

It certainly is an honour to be President of the Optimist Club of Aurora Inc this year, since we are celebrating 20 years of community service. This is certainly an accomplishment that all members past and present should be very proud of. The youth of Aurora have greatly benefited from our work and we need to carry forward with these projects

When Janice and I moved here in May of 1998 from Waterloo, we did not know anyone in Aurora. One of the first ideas was to get my Optimist directory out from Waterloo and find then President Rob Whiting's phone number. How quickly time has gone by with all of the great things the Club has completed. I tip my hat for a job well done over the years.

They say that some experience does help on the job, I had the opportunity to be the President of the Lakeshore Village Club in Waterloo back in 1992-1993. So possibly it is easier the second time. However to make sure we were caught up with the newest Optimist activities, we attended the International Convention in St. Louis in July. It really does not matter where you come from around the world, the motto is still the same "FRIEND OF YOUTH" still remains the one common thread of all clubs. This was apparent also at the District Convention in Collingwood.

A salute to Alex Ansell on his year as International Vice-President. He was great Ambassador for the Optimist Club of Aurora, Canada. (Believe it or not, but there is an Optimist Club of Aurora in Aurora Nebraska, USA). We are hoping to join together as a Twin Club with this club later in the year.

The first quarter is always a busy time of year with the Inaugural, book sale, Santa Claus parade float, marshalling, and hockey showcase. We need everyone's help, recall many hands make light work for everyone.

The Inaugural I took place at Georgian Downs. The provided an evening of hospitality and the installation of the new executive, and a new member, What a great start to the year!

We shall continue with the same meeting times and locations for the year ahead. Information shall be forwarded via e-mail, phone, Club Bulletin and website, [www.auroraoptimist.com](http://www.auroraoptimist.com). If there are new ideas or suggestions on how we can fine-tune an event please pick up the phone, and call me at 905-726-4229.

The bingo hall again continues to be a major fundraiser for the Club. It is also a great opportunity for members socializing and catching up. Please be sure to help out your team and catch up on the latest bingo fads and trends.

## 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 –  
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 –  
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 – Brian & Janice Walsh

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 – October 20 location – Wellington's

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Well as we draw to a close, it is important we recognize the accomplishments of President Ken McIssac. Without a solid foundation to build on it would be difficult to put on the next addition. Well our Club's foundation becomes more solid each year. Job well-done Ken.

Yves Berthiaume, International President for 2004-2005 has the adopted the motto "**I BELIEVE**". Well "**I BELIEVE**" that with everyone's assistance our Club will have a great year.

Cheers,

**Brian**



Our President and Janice with Optimist International President Yves Berthiaume and Ginette



### **Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of December**

<b>October 5</b>	<b>Gaby Team</b>
<b>October 19</b>	<b>Otton Team</b>
<b>November 2</b>	<b>Whiting Team</b>
<b>November 16</b>	<b>Gaby Team</b>
<b>November 30</b>	<b>Otton Team</b>
<b>December 14</b>	<b>Whiting Team</b>
<b>December 28</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**.



## **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](#)



# 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

Mark the dates on your calendars

### Do you know our Club has a new member?

Her name is **Jaine Klees**

Welcome back Jaine

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## Quarter Board Meeting

The first Quarter Board meeting will be held at the Clubhouse of the Optimist Club of Newmarket on November 12 – 13. More details to follow as they become available.



## Annual Chess Tournament HELP!

We are seeking assistants to the chair. 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.

### Parade and for Marshalling the P

We need help to build Claus Parade float. If anyone is interested, please contact **Otton at 905-727-1** as soon as possible.



If anyone is interested in helping to marshal the parade, please contact **Tom McGhee at 905-778-8546.**



### 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

October 2004

					1	2 Aurora Inaugural Bus leaves 6:15 to Georgian Downs
3	4	5 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	6 Business Mtg. - 7:3 p.m. Legion	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	20 Dinner Mtg. - 7:3 p.m. Wellington's	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Aurora Library	28	29	30

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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)