



# Opti Prime



## Optimist Club of Aurora

September 2004

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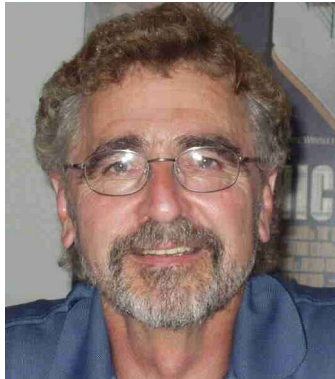
**Alex Ansell**

### **Words of Wisdom**

Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut saves you thirty cents?

Friends are angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly.

### Committee Chairs



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

Having just concluded our much needed summer (what summer?) break it's easy to understand why time goes so quickly. We're all very busy in our professional lives yet we still find the time to do the VOLUNTEER work that we do. June is traditionally a quiet month but when you reflect back on June you'll see what I mean.

#### **Street Sale**

There is a lot of bonding and camaraderie at this event and we also managed to raise over \$ 500.00. Thanks to everyone who came out and worked the event and a special thanks to Terry Sherin and Greg Way for organizing this event and a special

thanks to Terry for making those fabulous homemade burgers

#### **July 1st**

This was unbelievable. It was so busy at times that we barely had time to look up. I know that a lot of people stayed past their assigned shift just to keep up with the volume. I believe we made over \$600.00 on this event. Congrats again to Terry and Greg.

#### **Respect For Law**

I believe that this was our best Respect for Law dinner yet. The setting of the almost completed Safety Village made the evening special. It was great to hear Chief Labarge speak glowingly about the village and Aurora Optimist contribution. We had great coverage from Ron Wallace of the Auroran, pictures and all. This was also Zone 5 Inter club and we had members from Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Keswick.

Also in attendance were Lieutenant Governor Frank Tuttle from Keswick and Governor Norm Heimbecker from Etobicoke. We should all be very proud of our contribution to this very special project. Many thanks to Steve Hinder for organizing this event and congratulations to Steve for being one of the driving forces on this project.

I look forward to seeing many of you out on Wednesday September 1 so that we can continue our contribution to this great town.

Optimistically Yours

**Ken**



*Start the New Optimist Year*

*off with a "Little Luck"*

**Come to Our Inaugural**

**DATE: Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004**

**Bus leaves at 6:15 Sharp**

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

## Reminders

- Ask a friend out to one of our dinner meetings then ask them to join
- Inaugural – October 2,  
 location – Georgian Downs

## More Words of Wisdom

By the time you can make ends meet,  
 they move the ends.

Opportunities always look bigger  
 going than coming.



## Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of December

September 7	Otton Team
September 21	Whiting Team
October 5	Gaby Team
October 19	Otton Team
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.



## Minor Hockey Showcase CPA Book Wins International



Alex Ansell on stage with other 1<sup>st</sup> place winners at the International Convention receiving recognition for our CPA book.

## Family Fun

## Christmas Vacation

### Blue Mountain Resort

Collingwood, August 27-29

We did have a great time. Frank Tuttle from our Zone was elected as Governor Elect for the 2004-2005 year. Vice President Tom Fortener from Ohio inducted Governor George Clarke and the new District Executive Clubs from our Zone did a super job of organizing this event. Bill Otton, Ken McIsaac, Brian Walsh and Alex Ansell attended. There were some great presentations and even Santa Claus arrived with Mrs. Claus. Guess who she is.



## Help!!!!!!

President designate Brian is in need of some committee chairs. The following are chairs where assistance is required:

1. Chess to help Steve Granger who will co-chair
2. Central Ontario Leadership Camp
3. OPTI Rec Hockey
4. Publicity

## Just Ask

Start the New Optimist  
 Year



## off with a "Little Luck"

**Inviting all members, spouses and guests!**

**DATE:** Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004

**TIME:** Bus leaves 6:15 pm sharp from Light of Christ School, 290 McClellan Way, Aurora (McClellan Way east of Bathurst)

**DESTINATION:** Georgian Downs, Racetrack and Slots

[www.georgiandowns.com](http://www.georgiandowns.com)

**EVENT:** Optimist Induction for 2004/2005 Executive Buffet Dinner, Race Program, Slots available

**FINALE:** Bus returns from Georgian Downs, leaving at 10:30 pm and returning to Light of Christ School

**COST:** \$20.00 per person

**RSVP:** to Carol Bartlett by September 24, 2004 (please specify any dietary restrictions)

## Flipside - the Mobile Skateboard Park



## Canada Day - July 1<sup>st</sup>



We had a great time, the food was good, the crowds were great, the cooks were outstanding and we made a little money.



### 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.

## Street Sale



**Right Here, Right Now**

### September 2004

			1 Business Mtg. - 7:3 p.m. Legion	2	3	4
5	6	7 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Aurora Library	30		

### October 2004

					1	2 Aurora Inaugural
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



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)