

The



Opti Prime

Optimist Club of Aurora



April 2005

Celebrating 20 Years of Service in Aurora

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Questions??

If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on bigger suitcases ?



Brian's Blurb (The President's Message)

This is an important month with the election of our new executive to take us forward on our mission of serving the youth of Aurora. This is a time to pause and reflect on the reasons why you joined and to be ready to take on new challenges and responsibilities. It really is fun in the end, and remember how many kids in Aurora that we help.

The fundraising committee continues to work diligently for our 20th Anniversary party on May 14th at the Aurora

Legion. This will be a fun evening with the FabFour, time to brush off those dancing shoes.

We enjoyed our March Dinner speaker – Frank Klees, who truly provided insight on how things work at Queen's Park.

The Club recently received District awards at the Zone Breakfast in Richmond Hill. Optimist Alex Ansell for the Bulletin, Grant Perry, Ken McIssac and yours truly for our Honour Club status last year. A salute to all involved.

The District and our Club are currently on a recruitment drive. The "JUST ASK" program has been very well received. Our Club has lost some members this year, so we need to recruit to have the membership level required to complete our projects and spread the work around. Now is the time for ALL Optimists to come to the aid of Optimism. Ask a friend. Offer to take an office in the Club. Ask a former Optimist, co-worker, neighbor or friend. It is never too late to help Optimism grow. It is spring after all, plant a seed and spread the word.

Regards,

Brian



April 23

Various Starting Locations

For more information, contact Greg Way, Tom Litwiller or Terry Sherin

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

Zone Meeting

Date: May 29
Place: Newmarket Optimist Hall
Time: 10:30
Includes breakfast
Please let Brian Walsh know if you are going.



Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of June

April 5	Otton Team
April 19	Whiting Team
May 3	Gaby Team
May 17	Otton Team
May 31	Whiting Team
June 14	Gaby Team
June 28	Otton 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**.



2nd/3rd Quarter Board Meeting

The combined
Second/Third Quarter Board meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Waterfront in Kingston on April 29-30 13.

Workshops will be presented on how to develop a good Club scrapbook, learning more about **Optimist International from the Director of the Canadian Service Centre, and new Club building. Additional workshops will be held on Saturday afternoon with the topics to be announced.**

At the Zone meeting held March 6, our Club was honoured with several awards. Ken McIsaac was an Honour President for 2003-2004, Grant Perry and Ken Banks were also honoured. Our Club also received a community involvement award and our Club bulletin came in second in the bulletin contest.

Newmarket Golf



**Wednesday
June 8**

**Shawneeki
Golf Club**

**\$110 per
Golfer**

Includes golf,
cart, dinner and
a prize

Members will be contacted by Alex Ansell regarding participation.



**Don't Forget
May 14
8:00 pm
Aurora Legion**

Tickets are available at the
Royal Lepage office in Aurora

Get yours while they are still
available

Reminders

- Ask a friend out to one of our dinner meetings then ask them to join
- Progressive Dinner – April 23
- Respect for Law Night at the Safety Village – May 18
- Newmarket Golf – June 8



Each "T" has been crossed, each "i" has been dotted and all preparations have been planned and organized. Now we'll see if it comes off as planned. It's been a pleasure working with the Hartwell Half Marathon committee and this year's race will be the largest and best one yet.

The Optimist Club is one of the four main sponsors. We supply the sound system for the pasta dinner on Saturday Night, and for the race on Sunday. Our Weenie Wagon is used for the race announcer during the race. Our members virtually run the registration on race day and we provide race officials and marshals at key locations throughout the race route. In addition, of course, we provide substantial financial assistance to the race committee.

Everyone is encouraged to get involved in this fun and extremely worthwhile community event. The pasta dinner on the Saturday Night, April 9, is going to be excellent and a top notch speaker will provide a very inspirational talk at some point either during or after dinner. Tickets can be bought from Paul English at the Club meeting on April 6 or at the door at Williams High School at 5:30 PM. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7 PM.

Paul English

Each year the Bob Hartwell Runner's Challenge Organizing Team hosts an evening to say thanks to those who have lent their support and assistance to the effort. The members of the Optimist Club of Aurora are invited to join the organizing committee for the Friends of the Challenge Appreciation Night

The Appreciation Night will be held Thursday April 14 at 7:30 pm at the York Region Police Association Club, 600 Stonehaven Ave., Newmarket. RSVPs are requested by April 11 to Dianne Pearson at 905-727-8755 or Chris Williams at 905-392-1977.

Dianne Pearson

Your Life's Trails

Someone, somewhere is watching how you handle your life. It could be a member of your family: perhaps your kids. Maybe it's a business associate, a casual acquaintance or perhaps some you don't even know.

That being the case, you need to ask yourself the question, "Am I leaving trails that I'm ashamed of, or am I leaving trails I'll want others to remember me by?" If you're not sure, then here's what to do.

Leave a trail of enthusiasm. Go make a phone call, and let someone know you're excited about your job, your family and life itself.

Leave a trail of optimism. Have a conversation with someone, and let them know things will get better for them and that tie heals all. But don't be preachy.

Leave a trail of kindness. Do you know somebody who needs to have their day enriched? What are you waiting for? Take them to lunch and let them know you care.

Leave a trail of humour. Everyone needs to laugh. I'll bet you know someone who hasn't laughed in a long time. Tell them your best joke, and then watch their world change right in front of you.

And think about this – if you change one letter in the word trail, you get trial.

Go find those folks who are going through trials, and then leave a trail you'll never regret.

Author Unknown

Editor's Note:

Isn't this what we as members of our Club and the Optimist Creed are all about – leaving trails as we provide for our youth.

Who do you know who would like to help spread Optimism in Aurora?

All you have to do is ask them to attend one of our meetings to find out more about what we do



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

April 2005

					1	2 Regional Chess - 9:00 a.m. Newmarket
3	4	5 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	6 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Legion	7	8	9
10 Hartwell Run 9:00 a.m. Town Park	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m.	20	21	22	23 Progressive Dinner
24	25	26	27 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Aurora Library	28	29 District Quarter Meeting	30 District Quarter Meeting Holiday Inn, Kingston

May 2005

1	2	3 Bingo GabyTeam - 4:45 p.m.	4 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Legion	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 FabFour - 8:00 p.m. Legion
15	16	17 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	18 Respect for Law - 7:30p.m. Safety Village	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Aurora Library	26	27	28
29 Zone Meeting 10:30 am Newmarket.	30	31 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m.				



For lots of interesting information about Optimist International and its programs visit the official web site at "www.optimist.org" or the Central Ontario District at "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