

The



Opti Prime

Optimist Club of Aurora

December 2005



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An Old Farmer's Advice

The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.

If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.



Terry's Tales (The President's Message)

Well November has come and gone. What a busy month it was. We started off the month by hosting the Zone breakfast for our zone at St. Andrew's Golf Club. The Venue, food and company as always was great. The featured speaker was Tim Clarke the JOOI Co-Chair for youth clubs in our district. These clubs are made up of mostly high school students. The Richmond Hill Club took over the sponsorship from Markham and now has grown to approximately 40 members.

Then on November 18th and 19th I had my first Quarter Board meeting in Peterborough. As usual it was quite

informative and interesting. We were represented by myself, Alex Ansell and Brian Walsh. J.T. sent his regrets but that is another story.

We had our monthly dinner meeting on November 16th at Wellington's with Chris Catania Youth Coordinator for the Town of Aurora speaking to us about upcoming youth projects within the Town.

And finally on November 26th Santa came to town. Special thanks are extended to John Thompson (President Elect) for an outstanding job for coordinating everything on behalf of the Club, a job well done. Also a special thanks to all the volunteers who assisted J.T. throughout the afternoon and evening. Also at the same time thanks to Bill Otton and his team for another outstanding float and winner of the Best Service Club Float. Thanks Todd & Anna for the use of you truck.

Upcoming events for December

Book Sale -----December 2, 3 & 4

Christmas Dinner @ Wellington's December 14th

Salvation Kettle Drive -----December 17th

Next Quarter Board Convention----February 18th & 19th

at the Holiday Inn Guelph Line in Burlington

All the best to you and yours over the Holiday Season.

Yours in Optimism

Terry



Seasons Greetings



Committee Chairs

Bike Rodeo – Robert Parypa
Bingo – Bill Otton
Book Sale – Nora MacDonald
- 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 – Terry Sherin
John Thompson
July 1 - Terry Sherin
Membership – Ken Banks
Members Xmas Party – John Houser
Mobile Kitchen – Terry Sherin
Opti Rec Hockey – Rob Whiting
Ken McIsaac
Optimist International Foundation –
Janice Walsh
Phoning – Carol Bartlett
Progressive Dinner – Greg Way
Publicity – Anna Kroeplin
Respect for Law – Steve Hinder
Santa Claus Parade – John Thompson
Santa Claus Parade Float – Bill Otton
Sergeant-at-Arms – Glen Sharp
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
- John O'Heir

Zone Meeting

When – January 28
Place – To be announced
Time – To be announced
Come out and learn about what
other Clubs are doing



Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of March

December 13	Otton Team
December 27	Whiting Team
January 10	Gaby Team
January 24	Otton Team
February 7	Whiting Team
February 21	Gaby Team
March 7	Otton Team
March 21	Whiting 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**.

*Please be sure to verify
and double check all
counts each night*

Our Award Winning Santa Claus Parade Float

Thanks to everyone who helped with building the Santa Clause parade float this year! Another award winner- Best Service Club Float.



Special thanks to John O'Heir, Todd Kroeplin, Bill Carberry, Ken Banks, Brian Marshall and Rob Whiting for all your help.

Bill Otton



Have You Marked Your Calendar for December 27-30 Aurora Community Centre

**Optimist Tri-Star Skills
Competitions will take place on
Tuesday December 27 starting at
7:00 am and continuing until 9:30
pm**

**The awards from the Tri-Star skills
competition will be presented after
the Celebrity/Coaches game on
December 29.**

**Time slots will be confirmed
shortly**

Newmarket Optimist's Youth Appreciation Night

**Brian Walsh and Alex Ansell were
present at the Annual Youth
Appreciation Night at the
Newmarket Optimist Club.**

Numerous groups sponsored by the Optimist Club of Newmarket were honoured. These include: Scouts, Pathfinders and Guides, Air Cadets, Sea Cadets, Navy League and Junior Golf. Each of the young people present made a presentation on what they had been doing. Haley Brown, the young lady sponsored by the Optimist Clubs of Keswick, Aurora, Newmarket and Richmond Hill to participate in the OIJCJG Tournament in Daytona came in 9th in this great Optimist International sponsored tournament. She represented our Zone well.



BOOK SALE

YES! YES! YES!
it's that time of year again

The ENORMOUS, GIANTANTIC

*19th Annual
Aurora Optimist Book Sale*

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26

- 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

SUNDAY November 27

- 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

at the

The Aurora Library

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

**Volunteers are required for Friday
November 25 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

Reminders

- Ask a friend out to one of our dinner meetings then ask them to join
- Book Sale – December 3-4 at the Aurora Library
- Annual Christmas Dinner – December 14, Guest Speaker – Dave Phillips
- Showcase Tournament December 27-30



Santa Claus Parade

As the Grand Marshall of this years parade, I was blessed by the enthusiastic band of Opti's who made the parade a success and myself look good.



On a cold but dry November evening, the Opti's marshalled the largest Santa Claus parade ever into position, and through to a rousing end. Members assisting in the marshalling included Rob Whiting, Rob Gaby, John Housser, Ken Banks, Greg Way, Steve Granger, Don Stubbs, Brian Walsh, Grant Perry, Ted Beardwood, Terry Sherin, Alex Ansell and two of our new members, Glen Sharp and Doug Hubley join the core group that makes this event an annual success.



The new Special Events Coordinator, Shelley Ware, was enthused and grateful to the Optimist Club, and has already started planning an even higher profile for our club next year.

**Opti John Thompson
Grand Marshall**



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

December 2005

				1	2 Book Sort - 4:00 p.m. Aurora Library	3 Book Sale - 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Aurora Library
4 Book Sale - 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Aurora Library	5	6	7 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Aurora Legion	8	9	10
11	12	13 Bingo Otton - 4:45 p.m.	14 Christmas Party - 7:30 p.m. Wellingtons	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Aurora Library	22	23	24
25 	26	27 Showcase Tournament – Bingo – 4:45 p.m. Whiting Team	28 Showcase Tournament	29 Showcase Tournament - Celebrity Game	30 Showcase - Championship Games	31

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1 	2	3	4 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Aurora Legion	5	6	7
8	9	10 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Dimmer Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Wellingtons	19	20	21
22	23	24 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	25 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Aurora Library	26	27	28 Zone Meeting
29	30	31				



For lots of interesting information about Optimist International and its programs visit the official web site at "www.optimist.org", the Central Ontario District at "www.cenon.ca" or our own at "www.auroraoptimist.com"

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

