

The



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Optimist Club of Aurora



February 2005

Celebrating 20 Years of Service in Aurora

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Thoughts to Ponder

Money isn't everything....there are credit cards, money orders, and travelers checks.

A baby-sitter is a teenager acting like an adult while the adults are out acting like teenagers.

Opportunities always look bigger going than coming



Brian's Blurb (The President's Message)

February is shaping up to be a great month of fun and fellowship for the Club.

We start the month off with the launch of the member sales for the FabFour Dance on May 14, 2005. This promises to be a really big show and a great night of fun. The FabFour are well known through the York Region and present a great evening of Beatles music. Aurora Optimist members will be able to buy tickets at Don Stubbs' office for the month of February 2005. Put a

group together and come out and have a great evening of fellowship. Do not delay, these are hot tickets and we are aiming for a sold out evening.

Calling all Pool Sharks!!! For a change in venue for the February dinner meeting, we are organizing an evening of pool and food at the Cue Zone. A pool tourney shall take place at this fun evening. Dust off those cues and see you at the hall.

The Chess Tourney is well underway and will be a complete sell out as well. We shall have over 22 schools participating in the local Aurora tourney this year. A great job by Steve Granger and his team.

The January dinner meeting featured guest Mayor Tim Jones. It was great evening being brought up to speed on some of the chemistry of government and of all the projects going on within the town. We also were pleased to welcome some guests out to this dinner. Remember we always have new membership applications available.

Cheers

Brian



May 14, 2005

8:00 pm

Aurora Legion

Get your tickets early

\$40.00 each

**Purchase your tickets at
Dr. Stubb's office before they are
all gone.**

Committee Chairs

Bingo – Bill Otton
Book Sale - Lesley Everest
- Ken McIsaac
Bowling for Big Brothers
- Carol Bartlett
- Anna Kroeplin
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Chess – Steve Granger
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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
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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

Did You Know

That our Club earned the right to be an Honour Club for the 2003-2004 year. Congratulations are extended to Past President Ken McIsaac and his team for achieving this honour.



Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of June

February 8	Gaby Team
February 22	Otton Team
March 8	Whiting Team
March 22	Gaby Team
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**.



Mark Saturday, April 23, 2005 as the date for our annual "Progressive Dinner" for a fun evening and an excellent way to get to know your fellow Optimists and spouses and with some outstanding food as usual.

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

Zone Meeting

The Zone meeting originally scheduled for February 20 has now been moved to early March. Watch for further details in this bulletin.



3rd Quarter Board Meeting

The third quarter Board Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Waterfront in Kingston on April 29-30.

Come and join other Clubs at this meeting and learn more about Optimism (also have some fun).

International Convention



Ever thought of going to New Orleans, staying near the French Quarter, strolling down Bourbon Street, going to Preservation Hall to hear some of the best jazz in the world? In addition you can take part in the Optimist International Convention

Then come to the International Convention July 6 – 9.



Bowling for Big Brothers and Sisters

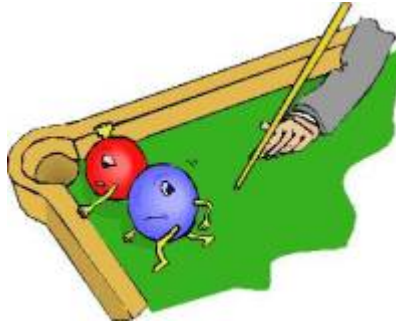
It's that time of year gain.....Bowling for Big Brothers and Big Sisters! The Aurora Optimist Club has been a huge supporter of this annual event. As a matter of fact I do believe we have won the Service Club award for this event over the last few years.

We need 8-12 bowlers for 10 Pin Bowling on Saturday February 19th - 1PM - Aurora Bowl.

In addition to the club's pledge we do have pledge forms if you would like to gather some additional support for this group. As always, it is voluntary, we are just as happy to get some of you members out to bowl. It's a lot of fun and you can win prizes, just ask the Kroepfins', they cleaned up last year!

Reminders

- Ask a friend out to one of our dinner meetings then ask them to join
- Pool Nite - February 17 - Cue Zone (please, no bathing suits)
- We have Certificates of Appreciation that can be personalized for groups or organizations that have helped the Club. Contact Brian Walsh on this
- Volunteers needed for the chess tournament – Feb 24



Pool Nite

LOCATION: Cue Zone, Wellington at Haida, west of Yonge St.
DATE: Thursday, February 17, 2005
TIME: 7:00 p.m. registration
FEE: \$15.00 (incl. buffet & table fees)

We're looking for numbers, folks! Please RSVP your interest in participating in this fun event by February 2, 2005. We need to know how many people we can set the tourney up for, and also, how many mouths to feed the scrumptious Italian feast that will be provided.

Come out and have some fun.



Check Mate

Don't forget the 9th Annual Aurora area chess tournament. The event will take place on Thursday February 24th at the Aurora Legion with setup being done the night before and early morning (7:30 am) on the day of the tournament. Help is always required.

The Regionals will be held Saturday, April 2nd at the Newmarket Optimist Hall.

For more information, please call Steve Granger at 905-727-2035.



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

February 2005

		1	2 Business Mtg. - 7:3 p.m. Legion	3	4	5
6	7	8 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	9	10	11	12
13	14 Happy Valentines Day 14	15	16	17 Social Nite - 7:3 p.m. Cue Zone	18	19
20	21	22 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	23 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Aurora Library	24 Chess Tourney - 7:30 am Legion	25	26
27	28					

March 2005

		1	2 Business Mtg. - 7:3 p.m. Legion	3	4	5
6	7	8 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m.	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Dinner Mtg. - 7:3 p.m. Wellington's	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day	18	19
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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