

The



Opti Prime

Optimist Club of Aurora



July/August 2005

Celebrating 20 Years of Service in Aurora

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Home Remedies

Clumsy? Avoid cutting yourself while slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them while you chop away.

Have a bad tooth ache? Hit your thumb with a hammer, then you will forget about the tooth ache.



Brian's Blurb (The President's Message)

Hoping that all members are keeping in the shade during this extremely warm summer, and that vacation time will be great to all.

We continued to be busy with our newly painted food trailer, the new look trailer was at the June Street Sale to make its debut. It certainly looks great and will enhance the visibility of the Club. A great job by all at the June Street sale and the July 1st Canada Day celebration.

We welcome Tom Beck to the Club and we thank him for joining the Optimist Club of Aurora.

The Club was represented at the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters awards luncheon, where the Club was recognized for our involvement with the bowling program, thanks to Alex for attending.

We also recently delivered the final cheque to the Library to honour our pledge of \$50,000 that was made back in August 2001. These funds have been donated to the kid's section at the library.

The upcoming District Convention is taking place in Saint Catharine's on the weekend of August 20th. It is not too late to register for this event. It is a great opportunity to meet other Clubs and share ideas. The incoming Governor for next year is Frank Tuttle from the Optimist Club of Keswick.

Regards

Brian

News from the International Convention in New Orleans



Optimist International has become the first major service organization to elect a female president. Ronnie Dunn from Kentucky will become the President of Optimist International in the 2006-2007 "Bringing out the best in Kids" year.

The Board of Directors adopted a draft Optimist International Renewal Plan which includes a restructuring of the organization to 9 Regions with paid administrators, expansion of services, implementation of programs in the core areas of health, education and recreation and development of a marketing strategy. Details of this renewal will be available over the next 3 years. Watch for news in the Optimist Magazine.

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

Reminders

- **District Convention – August 19, 20 in St. Catharines**
- **Inaugural – October 1, details to be announced**



Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of December

July 12	Whiting Team
July 26	Gaby Team
August 9	Otton Team
August 23	Whiting Team
September 6	Gaby Team
September 20	Otton Team
October 4	Whiting Team
October 18	Gaby Team
November 1	Otton Team
November 15	Whiting Team
November 29	Gaby Team
December 13	Otton Team
December 27	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**.



District Convention

The combined District Board Meeting and District Convention will be held in St.

Catharines on August 19, 20 at the Quality Inn.

Training for Governor Elect Frank Tuttle's year will take place on Friday afternoon. Training sessions for the members will also be available.

At the General Assembly, the Memorial Service and the election of the new Governor Elect will take place. Currently there are two candidates for this position, Russ Bastow of Scarborough and Terry Twocock of Grantham-St. Catharines.

Presentations will be made to host the 2006 District Convention. There are two groups competing for this honour – Oshawa and our own Zone.



Awards Luncheon

The Big Brothers and Big Sisters of York – Bowl for Kids Sake Awards Luncheon was held on **Monday June 27** from 12:15 – 1:00 pm at Dave and Buster's in Vaughan.

Alex Ansell represented our Club at the luncheon and accepted the recognition on behalf of our Club for our support in our Saturday afternoon donation and Bowling for Kids sake.

Newmarket Golf

Oh what a day it was. Nine stalwarts from our Club participated in the Annual Newmarket Golf Classic.



Tom Connor.

They included Jaine Klees, Dave Greig, Alex Ansell, Todd Kroeplin, Bill Otton, Paul English, Terry Sherin, Brian Marshall and

A great time was had by all, the food was good, the rains held off until after the rounds were completed.

June Street Sale

June 5 was hot, the crowds were huge, the cooks cooked up a storm, the Club made some money and we all had a great time. Thanks to everyone who



participated.

BBQ

June 15 was again a special night. Not only did we have a fantastic BBQ at



the Bartlett's, we also inducted a new member, Doug Hubley.

The cooks certainly had a



great time, as did all those who attended. (Note: Bill Otton is not in the pool, he is eating.)

Special thanks are extended to Carol and Bob Bartlett for the use of their house.

Stubbs Optimist Picnic

Optimist members and their families are invited to the farm of Don Stubbs on Georgian Bay on Saturday August 13 from 1:00 pm onward for a good old fashioned picnic including a pig and corn roast, farm dance, trail and pony rides bon fire, etc.

There is lots of room to camp over Saturday night so bring a trailer or tent. Map: look at www.georgianbayescapes.com, it is about a one hour drive from Aurora, but add extra time if it is a hot Saturday and try to avoid going thru Barrie, take the back roads like Highway #27.

Please respond to Don Stubbs at 905-841-2739 as soon as possible so the appropriate amounts of food can be ordered.

Canada Day

Canada Day was hot and the crowds were good. We were all ready for good sales day. Little did we realize that we did not have enough to sell. We literally sold out of everything.



Our reputation for having the best hamburgers on the block is rapidly getting around. We were sold out by 12:30.

Many thanks are extended to all those who participated in the cooking and selling. We made some money and certainly we made many new friends.

The new paint job on the mobile kitchen looks great. Thanks Terry.

Our Newest Inducted Member



At the combined BBQ and business meeting on June 15, Doug Hubley was formally inducted into the Optimist Club of Aurora.

Welcome Doug.

NOW

New Optimists Welcome and New Optimists Wanted are the meanings of NOW. Remember, for every new member we bring in, over 35 additional youth are served. Who do you know who would like to join us?



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

August 2005

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 District Convention St. Catharines	20 District Convention St. Catharines
21 District Convention St. Catharines	22	23 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m.	24 Combined Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Aurora Library	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

September 2005

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



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