

The



Opti Prime

Optimist Club of Aurora



June 2005

Celebrating 20 Years of Service in Aurora

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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.



Brian's Blurb (The President's Message)

May 2005 certainly was a record breaking month of activities for the Club. We had a complete cross-section of functions and a great number of members involved.

Many hands were on board for the FabFour dance day, starting with the Optimist stage crew who built the stage the morning of the event. The quality of the work was so outstanding that the Legion bought the finished product. So for our next fundraiser, it will be stage building. The evening was a complete success

and thanks to Steve Granger and team for all of their hard work. There certainly was a lot of sweat equity on this project. The hall decorations, gift baskets and room arrangements were splendid. The FabFour certainly did not disappoint, and even had some audience participation.

Our annual Respect for Law evening was a great success, chaired by Steve Hinder. We were joined by the Optimist Club of Richmond Hill and Newmarket. Also Governor Elect Frank Tuttle from Keswick joined us for the evening. This was really the first time to see the finished project of the Community Safety Village, and really it is a wonderful facility. The Club was mentioned for our initial involvement with this project.

With the Club celebrating our 20th anniversary, a number of members attended the Town of Aurora service awards evening. Congratulations to all award winners for their years and time of service.

Alex Ansell, Terry Sherin and I recently attended a Zone breakfast in Newmarket. It is great format to share ideas and to look at new projects with other Clubs in our Zone.

As we start into the summer holiday season, please have a safe time and enjoy the vacation time. Recall we shall have trailer at the June Street sale and the July 1 celebrations. Be on the lookout for our newly painted trailer.

Regards,

Brian



BBQ & Business Meeting

June 15

The Bartlett's

7:00 pm

Let's have a great turnout

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

MORE THOUGHTS

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?



Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of September

June 14	Gaby Team
June 28	Otton Team
July 12	Whiting Team
July 26	Gaby Team
August 9	Otton Team
August 23	Whiting Team
September 6	Gaby Team
September 20	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**.



Awards Luncheon

The Big Brothers and Big Sisters of York – Bowl for Kids Sake Awards Luncheon will be held on **Monday June 27** from 12:15 – 1:00 pm at Dave and Buster's, 120 Interchange Way (Highway 400 at Highway 7), Vaughan.

It would appear that our Club will be receiving recognition for our support in our Saturday afternoon donation and Bowling for Kids sake.

The Club is looking for someone to attend this luncheon. Please let Carol know if you are able to attend on behalf of the Club.



Our annual Respect for Law Dinner again took place at the Community Safety Village on May 18. Optimist Clubs from Aurora, Richmond Hill Newmarket and Keswick were represented at the event.



The optimist Club of Aurora honoured Michael Pike for his untiring efforts to combat youth crime.



Congratulations Michael.

Reminders

- **Newmarket Golf – June 8**
- **BBQ & Business Meeting – June 15**
- **July 1st Celebrations – July 1**
- **International Convention, New Orleans – July 6-9**



June Proclaimed Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

The Optimist International Board of Directors proclaimed the following:

Whereas, cancer takes the lives of more children than any other disease today; and

Whereas, tens of thousands of children and teenagers worldwide will be diagnosed with cancer each year, and

Whereas, childhood cancer spares no one, affecting kids from every socioeconomic background; and

Whereas, Optimist International prides itself on "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" and is firmly dedicated to ridding the world of childhood cancer through the Childhood Cancer Campaign;

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Optimist International Board of Directors is proud to proclaim June as the official Optimist International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, as Optimist Clubs around the world will unite in their efforts to rid the world of childhood cancer.

Please remember to do your part in helping to eradicate this dreadful disease. Why not make a donation to the Childhood Cancer Campaign through the Optimist International Foundation of Canada.

Have you thought of an individual who might be a good potential member for our Club?

Then why not ask him or her to our BBQ on the 15th. It would be great time to meet new people.

Oh what a night it was!!!



People singing, people dancing, people, people learning about our history and best of all, people celebrating our 20th anniversary.



For those who missed the event, they really missed something. A great time was had by all and we made about \$5,500 in the process.

Thanks are extended to the committee for all of their efforts and especially Jaine Klees for her untiring efforts in getting the corporate community involved in this event.

Zone Meeting

At the Zone Meeting held at the Newmarket Optimist Club on May 28, the Clubs in the Zone was honoured to present cheques to Haley Brown to represent us and assist in her in her quest for golf supremacy in the Optimist International Youth Golf Tournament in Florida in July.



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

June 2005

			1 Town Awards - 7:00 p.m. Town Hall	2	3	4
5 Street Sale	6	7	8 Newmarket Golf 11:00 a.m.. Shawneeki GC	9	10	11
12	13	14 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	15 Bus & BBQ - 7:00 p.m. Bartlett's	16	17	18
18	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Bingo OttonTeam - 4:45 p.m.	29 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Aurora Library	30		

July 2005

					1 July Celebrations Leisure Complex	2
3	4	5	6 International Convention New Orleans	7 International Convention New Orleans	8 International Convention New Orleans	9 International Convention New Orleans
10	11	12 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m.	13	14	15	16
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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