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# Opti Prime

Optimist Club of Aurora



May 2005

Celebrating 20 Years of Service in Aurora

## 2004-2005 Executive

*President*

**Brian Walsh**

*President Elect*

**Terry Sherin**

*Vice Presidents*

**Carol Bartlett**

**John Thompson**

*Secretary*

**Grant Perry**

*Treasurer*

**Ken Banks**

*Directors*

**Paul English**

**Anna Kroepflin**

**Steve Granger**

**Steve Hinder**

**Paul Madden**

**Bill Otton**

*Sgt-at-Arms*

**Robert Parypa**

*Past President*

**Ken McIsaac**

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*Bulletin Editor*

**Alex Ansell**

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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)

Bon Appetit certainly was the theme at this year's Progressive dinner. This popular event keeps growing and the wonderful food never disappoints. A great job to the organizing team and to all cooks, keep up with this great event. We certainly should complete a cook book with all of those popular recipes.

The winter training all paid off for the Bob Hartwell run. The Opti-team leaped into action full steam on registration morning with their stretching and warm-up,

all runners were quickly processed and cheered along the route. Again a fine job was completed by all members for a program and person that is very close to the hearts of the Club.

I had the opportunity to attend the final wrap-up day of Opti-Rec Hockey. It certainly was a pleasure to see all the smiles on the kids' faces as they enjoyed their pizza and trophies. The Club was certainly appreciated and recognized for their work by the organization.

Best wishes to the newly elected executive for 2005-2006. Congratulations to President-elect Terry Sherin and his team.

Alex Ansell, Terry Sherin and I attended the combined 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Board meeting in Kingston on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. It certainly is a great opportunity to share ideas and develop contacts with other Clubs.

We again have a busy schedule ahead with the Respect for Law on May 18 and our FabFour Fund raising Dance on May 14, 2005. It would be great to see everyone out for both of these events.

Regards,

*Brian*



**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration**

**Saturday May 14  
Aurora Legion**

**Have you bought your tickets  
yet????**

## 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

## 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

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**.



## 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting

The combined **Second/Third Quarter Board meeting** was held at the **Holiday Inn Waterfront in Kingston on April 29-30**. **Alex Ansell, Brian Walsh and Terry Sherin** were in attendance from our Club.

Workshops were well attended with many questions being asked. **Brian Walsh** was presented with a framed print from the **Optimist International Foundation of Canada** for our participation.

It was also announced that **Ronnie Dunn** from Virginia has been nominated for the position of **President Elect**. This marks a very historic event as it is the **first time that a woman has been nominated for this position and voting will take place at the Convention in New Orleans**.

## PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Over 40 members and friends attended the progressive dinner on April 23. A great time was held by all as delighted in the delicacies provided by the respective hosts.



Thanks are extended to all those who participated and especially to those who hosted. More red wine will be available next year.



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

This is our 20<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
Celebration  
Let's make it a  
good one!!!!

## THOUGHTS

Can you cry under water?

Why is "bra" singular and "panties" plural?

If a turtle loses its shell, is it naked or just homeless?



It's that time of year again. We will be honouring one of York Region's finest on Wednesday May 18th at the Community Safety Village at Bruce's Mill. Our police Chief Armand LaBarge will be on hand to make the presentations etc. The village is more complete this year so it should be an exciting night all around.

Refreshments will be served at 7pm with dinner to follow at 7:30pm. As usual the cost per person is \$20.00, spouses and friends welcome. We plan to do a walkabout around 7pm as well, weather permitting.

RSVP to Carol Bartlett by email or home telephon eat @ 905-841-3378 or work @ 905-763-4587.



## Reminders

- **Respect for Law – May 18 – Safety Village**
- **Zone Meeting – May 29 – Newmarket**
- **Newmarket Golf – June 8**

## Election Results

Following the elections at the April Business meeting, the Executive for 2005-2006 will be:

**President:** Terry Sherin  
**President Elect:** John Thompson  
**Vice President:** Paul Madden  
**Vice President:** Ken Banks  
**1 Year Directors:** Paul English  
 Anna Kroeplin  
 Steve Granger  
**2 Year Directors:** Robert Parypa  
 John O'Heor  
 Ken McIsaac  
**Sgt-at-Arms** Glen Sharp  
**Past President** Brian Walsh  
**Secretary:** Janice Walsh  
**Treasurer:** Doug Hubley



### 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**



The day dawned sunny and very bright as over 800 runners arrived at the registration. area for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hartwell Run. All who participated enjoyed the day.

Many thanks are extended to Club members who assisted in the registration, marshaling and other aspects of the event.

## May 2005

1	2	3 Bingo Gaby Team - 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 - 7:30 p.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.				

## 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
19	20	21	22 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Aurora Library	23	24	25
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For lots of interesting information about Optimist International and its programs visit the official web site at "[www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)" or the Central Ontario District at "[www.cenon.ca](http://www.cenon.ca)".

### Editor's Corner

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](mailto:ansellas@interlog.com)