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Optimist Club of Aurora

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What I Have Learned

I have learned that you shouldn't compare yourself to others - they are more screwed up than you think.

I have learned that artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.



Terry's Tales (The President's Message)

Another month has slipped by and I am late getting my Monthly Tales into our publisher.

Again at this time I would like to welcome two new members to the Club, this is becoming a nice habit lately. Let us welcome Don Constable and Sean Armstrong.

On March 25th, The Club hosted the Chess Regionals of 2006 at the Legion with well over two hundred students participating. At this time I would like to thank Steve Granger, Anna Kroeplin (the little lady with the big voice)

Don Stubbs and Alex Ansell for their hard work.

On April the 9th the annual Hartwell Challenge was held, and again it was a huge success with well over 800 runners, walkers participating. We were well represented as a club with many volunteers and participants in the race Brian and Mary-Beth Marshall and Steve Granger.

Our March dinner meeting with guest speakers Reg and Carol Chapelle (Aurora Spirit) fundraising chairs for the new Arena and Pool Complex. Their committee made a proposal to the Club for a \$50,000 (fifty) donation. In return we would have an arena with ample Optimist signage, a display case and Storage. The Club is presently looking into this to see if the funds can come from Bingo. STAY TUNED.

The Committee responsible for the Street Dance are working diligently and everything seems to be falling into place quite nicely. And with an event of this undertaking we will need as many volunteers as possible on JUNE 3rd. So Please Advise Carol Bartlett ASAP if you are able to help. This is a big undertaking for the Club and weather permitting we could have in excess of 2000 people.

Upcoming events ----April 30th --- Zone Breakfast
----May 11th ---Respect for Law
----June 7th --- Newmarket Golf

Yours in Optimism

Terry

Meet Our Newest Member



Sean Armstrong

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 Housser

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

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

Home Remedies

If you are choking on an ice cube, don't panic. Simply pour a cup of boiling water down your throat and presto! The blockage will be almost instantly removed.



Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of June

April 4

Gaby Team

April 18

Otton Team

May 2

Whiting Team

May 16

Gaby Team

May 30

Otton Team

June 13

Whiting Team

June 27

Gaby 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

REMINDERS

- **Hartwell Run – April 9**
- **Progressive Dinner – April 22**
- **Respect for Law – Safety Village – May 11**
- **Safety on Wheels (Bike & Board Rodeo) – May 27**
- **3rd Quarter Board, Kingston – May 26-28**



3rd Quarter District Conference

May 26-28

Ambassador Hotel, Kingston

The upcoming 3rd Quarter District Board meeting will feature an official visit by our International President Michel Listenberger and his wife Judy. This promises to be a great weekend, which will also feature the finals of the Oratorical Contest.



Regional Tournament a Resounding Success

Once again the Optimist Club of Aurora hosted the Regional Chess Tournament for the winners from the Aurora, Richmond Hill, Newmarket and Keswick Tournaments. Over 200 students participated. Thanks are extended to all who attended and worked so hard.





Bike & Board Rodeo

Saturday May 27, 2006
Rain Date: Sunday May 28

Organization for the bike rodeo is well under way. This event is a must for all bike and board enthusiasts but is being geared specifically for children from 3 years of age to 13 years of age. The event will take place at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm.

The event has confirmed support from the Town of Aurora, P.A.C.T., our Optimist Club State Farm and the A-Channel. Advertising should be available shortly.

This Bike and Board Rodeo promises to be a great one and a wonderful event for the kids of our community.

For further information, please contact Robert Parypa at **905-713-0774**.

Newmarket Golf



Ah, the classic pose while waiting for your turn. What better relaxation can there be – fresh air, camaraderie, good food, liquid refreshments and the best of all – helping to support the Pediatric Ward of the South Lake Regional Centre.

Date: Wednesday June 7

**Time: Registration 11:00 am
Tee Off 12:30 pm**

Place: Shawneeki Golf Club

Cost: \$115 per player, includes golf, cart, dinner & prize



Cork Recycling Program

Did you know:

- * Cork is 100% reusable and recyclable.
- * Natural corks can be recycled into items such as coasters, place mats, fishing rods, soles for shoes and flooring.
- * An estimated 100 million corks were discarded in Ontario alone in 2005
- * The proceeds from recyclable corks can go to the Girl Guides of Canada
- * Cork is a living organism – it is the only part of the tree that will begin to rebuild immediately.

P.A. Way, Lt Governor of Zone 4 brought this recycling program to the attention of the optimist Club of Oakville at their last dinner meeting. It seemed like a great idea, so members were encouraged to hang a bag in a convenient location in their house to save the corks from all of those wine a champagne bottles and then bring them to a meeting to build a large collection.

This is just another way we can help save space in the landfill, and help a youth organization at the same time.

From the OC Oakville Opti-Acorn



Go to the Optimist International web site and read about our future and the proposals to be voted on at Nashville by the Club delegates.

The results of this vote will have a dramatic input on the structure of our organization.



5th Annual Bob Hartwell Half Marathon April 9, 2006

This fixture of the Aurora Sports community is in its' 5th year. All signs point towards a record number of runners, walkers and sponsors.

Profits are directed to the **Community Safety Village of York Region**.

The race has been supported in large part by the **Optimist Club of Aurora** since day 1. More volunteers than ever will be required. If you have not been contacted, please call Paul English at [905-841-4002](tel:905-841-4002) or email at penglish@aci.on.ca to sign up for marshalling, registration or other functions.

Pasta Dinner

On the Saturday night before the race, CAYRE (Community Alliance for York Region Education) hosts a Pasta Dinner at Williams High School
www.hartwellchallenge.com

The Route

The course changed last year to highlight the diversity and beauty of our Town.

For details of the run and the course layout go to www.hartwellchallenge.com



Our annual Respect for law dinner will be held on Thursday May 11 at the Community Safety Village at the Bruce's Mill Conservation Area.

Please plan to attend as we honour one of York Region's officers.

It will also give you an opportunity to see all of the improvements made at the Safety Village.



**PROGRESSIVE
DINNER**



Saturday April 22, 2006

Back by popular demand is the Annual Progressive Dinner. All members are invited to host either an appetizer/starter or dinner or contribute a dessert to be served at the "after" dinner party. As a member you can enlist your spouse, significant other or friend to actually prepare the course for you, or share the duties depending on how well you get along in the kitchen. Both appetizer/starts and dinner locations will host 6-8 people (including yourselves). If you decide to contribute a dessert, you would also base it on serving 6-8 persons (including yourselves). You will know which course you are hosting in plenty of time before the actual date.

The timing for the evening is tentatively as follows:
Prior to Sat. April 22nd you will receive an envelope in your mailbox which will contain the address for your first stop of the night - Appetizers/Starters.

Please do not open the envelope until 5: 00PM on Sat. April 22nd.

5: 30PM Arrive at your assigned location for appetizers/starters.

7: 00PM Open the envelope to find out where your next assigned location is. Wrap up your first encounter, express your appreciation to your hosts, say good bye and start off for your next fun filled adventure.

7: 15PM Arrive for dinner and if all has gone right with this process you will be sitting with a completely different group of people then you just left. If we've flawed in the process and you are reunited with a few, we did it on purpose (that's our story and we're sticking to it).

9:00PM Open your last envelope of the evening. The directions for dessert and the party will be included. Again, show your hosts the appreciation they deserve for hosting such a great dinner and move on to the last stop for the evening.

9:15PM Party Time - arrive at the party location. If you get lost, please call cell phone # 416- 918-1346

Guidelines to help us out:

Appetizers/Starters - anything from soup to nuts. As a host it is your choice, soup or salad, cheese tray, veggie tray, finger foods etc. whatever you choose will be thoroughly enjoyed by your guests.

Dinner - As a host you can make it as formal or informal as you like. Your guests will be happy to eat just about anything from cabbage rolls, lasagna's, BBQ's to leg of lamb. We want our hosts to be comfortable and enjoy the evening as much as their guests will.

If you are hosting one of the first two courses we ask that you provide refreshments as well. The Club will provide water, soft drinks, beer and wine for the party.

This night is geared towards fellowship among our group, we want everyone to have a great time and share lots of fun along the way.

If you are hesitant to join us for dinner because of allergy and/or dietary restrictions, please let us know, maybe we can figure something out. Even if you could join us for the Party we would love to have you.

If you want to join in the fun or need more information, please contact Greg Way @ 905-713-2570. The party location has been chosen already and no, you cannot be told until April 22nd.

Look forward to seeing you some time that night!

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**

April 2006

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2	3	4 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	5 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Aurora Legion	6	7	8
9 Haetwell Run - 7:30a.m. Wells Street Schl	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	19	20	21	22 Progressive Dinner - 6:00 p.m. Many locations
23	24	25	26 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Aurora Library	27	28	29
30 Zone Meeting - 9:30a.m. Richmond Hill						

May 2006

	1	2 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m.	3 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Aurora Legion	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Respect for Law - 7:00 p.m. Safety Village	12	13
14	15	16 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Quarter Board Kingston	27 Quarter Board Bike Rodeo Aurora Leisure Complex
28	29	30 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	31 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Aurora Library			



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

